

Minutes LRMTA Meeting, Monday Oct. 6th, 2003

Lorrie Wittke brought the meeting to order in the Lane Lounge at McKillop United Church. There were 10 members present.

Members browsed through music of former member Philip Smerek. Rather than purchase the music for a price, members made donations to our scholarship fund.

There were a number of changes to the agenda. Under business arising from the minutes: 6f) nameplates. Under new business: 7a) tabled to next meeting and replaced with possible theory workshop, and 7e) AMC. Betty Jo moved the adoption of the agenda with amendments. Marilyn Sinclair seconded.

Linda Loose moved that the minutes of our September meeting be accepted as circulated. Seconded by Barb Hignell. Carried.

Corrie reported that the balance in our chequing account is \$668.84 and the balance in our savings account (scholarship) is \$2448.59. We recently received a donation for our scholarship fund from Philip Smerek's family for \$1000 and a donation from one of Betty Jo Radley's students for \$200. Betty Jo will send a thank you on behalf of our branch to her student. (This student wishes to remain anonymous.) She and Marilyn will take care of a thank you to Philip Smerek's family. Corrie briefly reviewed new AMEF rules regarding the charitable number and donation procedures. He will circulate copies of the guidelines at the next meeting. Betty Jo moved the adoption of the report. Seconded by Marilyn.

Our practice-a-thon is running this week. Members are to collect the forms and money and bring them to the next meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting, phone Christine at 327-2073 to make other arrangements. **Money and forms returned after Monday, November 3rd will be accepted but cannot be considered for prizes.** Pencils will be given to those teachers returning forms and money at the November meeting to distribute to participating students. Corrie will bring the pencils next meeting. Christine will count the money and tabulate the results. The prizes will be awarded at our Canada Music Week Recital on Nov. 16th.

Betty Jo and Marilyn reported that they had met with Phil Smerek's family (his aunt, Mrs. Osbourne) to gather information for an article. The family offered to donate \$1000 to our scholarship fund to be used for students over the next 5 years. Marilyn moved that the \$1000 donation plus the money from the sale of Philip's music be used as part of our scholarship

fund over the next 5 years beginning this November. The money is to be awarded at the discretion of the awards committee. Betty Jo seconded. Carried. The family's wishes were that the money be given to as many students as possible. Philip's first piano teacher, Mrs. Peterson has agreed to help present the awards at our recital. The Shopper has been contacted to do an article. The Herald has been invited to the recital as well.

The deadline for 1st class honors marks for awards this year is October 15th. Doreen Laing, Linda Dickey, Marilyn Sinclair and Betty Radley will form the awards committee this year to distribute the money. This year, we will add to the regular \$1000 we usually award, \$200 from Philip Smerek's donation plus whatever is gained from the sale of his music. Call Doreen at 328-6786 or Linda at 329-4874 with your marks. Members are encouraged to submit all their first class honors marks, not just the highest ones in each grade level.

Our Canada Music Week Recital will be Sunday, November 16th at 2:30 p.m. at McKillop United Church. Barb Hignell and Mary Lee Voort are the convenors. Our First-class honors awards and our practice-a-thon prizes will be awarded at the recital.

Marilyn Sinclair will convene the Christmas recital. She will look into booking the Regional Hospital for December 20th from 1-3 p.m. This will be a drop-in recital without a program.

We will decide the dates of upcoming recitals at a future meeting.

Lorrie brought up concerns that she and Linda Dickey had regarding the recent Royal Conservatory piano examiner this past August. It was decided that Lorrie and Linda pursue their concerns personally rather than in the name of our branch.

The deadline for having nameplates made is October 15th. Contact Corrie at 380-6068 if you wish to have new nameplates made to update your information.

Lorrie reported on a possible theory workshop. Our branch would be able to request the topic. She will look into fees and possible dates. The deadline for applying to AMEF for up to \$500 in funding for workshops is in February.

Corrie reported that a French baroque orchestra, Les Boreades, will be performing at the University on Thursday, Nov. 27th. Brian Black (possibly along with Peter Visentin) has offered to do a workshop with our branch that would give information and background regarding French baroque orchestral music and practises. Block seating prices might be

available for the concert. Corrie will look into this and contact Lorrie so that a decision can be made at our next meeting.

Corrie's wife, Charmain has looked into having our branch logo processed digitally so that it can be made available for letterhead, handouts, posters, business cards and other branch business. The cost would be approximately \$30. We will make a motion at our November meeting.

Andrew Gierulski reported that the Family Concerts Association is in the process of developing its new season.

AMC will take place in Edmonton at the end of the month. Marilyn will be receiving an ARMTA recognition award. Congratulations Marilyn!

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 3rd, at 9:30 a.m. at McKillop United Church. Please note the change of location. A presentation on tuning with Darryl Frank will follow at 11:00 a.m.

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>
- Practice-a-thon forms and money are due at the next meeting. Money and forms returned after November 3rd cannot be considered for prizes.
- The deadline for having nameplates made is October 15th. Contact Corrie at 380-6068.
- The deadline for 1st class honors is October 15th. Call Linda at 329-4874 or Doreen at 328-6786
- please add new member Linda Loose to your directory:
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Next Month's Agenda

- Regular items
 - minutes
 - treasurer's report
 - Family Concerts Association
- Continuing items
 - business licenses
 - CFMTA conference money: \$300 for 2005
 - old sign board
 - Rosalyn Soo Mauldin workshop
 - nameplates
 - practise-a-thon (pencils for participants)
 - Nathene Arthur cultural project
 - logo
 - Canada Music Week recital and distribution of money for 1st class honors awards
 - workshops
 - recital dates
- New items
 - Festival 2004 (Doreen)
 - Christmas recital