

LRMTA Minutes Monday, November 5th, 2018, Southminster United Church Board Room

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Christine called the meeting to order in Southminster United Church Board Room. There were 8 members present: Marilyn Sinclair, Doreen Laing, Betty Jo Radley, Christine Rogers, Linda Dickey, Brenda Lockmuller, Cheryl Hudak, and Tracy Bozzi. Members welcomed Maria Watson, a teacher in our community who is interested in more information about the Registered Music Teachers.

Brenda moved the approval of the agenda with an added APTA item from Doreen. Linda seconded. Doreen moved the acceptance of the September minutes as circulated with Tracy seconding.

Christine gave the Treasurer's report. (Karen was unable to attend for health reasons.) The account balances as of November 4th are: Operating Account: \$318.95 and Awards Account: \$5909.23. Christine moved the acceptance of the Treasurer's report with Cheryl seconding.

The dates for Music Festival next year are **April 1-13, 2019**. Application dates are December 1st, 2018 to January 31st, 2019.

Music Conference Alberta took place Oct. 25-27, 2018 at Sutton Place Hotel, Edmonton. Christine reported on the ARMTA AGM and the sessions at Conference. Congratulations to ARMTA Milestone Award Winners: Linda Dickey for 45 years and Marilyn Sinclair for 55 years. They will be recognized at our Canada Music Week Recital and Awards Presentation. CFMTA Conference will take place **July 3-9, 2019** Winnipeg, Manitoba. Thanks to Tamara Bowie who attended the Sept. 15th ARMTA board meeting in Red Deer.

A discussion followed concerning information gathered by email regarding the issue of service fees for ARMTA online branch payments which will no longer be covered by ARMTA. The cost for our branch will be approximately \$30 per year. Most email responses were in favor of raising the fees to either \$37 or \$40. One response stated that our fees were high enough and should not be raised. Another response suggested that we wait and see how the extra service fees affect our finances and review later. Another response yet, questioned whether or not we or other ARMTA branches have a policy for regular fee review. Christine researched this last question and found that Calgary and Edmonton do not have a regular fee review schedule in place. After further discussion at the meeting, it was decided that for now we will keep our local dues at \$35, absorb the cost of online ARMTA fee renewal and review at our annual general meeting. Thank you to everyone who took the time to send feedback by email.

Doreen reported on the recent APTA conference and heartily encouraged members to consider attending in the future. Follow the link for more information: <https://aptaonline.net/apta-conference/>

Members briefly discussed the recent Royal Conservatory Workshop on October 1st with Dr. Dale Wheeler and Derek Chiu.

Marilyn relayed information from a recent RCM examiners' workshop. Members shared their frustrations with the new theory curriculum. Please direct any RCM examination or website questions directly to Derek Chiu, the Alberta RC rep, by email at derek.chiu@rcmusic.ca

Coffee and Conversation is at the home of Linda Davies at **1260 5th Ave S.** (not 5A), Thursday, **November 15th** 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. We will be preparing cheques and envelopes for our annual awards presentation and would welcome extra help.

Our Canada Music Week recital is Saturday, November 24th, 2018, 2:30 p.m. at the Lethbridge Public Library. Tamara Bowie and Cheryl Hudak will be convenors. Please send your names to Tamara by Monday, November 19th. Marilyn volunteered to play *O Canada* at the beginning of the program if no one else is available. Christine will circulate a request for another teacher or senior student who might be willing to lead us in *O Canada*. We will be taking a teacher photograph at the end of the presentation.

After discussion it was decided to combine the CFMTA Branching Out Initiative, *Making a Difference* with our Canada Music Week event by collecting non-perishable items for the Food Bank. Christine will prepare notices for students and circulate to teachers. Please inform your students and encourage them to participate by bringing Food Bank items.

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 at 810 Kodiak Bay N. Thanks to Betty Jo for continuing to support our group by hosting events! Brenda Lockmuller will convene with Betty Jo. Please notify Betty Jo beforehand how many students you will have participating so that she can properly prepare. 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.

Teachers are reminded to notify students who have received awards and to encourage them to attend the November 24th recital and awards presentation. If students are not able to attend teachers are requested to make arrangements to have the awards picked up.

Christine reported on the Piano Yoga Workshop with Jennifer Latta. We had a deficit of \$90.10. Christine has arranged for ARMTA Continuing Education to cover the shortfall. A discussion followed regarding attendance at workshops and events.

Keys to Piano will take place March 1-2, 2019 at Casa. The clinicians will be Akiko Tominaga and Magda Adamek. Please set aside this date for yourself and encourage your students to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity for teachers and students right in our community! No travelling or conference fees! Teachers who have students participating are free to attend.

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.

Christine has submitted a proposal for ARMTA Continuing Education funding for our events for this year. So far, the Piano Yoga shortfall and the Keys to Piano requests have been confirmed. We are still awaiting confirmation of funds for the voice workshop with Rachel Goldenberg.

Marilyn Sinclair was able to contact former member James Ringland who designed our LRMTA logo in 1989. After discussion it was decided to recognize him at our Canada Music Week Recital.

Motion: Marilyn moved and Doreen seconded, that LRMTA contribute \$50 toward a restaurant gift card.

Marilyn will donate another \$50 to put toward the gift card and will also arrange for a thank you card that members can sign at the Canada Music Week Recital. James will be recognized at the beginning of the awards presentation. Thank you to Marilyn for suggesting we contact James and for her generous donation to recognize James!

Members were informed that Katrina Palsky and Barb Hignell will be taking a leave of absence from ARMTA.

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! We will be approaching local businesses and organization for donations for prizes. Linda Dickey agreed to approach Long and McQuade and Tracy Bozzi offered to approach the Lethbridge Community Band.

Dale Jackson, Mark Mitchell, Brad Parker, Terrence Dawson and Leila Viss have been suggested as clinicians for future workshops.

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

We will plan for a fundraising recital in 2019-2020. Christine will approach LRMTA members to see if anyone is interested in putting together a program for performance.

Marilyn reported that the Southern Alberta Piano Teachers' Association (SAPTA) will be holding a recital on December 1st at McKillop United Church. She invited teachers to contact her if they

would like any of their students to have the opportunity to perform, especially if they are preparing for January exams.

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Southminster United Church. Please use the west entrance in the alley off 4th Ave. and take the stairs to the right just past the office up to the second level.

Minutes prepared by Christine Rogers