

## **LRMTA Minutes Monday, April 16th, Southminster United Church Lounge**

Check out the website for updates and information regarding upcoming events and meetings at [www.lrmta.com](http://www.lrmta.com)

Christine called the meeting to order in Southminster United Church Lounge. There were 10 members present: Marilyn Sinclair, Betty Jo Radley, Christine Rogers, Linda Dickey, Megan Wittig, Brenda Lockmuller, Andrew Gierulski, Cheryl Hudak, Jordana Hudak and Tracy Bozzi.

Linda moved the approval of the agenda with Tracy seconding. Marilyn moved the acceptance of the March minutes as circulated with Betty Jo seconding.

Christine gave the Treasurer's report. (Karen was unable to attend because of weather.) The account balances as of April 15th are: Operating Account: \$2114.89 and 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. Christine has purchased a new receipt book. Brenda will look into previous details regarding reordering cheques for the operating account. Brenda and Christine will be the summer auditors. A discussion followed regarding adding "ARMTA Lethbridge Branch" to our bank account name to facilitate cashing of cheques. It was agreed that if it wasn't too much trouble, it would be good to go ahead with it. Christine will pursue arrangements. Christine moved the acceptance of the financial report. Seconded by Cheryl.

The dates for Music Festival next year are April 1-13, 2019.

Christine reported that Tamara Bowie will act as our Provincial Branch Rep. Thanks to Tamara!

Christine attended the Annual General Meeting of the Allied Arts Council (AAC) on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. During the meeting, the financial report was presented, the new board of directors was elected, and honorary members were introduced. The AAC has established an Endowment Fund through the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta. If any members wish to make a personal donation to the Endowment Fund, please contact the AAC by phone: 403-320-0555 or at the office at 318-7<sup>th</sup> St. S. All donations will receive a tax receipt. 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.

Brenda related a situation that happened during an exam with one of her students being asked a technical requirement from another level. It was suggested that teachers encourage students to politely question an examiner when presented with elements not required. Examiners are required to move quickly between grade levels during the examination sessions and may be accidentally looking at the wrong list. Please direct any RCM questions or concerns to our Provincial Rep, Derek Chiu: [derek.chiu@rcmusic.ca](mailto:derek.chiu@rcmusic.ca)

Skype sessions through the Royal Conservatory are available. We will try to explore options for next year.

Coffee and Conversation is at the home of Linda Davies at **1260 5th Ave S.** (not 5A), Thursday, May 17th at 9:30 a.m. Please call Betty Jo at 403-329-1655 or Linda at 403-328-6085 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 reported that the wrong phone number is listed in the hard copy Yellow Pages. She called Yellow Pages to have it updated for next year. The online Yellow Pages listing is correct.

Thank you to students, teachers, convenors and our U of L guest performers, Dana Visser and Tate Orlita for a successful Festival Prep Recital!

Our final recital is booked for Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in the University of Lethbridge Recital Hall. Christine will take the names for the program. Betty Jo will help convene if needed. After discussion it was decided to pursue arrangements for a 1-hour Baroque Dance Workshop at the conclusion of the recital with Camille Rogers. Marilyn moved that we arrange for a \$100 honorarium for Camille. Linda seconded. Recital and Workshop details will be finalized and available at the May meeting.

Our final adult get-together is booked for Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Betty Jo's at 810 Kodiak Bay N. Linda Dickey will help as convenor. Linda will check if Doreen is available.

Sessions for exam students to run through their pieces will be available on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at McKillop United Church at 8:00 p.m. after the Piano Class Festival Honors Concert and on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. at Christine's home. Please let Christine know if you have any students who might want to take advantage of either (or both!) of these opportunities.

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

The Centric Festival will be holding [a Cabaret Fundraiser on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Lethbridge Lodge](#) which will feature performers: Erinn Evdokimoff-Roberts, Megan Wittig, Tony Zappone and pianist Zain Solinski. The Centric Festival will take place July 6-8, 2018. Final details regarding performers and programs will be announced at the Cabaret.

**The Piano Class Festival will be held May 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.** Adjudicator will be Cheryl Emery-Karapita. Contact Karen MacDonald at [tashi1944@gmail.com](mailto:tashi1944@gmail.com) or 403-553-3365.

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.

Betty Jo will make arrangements for lunch with the RC examiner. We will be extending the invitation to all teachers in our community.

Marilyn advised members that the Honens Piano Competition and Festival will take place in Calgary, August 30 to Sept. 8, 2018. Follow the link for complete details:

<http://www.honens.com/competition/2018-piano-competition/>

There is a place at the bottom of the Honens webpage where you can enter your name and email address to receive regular newsletters and updates through email.

### **Annual General Meeting**

Marilyn moved that we accept the executive as presented for the 2018-2019 year. Linda Dickey Seconded. Thank you to the following individuals for their contribution to our organization!

President: Christine Rogers

Vice President: Brenda Lockmuller

Treasurer: Karen MacDonald

Secretary: vacant

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Lee Voort

ARMTA Board Representative: Tamara Bowie

**Our next meeting will be Monday, May 7th 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