

LRMTA Minutes Monday, February 4th, 2019, Southminster United Church Lounge

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Christine called the meeting to order in Southminster United Church Lounge. There were 6 members present: Marilyn Sinclair, Christine Rogers, Andrew Gierulski, Brenda Lockmuller, Betty Jo Radley, and Tracy Bozzi.

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

Christine gave the Treasurer's report. Megan Wittig has agreed to take over the Treasurer's position when our new executive is appointed at our annual meeting. Thanks to Megan for volunteering! Thanks to Karen MacDonald for her years of service to our group! The account balances as of February 4th are: Operating Account: \$496.85 and Awards Account: \$4259.23. There are a number of reimbursements still to come from the operating account including the gift for James Ringland, the website domain renewal, RCM Examiner Lunch and pre-paid copies at the UPS Store. These will be dealt with after we have confirmed other upcoming expenses. There is one outstanding award cheque that is being pursued. Christine moved the acceptance of the Treasurer's report with Brenda seconding.

The dates for Music Festival are **April 1-13, 2019**. The piano adjudicators are Ian Parker and Kathleen Gable. There is still some time available for senior student rehearsals at the Yates on Sunday, March 10th at 5:30 p.m. Currently we have the Yates booked until 6:00 p.m. but we may be able to extend it later in the evening if necessary, if anyone would like more time. The fee is \$45 per hour or part thereof (\$22.50 per half hour, \$11.25 for 15 minutes) to be paid by the teacher or collected from students. Contact Christine.

ARMTA and local fees are due. If paying by cheque, the total amount of both fees can be written in one cheque to ARMTA. The early bird deadline for a \$5 reduction in ARMTA fees is February 28th. Contact Christine or Vicki Martin, ARMTA Administrator: admin@armta.ca with questions. ARMTA is looking for a Vice President for the next term. This is a 6 year commitment on the ARMTA Board: 2 years as Vice President, 2 Years as President and 2 years as Past President. ARMTA is researching ways to unify its message and logo across the province. A discussion followed regarding the effects surrounding this issue for the Lethbridge Branch. Christine will send a reply reflecting our observations and concerns.

We have the Lethbridge Public Library Showcase booked for the month of August through the Allied Arts Council and have applied to be the Arts Info Feature in the Lethbridge Leisure Guide for November 2019.

Marilyn relayed concerns regarding RCM's viability heading into the future, with respect to the situation for examiners and the theory curriculum.

Coffee and Conversation is at the home of Linda Davies at **1260 5th Ave S.** (not 5A), Thursday, **February 21st** 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.

The Festival Prep Recital is booked for **Saturday, March 23rd, 2019, 2:30 p.m.** at the Lethbridge Library. Marilyn, Brenda and Christine will convene. **Please send your entries to Christine by Wednesday, March 20th.** All students are welcome to participate, not just those preparing for Music Festival. Our guest student performers will be Isabelle Robinson, violin (studio of Lise Boutin) and Wenyu Chen, piano (studio of Linda Dickey).

We have the Library booked that day until 5:00 p.m. Students are welcome to use the time remaining after the recital finishes to rehearse or coach their Music Festival pieces. This would be especially useful for Junior Piano entries, since Junior Piano classes will be held at the Library.

The final Adult Get-together will take place Saturday, May 25th at 10:00 at the studio of Betty Jo Radley at 810 Kodiak Bay N.

Keys to Piano will take place March 1-2, 2019 at Casa. The clinicians are Akiko Tominaga and Magda Adamek. Teachers are FREE! Brochures and registration details have been circulated. More information:

www.LRMTA.com/events

<http://www.uleth.ca/music-conservatory/2017-keys-piano-workshop-registration>

A Voice Workshop and Masterclass with **Rachel Goldenberg** will take place on **Saturday, March 30th, 2019** at the Lethbridge Public Library from 1:00 to 4:30. This will be a great opportunity to learn about vocal health! More information www.LRMTA.com/events

The Piano Class Festival is currently scheduled for the last week in May. The adjudicator will be Lavinia Parker. The deadline to enter is April 15th.

Based on last month's discussion the following motion was moved by Brenda, seconded by Marilyn. All in favour. Carried:

MOTION: That the Lethbridge Branch disburse \$1500 annually for its awards program with an additional discretionary amount of up to \$200 for the committee to use depending on the number of tied marks and senior awards in any given year.

Christine submitted a proposal for ARMTA Continuing Education funding for our events this year. The Piano Yoga shortfall and the Keys to Piano requests have been confirmed. Funds up

to \$350 for any shortfall for the voice workshop with Rachel Goldenberg have also been approved.

Centric MusicFest dates are tentatively set for June 19-22nd this year.

The April meeting date has been moved to Monday, April 15th at 10:00 a.m. at Southminster because of Music Festival dates (April 1-13).

Thank you to Betty Jo, Cheryl and Christine who attend the RC examiner's lunch with RC rep, Monica Baczuk and examiner, Chris Foley, on Friday, January 25th at Earls Restaurant. We are one of the only centres who continue a tradition of hosting examiners during their sessions.

The Practise-a-thon runs February 4-9, 2019 to raise money for our Branch Awards Program. Thank you to Linda Dickey, Tracy Bozzi, Deanna Oye and Mary Lee Voort who helped with organizing donations for prizes! Thank you to Brenda, who has sponsored iTunes cards as additional prizes with Christine. Forms and pledges are due at the March 4th meeting.

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

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. So far Megan Wittig has volunteered to approach singers for all or part of a performance. Other ideas are welcome!

Betty Jo suggested that we pursue a First Nations music presentation for our next Canada Music Week Recital.

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 4th at 10:00 a.m. at Southminster United Church. Please use the west entrance in the alley off 4th Ave. We meet either in the Lounge or the Board Room up the stairs to the right just past the office, depending on which is available.

Minutes prepared by Christine Rogers