

## **LRMTA Minutes Monday, March 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 6 members present: Marilyn Sinclair, Betty Jo Radley, Christine Rogers, Linda Dickey, Karen MacDonald and Tracy Bozzi.

Linda moved the acceptance of the February minutes as circulated with Karen seconding.

Karen gave the Treasurer's report. The account balances as of March 5th are: Operating Account: \$2387.92 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. Karen and Christine will meet to update the financial records. Karen will check if we need to purchase another receipt book. Karen moved the acceptance of the financial report. Seconded by Marilyn.

The Music Festival will take place March 12-24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Christine participated in the ARMTA board meeting on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> by Skype for the morning session. Highlights include: information regarding efforts to establish a student university connection between ARMTA and U of A; updated mission and ethics statements on the ARMTA website; updates to Policies and Procedures; ARMTA Voice Competition arrangements; alcohol licences at ARMTA local branch or individual members' events; Fall Board meeting date; Annual Budget development.

Brenda Lockmuller will be unable to continue as Provincial Branch Rep. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Christine for more information. Any travel arrangements are reimbursed by ARMTA. Information will be sent out by email.

**ARMTA and local memberships are due. Please renew before the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline—it makes the job of our ARMTA administrator, Vicki Martin, much easier.**

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

The Annual General Meeting of the Allied Arts Council will take place on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Casa. Please contact Christine by March 19<sup>th</sup> if you would be willing to attend and represent our group. 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 support the Royal Conservatory and submit students for exams. Skype sessions on various topics are available. Arrangements can be made through our Provincial Rep, Derek Chiu. Linda will contact Derek Chiu to ask questions about the 4 Star Book codes and how long they last.

Coffee and Conversation is at the home of Linda Davies at **1260 5th Ave S.** (not 5A), Thursday, March 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.

Christine reported that the new piano professor at the U of L beginning July 1st is Dr. Brad Parker. Here is a link to his information at his current University, Charleston Southern University: <http://www.csuniv.edu/directory/music/bparker.php>

Christine shared an email showing appreciation for our website.

Our new retractable banner had its debut at *Keys to Piano*! Come to the recital at the Library on March 10<sup>th</sup> to check it out if you haven't already seen it. Total cost with 40% off plus shipping and GST, \$134.38.

Our Festival Prep/General Recital will be at the Lethbridge Public Library Theatre Gallery for Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. Thank you to Lorrie Wittke and Karen MacDonald who will be convenors. We will also be having two students from the University of Lethbridge as guest performers. Dana Visser will perform Prelude in G-sharp minor, op. 32 no. 12 by Rachmaninoff and Tate Orlita will perform Nocturne in C minor, op. 48 no. 1 by Chopin. Thanks to Deanna Oye for arranging this! Please note, the Library is currently under renovation and will most likely still be under renovation on March 10<sup>th</sup>. To access the Theatre Gallery, use the alternate/temporary entrance just west of the Children's Library entrance on the lower level off the parking lot. Even though the main entrance is open, there is no access to the staircase to the lower level. Please also note, that part of the parking lot is unavailable because of the construction.

Betty Jo will contact Deanna Oye to see if the University Recital Hall will be available in May for our final recital. Suggested dates were Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, with the 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

Thank you to those teachers who supported *Keys to Piano* by attending or submitting students. Thank you as well to those teachers who acted as moderators in the masterclass sessions to help things run smoothly. A few observations regarding photocopies were made. Marilyn made a motion that a thank you be extended to Christine and to Breeanne Fuller at the Conservatory for their work on this event.

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.

**The Piano Class Festival will be held May 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.** Please note the change of week from the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May to the 4<sup>th</sup> week in May. Deadline for entries, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Adjudicator will be Cheryl Emery-Karapita. Entry forms and syllabus are available by contacting Karen MacDonald at [tashi1944@gmail.com](mailto:tashi1944@gmail.com) or 403-553-3365. A discussion followed about the possibility of including some vocal classes. Christine will follow up.

Christine presented results from the Meeting Survey. After discussion, it was decided to hold our meetings at 10:00 at Southminster United Church Lounge on Monday mornings with a \$10/meeting (\$80/year) donation to the Church.

**MOTION:** Linda moved that we hold our meetings at 10:00 at Southminster United Church Lounge on Monday mornings with a \$10/meeting (\$80/year) donation to the Church. Seconded by Karen. All in favour.

Linda will make final arrangements. Our next meeting will be Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Southminster United Church, 1011 4 Ave S. Enter through the west office entrance. Christine will circulate the results of the survey by email.

A Piano Yoga Workshop presented by Jennifer Latta will take place on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. Fees are \$25 with a \$5 reduction for RMT members and students.

The meeting concluded with a draw for 2 all-access Music Festival Passes and a bag with the LRMTA logo. Marilyn observed that it would be nice if we could invite James Ringland who designed our branch logo to an event or at least let him know that the logo is still in use. If anyone has any contact information for James, please let Christine or Marilyn know.

Because of Easter week and Christine being away on April 9<sup>th</sup>, our April meeting which is our Annual General Meeting, will be held Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Our next meeting will be Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge at Southminster United Church. Please use the west entrance in the alley off 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Minutes prepared by Christine Rogers