

## **LRMTA Minutes Monday, April 15th, 2019, Southminster United Church Lounge**

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Christine called the meeting to order in Southminster United Church Lounge. There were 8 members present: Marilyn Sinclair, Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Linda Dickey, Tracy Bozzi, Megan Wittig, Cheryl Hudak, and Doreen Laing.

Linda moved the approval of the agenda with Tracy seconding. Marilyn moved the acceptance of the March minutes as circulated with Megan seconding.

Christine gave the Treasurer's report. The account balances as of April 15th are: Operating Account: \$4359.83 and Awards Account: \$4214.23. The Practise-a-thon proceeds have yet to be transferred from the Operating to the Awards account. This will be done after the meeting. There are a number of outstanding expenses that will be reimbursed this week. Also, some of the LRMTA fees have been sent from ARMTA and deposited in our local account. Receipts for the Yates Festival rehearsal payment were handed out. Christine will initiate the bank signing transfer to Megan Wittig after the minutes are prepared. Christine moved the adoption of the Treasurer's report as presented. Betty Jo seconded.

Teachers shared comments and feedback regarding their experience with the Music Festival this year. Next year's dates are March 23-April 4, 2020.

ARMTA *Tempo* Editor Lisa Ng is looking for submissions for the next edition of *Tempo*. CFMTA will be sponsoring a second E-Festival featuring Canadian composition from November 1-22<sup>nd</sup>.

Christine informed the members of the arrangements that she and Betty Jo have been pursuing to host the Young Artist Competition winner in recital in Lethbridge. Jessica Yuma, pianist will present a recital on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lethbridge Public Library Main Branch in the Theatre Gallery. Tickets will be \$15-regular, \$10-students-seniors, 12 and under free. Christine will pursue online ticket sales available through ARMTA. Tickets will also be available at the door. Betty Jo has graciously agreed to host Jessica at her home. Thank you to Betty Jo! Information and notices will be circulated to teachers by email. Please support this event any way that you can and encourage your students to attend!

The Allied Arts Council annual meeting took place on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Casa. Thank you to Tamara Bowie who attended on our behalf! We have the Lethbridge Public Library Showcase booked for the month of August through the Allied Arts Council and will also be the Arts Info Feature in the Lethbridge Leisure Guide for August 2019.

Coffee and Conversation is at the home of Linda Davies at **1260 5th Ave S.** (not 5A). 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 suspending coffee meetings until September.

The printed Branch directory and brochure will be updated after all the fees and ARMTA registrations are collected. Christine informed the members of a number of teachers who are leaving our group: Maria Geppert, Andrew Gierulski, Katrina Palsky, Barb Hignell and Mark Mitchell. When prepared and printed 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 has offered to help with distribution.

Christine reported to members that our Yellow Pages account has been inadvertently cancelled and that our ad does not appear in the most recent printing of the hard copy of the Yellow Pages. Christine was able to reinstate our free online listing. She will pursue the possibility of getting a year for free because of the mix up.

Members offered feedback on the Festival Prep Recital that took place on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Christine circulated a photo and report that she had submitted to the Lethbridge Herald featuring the winners of the Practise-a-thon prizes.

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. Thanks to Betty Jo for her generosity—we appreciate her making her studio available for our events!

Betty Jo and Christine will make the arrangements for the final general recital at the University of Lethbridge Recital Hall.

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.

Christine and Megan reported on the recent Voice Workshop and Masterclass with Rachel Goldenberg on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Christine presented the financial report. This event was sponsored by ARMTA Continuing Education with a grant for \$350. Expenses included printing, venue rental and pianist for the workshop. A deficit of \$79.20 resulted. Twenty students, teachers, choir singers and directors attended.

Marilyn reported that she is keeping in touch with former members, James and Ruth Ringland. James designed our local branch logo and was recognized at our Canada Music Week recital last year.

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 is the same as last year. Entry forms are available from Marilyn Sinclair (403-329-9188). For more information

contact Karen MacDonald at 403-553-3365. Marilyn will receive entries for the rest of the week before she takes them to Karen in Fort MacLeod.

Christine submitted a proposal for ARMTA Continuing Education funding for our events this year. The Keys to Piano grant of \$650 has been sent to the University of Lethbridge Conservatory of Music. The \$350 grant for the voice workshop with Rachel Goldenberg has been received and deposited. The Piano Yoga shortfall funds of \$90.10 have yet to be received.

Centric MusicFest dates are set for June 19-23rd this year. Featured are: [Charles Richard-Hamelin](#) (Laureate of the International Chopin Piano Competition); Trio de Moda; [jamani duo](#) Jodi and Matt Groenheide; Madison Craig soprano, and pianist Zain Solinski.

The theme for CFMTA Branching Out 2020 is "Music on the Move." Branches may hold recitals in non-traditional venues and receive \$100 from CFMTA. Events must take place before March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and applications must be received by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Suggested venues were The View, the Park Place Mall, St. Martha's House and the Hospital. Christine will purse.

The May meeting date has been moved to Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Southminster because Christine will be in Toronto.

A survey was suggested to find out what would entice more teachers to participate in our events. Christine will send out a draft for feedback.

Christine proposed that we sponsor additional Lethbridge Music Festival Awards to represent teachers of other disciplines in our group. After discussion it was decided that we will sponsor \$50 awards for Brass, Violin and Voice for a deserving performer beginning in 2020. We already sponsor two piano awards which are funded by our Awards Account. The new awards will also be funded by our Awards Account. Christine will make arrangements.

**MOTION:** Marilyn Sinclair moved that we sponsor Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival Awards for a deserving student for Brass, Violin and Voice, \$50 each, to be funded from our Awards Account. Seconded by Linda Dickey. All in Favor.

The Annual General Meeting took place.

**MOTION:** Cheryl Hudak moved that we accept the following list of executive members. Tracy Bozzi seconded. All in favor. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to serve our group.

- President: Christine Rogers
- Vice President: Brenda Lockmuller
- Secretary: Vacant
- Treasurer: Megan Wittig
- Corresponding Secretary: Mary Lee Voort
- ARMTA Rep: Tamara Bowie

The following are items which will be pursued.

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!

**Our next meeting will be Monday, May 13th at 10:00 a.m. at Southminster United Church. Please note the change of date because Christine is away.**

**Please use the west entrance in the alley off 4<sup>th</sup> 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