

LRMTA Minutes Monday, May 7th, Southminster United Church Lounge

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Christine called the meeting to order in Southminster United Church Lounge. There were 7 members present: Marilyn Sinclair, Doreen Laing, Betty Jo Radley, Christine Rogers, Linda Dickey, Brenda Lockmuller, and Tracy Bozzi. Congratulations to Betty Jo, Marilyn, Linda and Christine for perfect attendance at meetings this year!

Linda moved the approval of the agenda with Brenda seconding. Tracy moved the acceptance of the April minutes as circulated with Marilyn seconding.

Christine gave the Treasurer's report. (Karen was unable to attend because of preparations for her trip to Iceland!) The account balances as of May 7th are: Operating Account: \$731.68 and Awards Account: \$5898.17. Karen and Christine recently updated the financial records, including transfers and reimbursements. There was a \$35 overpayment from ARMTA for the local dues. A deduction of \$35 will be made the next time dues are collected. Brenda and Christine will be the summer auditors. Brenda is available any time before August 19th. Christine has made arrangements to have "ARMTA Lethbridge Branch" added to our bank account name to facilitate cashing of cheques. Christine will make arrangements for new cheques for the operating account. Christine moved the acceptance of the financial report. Seconded by Brenda.

The dates for Music Festival next year are **April 1-13, 2019**. Congratulations to Karen He (Mary Lee Voort) and Anna Jeong (Betty Jo Radley) who received the LRMTA Lethbridge and District Music Festival Awards for Junior and Senior Piano respectively!

Music Conference Alberta will take place **Oct. 25-27, 2018** at Sutton Place Hotel, Edmonton. CFMTA Conference will take place **July 3-9, 2019** Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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. Christine recently submitted a short article and photo which will be featured in the Library *Happenings* publication.

Skype sessions through the Royal Conservatory are available. We will try to explore options for next year. Tracy informed members that RC Pedagogy requirements have recently changed and advised teachers to view current requirements online.

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.

Linda Dickey will follow up regarding our sign board being displayed at the new Long and McQuade store which is scheduled to open June 18th.

Our final recital is booked for Saturday, **May 26th** at 2:30 p.m. in the University of Lethbridge Recital Hall. Christine will take the names for the program. The deadline to submit names will be Wednesday, May 23rd. Two pianos will be available for the recital.

A Baroque Dance Workshop with Camille Rogers will take place from 3:30 to 4:30 at the conclusion of the recital. The workshop is free and is open to anyone (teachers, parents, students, community members) who is interested.

Our final adult get-together is booked for Saturday, **June 2nd** at 10:00 a.m. at Betty Jo's at 810 Kodiak Bay N. Linda Dickey and Doreen Laing will help as convenors. Please contact Betty Jo if you have students who will be participating: 403-329-1655.

Sessions for exam students to run through their pieces will be available on Friday, **June 1st** at McKillop United Church at 8:00 p.m. after the Piano Class Festival Honors Concert and on Saturday **June 2nd**, at 10:00 a.m. at Christine's home at 1621 Lakeshore Road S. Please let Christine know if you have any students who might want to take advantage of Saturday morning June 2nd.

Christine is working with members to plan professional development opportunities for next year and put together a proposal for ARMTA Continuing Education. A vocal workshop is being planned with Rachel Goldenberg for March 2019.

The Centric Festival will take place **July 6-8**, 2018. Details will be circulated by email as they become available.

The Piano Class Festival will be held **May 28th to 31st**, 2018. Adjudicator will be Cheryl Emery-Karapita. Contact Karen MacDonald at tashi1944@gmail.com or 403-553-3365.

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. Fees are \$25 with a \$5 reduction for RMT members and students. **Please let Christine know if you have any students who would like to play for Jennifer as part of the demonstration.**

Thanks to Betty Jo for making arrangements for lunch with the RC examiner. We will be meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, **June 15th**. Location to be determined. Final details will be circulated by email. Please let Betty Jo know by Wednesday, **June 13th** if you plan to attend so she can make a reservation. We will be extending the invitation to all teachers in our community.

A short discussion followed regarding professional development ideas for the future. Doreen suggested Dale Jackson. She will look into topics and fees and bring the information back to the group. The new professor at the U of L, Brad Parker was also suggested.

Betty Jo circulated a thank you card from one of her students, Anna Jeong for her Music Festival LRMTA award.

Our next meeting will be Monday, September 10th at 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge at Southminster United Church. Please use the west entrance in the alley off 4th Ave.

Minutes prepared by Christine Rogers