

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

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Christine called the meeting to order in Southminster United Church Lounge. There were 5 members present: Marilyn Sinclair, Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Linda Dickey, and Tracy Bozzi. Members welcomed Calla Kubota-Panes who plans to become a member of ARMTA.

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

Christine gave the Treasurer's report. The account balances as of March 4th are: Operating Account: \$491.90 and Awards Account: \$4214.23. All awards cheques have now cleared the awards account. 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 and receive ARMTA grant money. The rental for the Yates Festival rehearsal has been paid. Those teachers participating have submitted their payments.

The dates for Music Festival are **April 1-13, 2019**. The piano adjudicators are Joseph Fridman and Kathleen Gable.

ARMTA and local fees are due. If paying by cheque, the total amount of both fees can be written in one cheque to ARMTA. 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. Christine relayed the ARMTA Board report prepared by Tamara Bowie who attended the meeting by Zoom this past weekend. ARMTA will be hiring a graphic designer to design a new provincial logo. Police checks which include the Vulnerable Sector will be required for ARMTA members by April 2020. Please see complete details by following the link to Lethbridge Police Service to assist you in making arrangements: <https://www.lethbridgepolice.ca/police-information-check>

A few important details: The application can be downloaded on line: <https://www.lethbridgepolice.ca/sites/default/files/Lethbridge-Police-Information-Check.pdf>

The application is made **in person** at the Police Station at 135 – 1 Avenue South, Lethbridge, AB. Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Saturday: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sunday & Statutory Holidays: Closed. The Lethbridge Police Service **does not** accept credit cards. It accepts cash, debit cards, personal cheques, certified cheques, bank drafts, or money orders. All cheques, drafts and money orders should be made payable to the **Lethbridge Police Service**. Two pieces of ID are required. The fee is \$65. If you have any

further questions, please contact our ARMTA Administrator Vicki Martin directly at admin@armta.ca

Christine reported that she had a student participate in the CFMTA E-Festival and that it was a great experience.

The Allied Arts Council annual meeting will be March 27th at 7:00 p.m. at Casa. Anyone who is available to attend on behalf of our group, please contact Christine. 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.

For complete University of Lethbridge student recital details, follow the link to the calendar: <http://www.uleth.ca/fine-arts/study/music/junior-and-graduation-recitals/student-recital-calendar>

Coffee and Conversation is at the home of Linda Davies at **1260 5th Ave S.** (not 5A), Thursday, **March 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 printed directory will be updated after all the fees and ARMTA registrations are collected. We will distribute brochures to Music Court, City Hall and the AAC. If you know of any other places to display brochures, please let Christine know. Calla Kubota-Panes offered to help with distribution.

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, June 1st at 10:30 at the studio of Betty Jo Radley at 810 Kodiak Bay N.

Christine and Betty Jo will follow up with the idea of having a First Nations music presentation at our Canada Music Week recital in November.

Keys to Piano took place March 1-2, 2019 at Casa with clinicians Akiko Tominaga and Magda Adamek. Thanks to everyone who participated and supported this event! Special thanks to Marilyn Sinclair, Betty Jo Radley and Tracy Bozzi who helped with registration and timing during

the masterclass sessions. A few members shared their disappointment with regard to the low attendance by Registered Music Teachers. Others expressed a desire to see more senior students participate in this excellent event.

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

This year, the Lethbridge Piano Class Festival will take place from May 27-31 at [McKillop United Church at 2329 15th Ave. S.](#) The adjudicator will be [Brad Parker](#), University of Lethbridge Piano Professor. Annual deadline for application is April 15. The Syllabus will be circulated but is the same as last year. Entry forms are available from Marilyn Sinclair (403-329-9188) and Christine Rogers (403-327-2073). For more information contact Karen MacDonald at 403-553-3365.

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. The reimbursement has been submitted by Deanna Oye and the cheque will be sent to Christine from ARMTA Administrator, Vicki Martin.

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 everyone who participated in the 2019 Practise—a-thon! **Sixty-eight students from 7 teachers practised over 325 hours and raised \$3146.40!!!** A special thank you to Linda Dickey whose students raised nearly \$1200 and Mary Lee Voort whose students raised over \$750! Wow! These two teachers are an inspiration to all of us! Thanks again to Linda Dickey, Tracy Bozzi, Deanna Oye and Mary Lee Voort who helped with organizing donations for prizes and thank you to Brenda Lockmuller and Christine Rogers who sponsored iTunes cards as additional prizes. Any late forms and pledges will be accepted but cannot be considered for prizes. Prizes have been determined and will be awarded at the March 23rd recital at 2:30 p.m. at the Public Library. Those prizes of a time sensitive nature (concert tickets) have already been distributed. A photo will be taken to submit to the Lethbridge Herald and post on the website.

Remember, if you did not hand out practise-a-thon forms to your students, your own personal contribution, no matter the amount, would be most appreciated and would go a long way to sustaining our awards fund and showing your support for LRMTA and its students. Every little bit counts! We invite those teachers especially, whose students have won awards in the past, to consider a contribution if they didn't have students participate in the Practise-a-thon this year.

A survey was suggested to find out what would entice more teachers to participate in our events.

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. She and Christine will review.

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 15th at 10:00 a.m. at Southminster United Church. Please note the change of date because of the Music Festival.

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