

Minutes LRMTA Meeting, Monday Sept. 8th, 2003

Lorrie Wittke brought the meeting to order at the home of Christine Rogers. There were 14 members present.

Lorrie welcomed new member Linda Loose and prospective member Tamara Bowie to the meeting. Glenn Klassen, the new conductor for the Lethbridge Symphony joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

A number of items were added to the agenda under new business: d) RC examination comments, e) Festival 2004, f) branch logo. Doreen moved the adoption of the agenda with amendments. Joan Milton seconded.

Corrie reported that the balance in our chequing account is \$710.25 and the balance in our savings account (scholarship) is \$1490.43. He moved the adoption of the report. Seconded by Christine.

Edith Enns moved that the minutes of our June meeting be accepted as circulated. Seconded by Joan Milton. Carried.

Christine circulated copies of our annual handouts: branch directory, 2003-2004 calendar, recital form, and recital guidelines. If you have not received these, either by hard copy or e-mail please contact Christine at 327-2073. In addition, **if there are any errors, omissions or changes in the branch directory, contact Christine as soon as possible.**

Mari Alice Crofts has moved to Edmonton and is no longer a member of our branch. **As a result we are looking for a new person to coordinate the nameplate engravings for our 3 signboards.** Responsibilities include collecting information from members, arranging for the engraving at the Rehab centre and updating the 3 sign-boards annually by removing any nameplates that are no longer current. Betty Jo would be willing to help the new person with the initial set-up if needed. Corrie has created an information sheet to assist with gathering information and making the payment for the engravings. **Please let Lorrie know if you can volunteer to help our branch in this way. Call her at 381-1350.**

Our practice-a-thon will take place October 6th-11th. Christine passed out forms and information sheets. If you have any questions please call her at 327-2073. Each participant will be given a pencil. These will be given to the teachers at the November meeting when they hand in the money and forms they have collected.

There will be a **free RC History workshop on Friday, Sept. 12th from 7-10 p.m. at McKillop United Church** in the Lane Lounge (use East entrance). Joan Milton will pick up donut holes. Lorrie will take care of the juice.

Corrie reported that the branch brochures that were printed last spring have been distributed to music stores and other locations. We will review how useful these are and how frequently we should have them reprinted.

Linda Dickey reported that she has not had any success contacting the person that set up our website. We would like to be able to update our information. Lorrie will look into alternatives.

Lorrie reported that Phil Smerek recently passed away. Betty Jo sent a card from our branch. She moved that we establish an award in his honor. Seconded by Margaret Nelson. Carried. The award could be for composition or theory. We will make final decisions regarding this award at upcoming meetings. Marilyn Sinclair will look into gathering information for a possible article on Philip that can be submitted to ARMTA Tempo and possibly Music Alberta Magazine. We will also try to track down some of Philip's compositions so that they might be performed at a recital.

Betty Jo reported that Darryl Frank is available for a piano tuning workshop. **This will take place at our October 6th meeting. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. at McKillop Church with the workshop following at 10:30 a.m. Please note this change of time and place.**

A survey of fees was taken. The fees of those present at the meeting, ranged from \$11.25-\$20.00 per half hour lesson:

1 member	\$11.25
5 members	\$12.50
2 members	\$13.00
2 members	\$14.00
1 member	\$15.00
1 member	\$17.00
1 member	\$18.00
1 member	\$20.00

A brief discussion followed concerning the recent RC examiner.

Our Canada Music Week recital will take place on Sunday, November 16th, at 2:30 p.m. at McKillop United Church.

Christine reported that her daughter Camille won the national CFMTA music writing competition in the 11 years and under instrumental class.

It was suggested that we table new business items e) Festival 2004 and f) branch logo, until the next meeting.

Members were reminded to bring their first class honors marks to the next meeting.

Members enjoyed a brief social time following the meeting and a chance to speak to Glenn Klassen, new conductor of the Lethbridge Symphony.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 6th at McKillop United Church beginning at 9:00 a.m. A workshop by Darryl Frank featuring different types of tuning for pianos will begin at 10:30 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>
- Call Lorrie at 381-1350 if you are interested in arranging the engravings for sign-board nameplates
- Contact Christine at 327-2073 if there are any changes to your branch directory information
- Please support our practice-a-thon, October 6th-11th. Contact Christine if you have any questions or have not received any of the handouts
- There will be a free RC History workshop on Friday, Sept. 12th from 7-10 p.m. at McKillop United Church in the Lane Lounge (use East entrance).
- Barb Hignell's e-mail: barbara.hignell@uleth.ca
- Mary Lee Voort's e-mail: luvs2run@telus.net
- Joan Milton's new e-mail: jvmilton@netscape.net
- bring 1st class honors marks to the October meeting

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
 - volunteer to arrange new members' signboard plates
 - practise-a-thon
 - Nathene Arthur cultural project
 - recital convenors
 - logo
- new items
 - committee to distribute money for 1st class honors awards
 - tentative recital dates
 - possible workshops for the year
 - Festival 2004 (Doreen)
 - Canada Music Week recital and awards presentation