

LRMTA Minutes Monday, September 10th, 2018, Southminster United Church Lounge

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Christine called the meeting to order in Southminster United Church Lounge. There were 11 members present: Marilyn Sinclair, Doreen Laing, Betty Jo Radley, Christine Rogers, Linda Dickey, Brenda Lockmuller, Cheryl Hudak, Tamara Bowie, Andrew Gierulski, Karen MacDonald, and Tracy Bozzi. Thank you to everyone who attended this first meeting of the year! One of our best turnouts yet!

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

Christine gave the Treasurer's report. (Karen was unable to attend the opening of the meeting.) The account balances as of September 10th are: Operating Account: \$478.45 and Awards Account: \$5908.17. Christine presented the annual financial report as prepared by Karen and Christine. Thank you to Brenda and Christine for acting as auditors during the summer. Brenda moved the acceptance of the annual financial report with Doreen seconding. All in favor. The payment of a number of upcoming expenses will be arranged: \$70 donation for Southminster Lounge, \$63 for UPS pre-paid copies, \$56.70 for the Piano rental for the Piano Yoga Workshop, \$300 clinician fee for the Piano Yoga workshop. The balance is lower than last year at this time because of the expense of new cheques. Christine moved the acceptance of the treasurer's report with Brenda seconding.

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

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.

The next ARMTA board meeting will be Sept. 15th in Red Deer. Thanks to Tamara Bowie who will attend as our new rep! A Branch report has been submitted. Next year, the service fees for ARMTA online branch payments will no longer be covered by ARMTA. Each branch will be responsible for their portion. Based on last year's amount, the expense for our branch will be approximately \$30. We need to decide whether we will absorb the cost or raise our fees slightly. This will be discussed at our next meeting. More information will be sent out by email. Current provincial fees are as follows:

- Calgary (\$65)
- Edmonton (\$65)
- Grande Prairie (Free)
- Lethbridge (Free first year, \$35 afterwards)

- Medicine Hat (Free)
- Red Deer \$25

Skype sessions through the Royal Conservatory are available. We will try to explore options for an upcoming workshop.

A **FREE** Royal Conservatory Workshop will take place in lieu of our **Monday, October 1st** meeting at CASA - Stephure Hall, 230 8th Street South from **9:30AM - 12:30PM** entitled: *Well-Rounded Musicianship: The Pathway to a Lifetime of Learning* presented by College Examiner Member, **Dr. Dale Wheeler**. Thanks to Tamara Bowie for pursuing this opportunity!

Follow the link to register: https://www.rcmusic.com/workshop-registration-lethbridge?utm_campaign=website&utm_source=SG1685_Sep12_2018&utm_medium=email

Coffee and Conversation is at the home of Linda Davies at **1260 5th Ave S.** (not 5A), Thursday, **September 27th** 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 made a presentation on behalf of our organization to University of Lethbridge music students at the student orientation meeting at the U of L on Wednesday afternoon, September 5th.

There will no longer be a place for our Branch nameplate signboard at Long and McQuade's new store. Thanks to Linda Dickey for pursuing this.

Our Canada Music Week recital is booked for Saturday, November 24th, 2018, 2:30 p.m. at the Lethbridge Public Library. Tamara Bowie has signed up to convene. **We need one other teacher to volunteer.** Please contact Christine if you are available. The Christmas recital will be 10:30 a.m. and adult get-together at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15th at the studio of Betty Jo. Thanks to Betty Jo for continuing to support our group by hosting events! Brenda Lockmuller will convene with Betty Jo. The Festival Prep Recital is booked for Saturday, March 23rd, 2019, 2:30 p.m. at the Lethbridge Library. We will need convenors for this recital. We will decide the dates of our final recitals later in the year. We may want to consider Southminster Sanctuary as a possible recital venue for future (The fee would be \$150).

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 workshop is open to all teachers and students (recommended for senior students and late intermediate students) in our community. Fees are \$25 with a \$5 reduction for RMT members and students. Please remember to bring a yoga mat if you have one and wear comfortable clothing. If you do not wish to participate in the yoga, you would be most welcome to observe.

Keys to Piano will take place March 1-2, 2019 at Casa. The clinicians will be Akiko Tominaga and Magda Adamek. Magda has suggested a few topics for the Friday evening teacher presentation. Christine will send out information for feedback.

The APTA Conference is **September 28-29** in Red Deer. For more information or to register, please follow the link: <https://aptaonline.net/apta-conference/>

Branch award entries must be submitted on or before October 1st. Please use the Awards Submission Form which can be accessed on the LRMTA website under **Information/Member-Teachers/Branch Documents**: www.LRMTA.com Please contact Christine if you would like a hard copy. Awards will be disbursed at the October coffee meeting and cheques will be written at the November coffee meeting.

A Voice Workshop with Rachel Goldenberg will take place on Saturday, March 30th, 2019 at the Lethbridge Public Library from 1:00 to 4:30.

Dale Jackson and Mark Mitchell have been suggested as clinicians for future workshops.

Christine has submitted a proposal for ARMTA Continuing Education funding for our events for this year.

We will hold a Practise-a-thon February 4-9, 2019 to raise money for our Branch Awards Program. Mark your calendars and encourage your students to participate!

Christine and Betty Jo have been working on a possible History Listening Activity for Prep to Level 3 students.

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 5th 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