

LRMTA Minutes Monday, February 5th, 2018, 335-20th St. N.

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Christine called the meeting to order at the home of Marilyn Sinclair. Thanks to Marilyn for hosting the meeting! There were 5 members present: Marilyn Sinclair, Betty Jo Radley, Christine Rogers, Linda Dickey, and Tracy Bozzi.

Linda moved the acceptance of the agenda seconded by Marilyn. Betty Jo moved the acceptance of the January minutes as circulated with Tracy seconding.

Christine gave the Treasurer's report in Karen's absence. The account balances as of February 2nd are: Operating Account: \$2551.62 and the Awards Account: \$4201.38. The operating balance is much higher than usual because the profits from the Piano Duo recital have not been transferred to the awards account. The cheques for the November Branch awards have all been accounted for. Karen and Christine will meet later this month to update the financial records. Christine moved the acceptance of the financial report. Seconded by Linda.

Because we are award donors for the Music Festival Awards we have received two all access passes to the Festival including both concerts. We will draw names for these at the March meeting. Winners must be in attendance at the meeting.

The Music Festival will take place March 12-24th, 2018 and the registration deadline is Jan. 10th, 2018. Adjudicators will be Dale Jackson, Senior Piano, March 14-17 and Diana Wiens, Junior Piano, March 20-23. Because of the closure of the Yates this year, piano classes will be held in the Community Room at Casa, the Public Library Theatre Gallery, and Southminster.

ARMTA and local memberships are due. Early bird deadline for a \$10 discount is February 28th. Please renew before the March 31st deadline—it makes the job of our ARMTA administrator, Vicki Martin, much easier.

[ARMTA Student Composer](#) deadline is April 1st, 2018.

Our annual Allied Arts Council membership has been renewed (\$75 fee). Christine has arranged for our organization to be part of the Monthly Arts Feature in the August Leisure Guide. We also have the Public Library showcases booked for the month of August.

Marilyn reported on Royal Conservatory issues. Teachers are encouraged to review requirements for the Sight Reading Rhythm component so that students are prepared to tap the basic beat for one measure before beginning the rhythm and throughout the remainder of the rhythm. Skype sessions on various topics are available through the Royal Conservatory. Arrangements can be made through our Provincial Rep, Derek Chiu. Betty Jo suggested a theory session.

Coffee and Conversation is at the home of Linda Davies at **1260 5th Ave S.** (not 5A), Thursday, February 8th at 9:30 a.m. Please call Betty Jo at 329-1655 or Linda at 328-6085 to let them know if you will be attending.

Because of editing issues with our website program, Carolyn Garritano, the ARMTA webmaster has transferred our website to a new program.

MOTION: Linda moved that we pay Carolyn Garritano the \$80 fee for her service. Seconded by Betty Jo. All in favour. Carried.

After discussion it was decided to go with the premium retractable banner with the sale price. Christine will move forward with the arrangements.

Our Festival Prep/General Recital is booked at the Lethbridge Public Library Theatre Gallery for Saturday, March 10th, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. Thank you to Lorrie Wittke and Karen MacDonald who will be convenors. Names can be submitted to Lorrie Wittke. (lorrie99@telus.net) Deadline Monday, March 5th. A student of Deanna Oye's will be guest performer. Christine will make final arrangements with Deanna. Teachers and students will need to use the alternate entrance to the Library during the continued renovations. We will put up extra signs and maybe post a teacher by the door to help direct families to the Theatre Gallery. Christine will send around a notice for teachers to circulate to students regarding the parking lot and the temporary entrance.

Betty Jo will contact Deanna Oye in March to see if the University Recital Hall will be available in May for our final recital. Suggested dates were Saturday, May 5th and 26th, with the 12th as an alternate. We will decide the date for the final adult get-together when the final student recital is confirmed.

Christine will work with members to plan professional development opportunities for next year and put together a proposal for ARMTA Continuing Education.

Keys to Piano will take place at Casa on March 2nd and 3rd, 2018. Clinicians will be Cheryl Emery-Karapita and Magdalena Von Eccher. This is a fantastic opportunity for both teachers and students, right here in our community! Check out the information on the University of Lethbridge Conservatory website: <http://www.uleth.ca/music-conservatory/keys-piano-workshop> Hard copy brochures are available at Casa or by contacting Christine. Betty Jo and Marilyn volunteered to be available to assist at the Saturday sessions if needed.

The Lethbridge Branch will be acting as a sponsor for The Centric Festival this year so that they qualify for City of Lethbridge funding. The Festival will take place July 6-8, 2018. Performers this year will include: guitarists Dale Ketcheson and Iliana Matos; violinist Andrew Wan; Camille Rogers, mezzo-soprano; pianists Alison Kilgannon, John-Paul Ksiazek and Ryan Kolodziej; Airdrie

Robinson, violinist and Christine Bootland, cellist. The major collaborative concert, will explore the music of Claude Debussy—2018 is the 100th anniversary of his death.

After discussion it was decided to open up our invitation to RC examiner luncheons and invite teachers in our community to join us.

Christine passed around a Lethbridge Herald article regarding our January 20th Piano Duo recital as well as a copy of *Canadian Music Teacher* for members to view two Lethbridge Branch reports.

The Piano Class Festival will be held May 28th to 31st, 2018. Please note the change of week from the 3rd week in May to the 4th week in May.

Our Piano Duo fundraising recital on January 20th was very successful! Thank you to all teachers and their students who supported this event! We had a sold out house and needed to set up a few extra chairs. \$1668.25 profit will go towards our awards program. After a discussion regarding riser seating, it was decided to use only floor seating in the future.

Long and McQuade will be moving to a new store sometime in the late Spring. They will be unable to provide us with a meeting space at the new store. Other options were discussed. Linda will check into the Public Library, Save-On-Foods Community Room and Southminster Church. Gathering at the Lethbridge Lodge for our final meeting of the year was also discussed as an option. Our next meeting (March 5th) will be at Marilyn Sinclair's home.

Christine continues to explore the possibility of hosting a Contemporary Showcase non-competitive Festival in Lethbridge in conjunction with Canada Music Week.

A Piano Yoga Workshop presented by Jennifer Latta will take place on Saturday, September 22nd in the Community Room at Casa from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. This work shop will be open to all teachers and students in our community. After discussion it was decided to set fees at \$25 with a \$5 reduction for RMT members and students.

Because of Easter week and Christine being away on April 9th, our April meeting which is our Annual General Meeting, will be held Monday, April 16th at 9:30 a.m.

Christine has been in contact with Chee Meng Low from the University of Lethbridge regarding mentorship ideas for students.

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 5th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Marilyn Sinclair at [335-20th St. N.](#) Click on the address for a link to Google Maps. Thanks to Marilyn for hosting!
Please note the change of time to 9:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Christine Rogers