

AKA AGM President's Message 2012
– Jorgianne Talbot

Highlights of 2011-12

- **2 Board meetings** were held in Red Deer on Saturday, April 30, 2011 and September 24, 2011
- **March 5, 2011:** Jorgianne Talbot held a **Past Presidents and Advisors Focus Group** at her home to discuss future visions of the AKA. Amongst all present, a common thread was the passion for music education.

Questions were as followed:

1. Who do you see as the AKA's targeted audience? Please specify.
2. What activities should the AKA do to support this targeted audience?
3. What will be the measures/assessments as to the success of these activities?
4. Other Suggestions?

At the April 30th board meeting more discussion as follows: In the future, AKA events must include those studying music at post-secondary institutions and musicians in the community. Kodály pedagogy is waning in the music education community. There is a need to educate music educators with Kodály philosophy and pedagogy. How do we recruit more members? Are we just doing things because we have always been doing them? There is importance of having a vision. We can make a tremendous difference. We lack courses offering Kodály education. We have to be ambassadors. Kodály solves the problem 'What do I do in grade one, what do I do in grade two,' etc.. (Jorgianne proposed that in our next board meeting, taking place in September, that we work on an action plan and cover philosophy, e.g. Mission Statement, Mandate, then goal statements, etc..

This did not happen. This has been tabled for future discussion if the board is interested)

- **U of A Course:** The AKA is excited that the Kodály Level 1 course ran for the first time at the U of A from **July 4-15, 2011**. There were 26 registered students. The AKA sponsored a closing reception for the final demonstration session and various board members were present for special evening classes and some of the core classes as well. Also, this course is "*the only KSC-endorsed university credit-bearing programme in Canada.*" - quoted from Connie Foss More, KSC President.

Here is the allocation of funds that the AKA spent towards this course:

- 1) From the \$2000 past Kodály course from Susan Drayson for one-time bursaries:
 - a) \$250 - Josie Burgess
 - b) \$250 - Rosaleen MacGurry
 - c) \$250 - Yvonne Kupsch
 - d) \$250 - Celia Kim

- e) \$250 - Ruby Theilmann
 - f) \$250 - Leah Rawlings
 - g) \$500 (from past Kodály course funds totalling \$2000) - to Jody Stark for expenses
- TOTAL: \$2000
- 2) \$500 - to Jody Stark - from September 2010 meeting re: expenses/publicity
 - 3) \$500 - to caterer (as per April 2011 meeting re: food/Kodály presenters) - Fife 'n' Dekel

*** 4) AKA 2011 Scholarship for Study in a Credited Kodály Program ***

- a) \$300 - Melanie Smith-Doderai
 - b) \$300 - Meghan Rayment
- TOTAL: \$600

GRAND TOTAL: \$3600 = \$2000 from past Kodály course + \$1600 AKA

(from September 24th meeting Jody will be giving back \$500 of unused funds to the AKA)

**** At our September meeting, it was moved and seconded that the AKA will provide \$500 towards the 2012 UofA Kodály Levels courses.****

- **Music Conference Alberta - November 3-5, 2011.** The Alberta Kodály Association sponsored two clinicians at this conference: Friday, Nov. 4: Dr. Ardelle Ries – “The ‘K’ in Classroom and Khoral Meets ‘Y’ in Kodály” and Saturday, Nov. 5 Lorraine Kneier – “Music – A Window to the Soul; Experiencing Classical Music through Informed Listening.”

- **November 19, 2011 Csardas Ball and Kodály Scholarship**

Jorgianne Talbot and Dr. Ardelle Ries attended the 44th Hungarian Csardas Ball that is a fundraiser to help with the Kodály Scholarship.

“This scholarship is a grant to assist a music student to study at the Kodály Pedagogical Institute in Kecskemet, Hungary. The actual value of the scholarship depends on the Program (e.g., one-year regular program, summer workshop, conference, etc.) in which the student chooses to participate. The scholarship is offered by the CSARDAS BAL COMMITTEE of the Canadian Hungarian Cultural Society, Edmonton, Alberta.”

The AKA will also be providing financial support to this year’s scholarship winner who plans to attend for a full-year. Therefore, the AKA will provide up to \$1000 support. The AKA is thrilled to be able to help assist a music student to study at the Zoltán Kodály Pedagogical Institute in Kecskemét, Hungary.

- **Thank you** to those leaving the board: Joanna Dick (member-at-large) and C.D. Saint (Ephatha) who have both had many roles on the board. Joanna was in charge of 2011 funding (Alberta Foundation for the Arts grant application; grant money received was \$1089) and C.D. Saint has also been Registrar as well as Ephatha. Thank you for your dedication.

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