Minutes LRMTA Meeting, Monday Jan. 6, 2003

Lorrie Wittke brought the meeting to order in the recital hall at Note-able Music. There were 9 members present.

The agenda was reviewed and adopted with one change. Linda Dickey and Doreen Laing will give a brief presentation on the World Pedagogy Conference next meeting. Doreen Laing seconded the change. Carried.

Christine read the minutes of December's meeting. Joan Milton seconded. Carried. Minutes will now be sent to every member not just those who miss meetings.

Corrie gave the treasurer's report. The balance in our savings account (scholarship) is \$585.89. The balance is deceptively low because Corrie had to write a cheque for \$900 to AMEF for the private donations so that receipts can be issued. AMEF will be writing a cheque back to us. The balance in our chequing account is \$332.33. We will be receiving the \$1000 for our scholarship account from 1st Choice Savings and Credit Union on January 13th.

The deadline for applying for professional development scholarships from AMEF is February 1st. Contact Corrie for more details. The deadline for articles for Alberta Music Magazine is also February 1st. Contact Corrie if you are interested. The treasurer's report was adopted as read. Seconded by Rina Lichtenwald. Carried.

Plans were made for the upcoming general recital and awards presentation on Saturday, February 8th at 2:30 p.m. at the Public Library. Lorrie Wittke and Rina Lichtenwald are the convenors. Rina will take the names of performers. Call her at 380-6135.

Doreen and Linda will be allotting the award money. They will forward the results to Corrie who will write the cheques. Doreen and Linda will notify the teachers of the winners. Award recipients are encouraged to perform in the recital but are not required to perform.

Corrie will make contact with 1st Choice Savings and Credit Union to invite a representative to hand out the awards at the recital. He has the logo and will e-mail it to Rina so it can be used on the program. The 3 other private donors (including the anonymous donor) will be acknowledged in the program. Linda and Doreen will do up a sheet listing all the award winners. A thank you card with a stamped envelope will be included with each award so that the recipients can easily write a thank you to 1st Choice Savings. Corrie will pick up the stamps needed and Lorrie will pick up the thank you cards.

Lorrie will contact Mark Campbell and arrange for a Global noon-hour interview.

Lorrie reported on the business license issue. She will be sending letters to individuals asking them to show support for our cause by sending a letter or e-mail to City Council. Doreen reported on the article that appeared in the Lethbridge Herald today and the events leading up to its publication. Lorrie encouraged all members to continue to hold off paying the licensing fees. She will write a letter to the editor stating our branch's arguments and position on business license fees. <u>All members are urged to send their own letters or e-mails to the Mayor and City Council.</u> If you have any questions contact Lorrie at 381-1350. The e-mail addresses are as follows:

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E-mail access is also provided at the City of Lethbridge website at:

www.city.lethbridge.ab.ca

<u>Members are also asked to encourage parents and any other interested</u> parties to send letters or e-mails supporting our cause.

Andrew reported that the first Family Concerts performance will take place on Friday, January $17^{\rm th}$ at the Lakeview Bible Church. The theme will be Shakespeare and Music.

Next followed a discussion regarding upcoming recitals. The Festival preparation recital will be Saturday, March 22nd at 2:30 p.m. Lorrie will try to book McKillop United Church. Lorrie will check if Linda Dickey can convene with Betty Jo Radley. The Adult recital is set for Saturday, June

7th at 10:30 a.m. at the Sterndale Bennett. Betty Jo and Lorrie will be the convenors. These recitals will be confirmed at upcoming meetings.

Lorrie reported on the Christmas recital at Save-on Foods. There was a good turnout but the electric piano was too soft to be properly heard. Betty Jo made a motion that we avoid electric pianos in malls and super stores. Edith Enns seconded. Carried.

The Kiwanis Festival will be held March 31st-April 12th. The deadline for applications is January 22nd. Piano adjudicators are Milton Schlosser, Teresa Allred and Audrey Reynolds.

Lorrie will organize a lunch with the RC examiner. Betty Jo Radley, Joan Milton, and Edith Enns were interested in attending. Any other members interested can call Lorrie for details.

Betty Jo suggested that we have Darryl Frank do a tuning presentation for our branch. She will give him the dates of future meetings to see if one of them might work with his schedule.

Our next meeting will be February 3rd, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. at Note-able Music.

Highlights and Reminders

- our copy card at Staples is available for photocopies related to branch business. Members must initial their purchases.
- Our website address is:

http://larmta.hypermart.net

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- Call Lorrie for information about lunch with the RC examiner

-please add to your directory:

Rina Lichtenwald's e-mail: rinalichtenwald@shaw.ca

New member Mari Alice Crofts: She teaches piano, rudimentary theory and ear training classes

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Next Month's Agenda

- Regular items
 - minutes
 - treasurer's report
 - Family Concerts Association
- Continuing items
 - business license update
 - CFMTA conference money: \$300 for 2005
 - old sign board
 - Rosalyn Soo Mauldin workshop
 - World Pedagogy Conference report (Linda and Doreen)
 - awards recital arrangements
- Other items
 - planning of spring recitals