

## LRMTA Minutes Monday, May 13th, 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: Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Linda Dickey, Cheryl Hudak, Brenda Lockmuller and Doreen Laing.

Linda moved the approval of the agenda with Brenda seconding. Betty Jo moved the acceptance of the April minutes as circulated with Doreen seconding.

Christine gave the Treasurer's report. The account balances as of May 13th are: Operating Account: \$935.81 and Awards Account: \$7411.67. The Practise-a-thon proceeds have now been transferred from the Operating Account to the Awards account. All the LRMTA local fees have been deposited. Christine has initiated the bank signing transfer to new Treasurer, Megan Wittig and this will be completed shortly. Brenda and Christine will act as auditors in the summer. Christine moved the adoption of the Treasurer's report as presented. Doreen seconded.

LRMTA *Tempo* Editor Lisa Ng is looking for submissions for the next edition of *Tempo*. Christine submitted a short branch feature reporting on our Practise-a-thon in February.

Arrangements have been completed and Alberta Piano Young Artist, Jessica Yuma, 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. Betty Jo has graciously agreed to host Jessica at her home. Thank you to Betty Jo!

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.

We will be suspending coffee meetings until September. (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.)

The printed Branch directory and brochure will be updated for a new printing.

Christine followed up on last month's report that our Yellow Pages account had 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 contacted Yellow Pages and they will be reviewing the situation. Christine has requested that we receive one year in the next print version for free.

Christine reported the Yates no longer has a board available for community poster display.

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!

Our final recital of the year will take place at the University of Lethbridge in W-570, the Recital Hall at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 25th. Christine has relayed the ARMTA insurance certificate to the University of Lethbridge. Christine and Brenda will be the convenors. Christine will take the names and prepare the program. Please send your submissions by email to Christine before Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to Deanna Oye for arranging this wonderful opportunity for our students to play in a superior venue!

Our Canada Music Week Recital is booked for Saturday, November 23rd at 2:30 p.m. in the Lethbridge Public Library. Betty Jo will look into booking our Spring Recital for Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. at the Lethbridge Public Library as well.

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. The person with whom they have been in contact at the University of Lethbridge is now on leave until October, so we may pursue this project for the following 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 is [Brad Parker](#), University of Lethbridge Piano Professor. Festival cards have been delivered or are ready for pickup. For more information contact Karen MacDonald at 403-553-3365.

All of our funding from ARMTA Continuing Education for the year has been 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. Christine will contact Ryan Kolodziej to see if posters are available.

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, St. Therese and the Hospital. A Halloween recital was suggested. Christine will pursue and find out some options and possibilities.

Christine reported on preliminary results for our RMT event survey. We are hoping to gain feedback to improve attendance at events. So far 25 teachers have submitted responses. One of the preliminary comments was regarding territorial acknowledgement statements honoring the original Indigenous presence on the land we currently occupy. Many organizations now

preface events with a prepared statement, a practise which we may wish to adopt. We will discuss this at our September meeting. The following is used by both the Lethbridge College and the University of Lethbridge:

*We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Nakoda (Stoney), and Tsuut'ina.*

Betty Jo will contact RC rep Monica Baczuk to arrange for a possible luncheon with the examiner.

The 2019 meeting dates have been tentatively set for Mondays at 10:00 at Southminster United Church. September 9<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup>, January 6<sup>th</sup>, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup> (Music Festival March 23-April 4), May 4<sup>th</sup>. These have been submitted to Southminster and a donation cheque for \$80 will be prepared for September.

It was suggested that we send out a fee survey to collect current information about teacher rates in our organization.

The following are items which will continue to be explored:

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. So far Megan Wittig has volunteered to approach singers for all or part of a performance. Other ideas are welcome! We will gather information about other performances in the community and try to plan around them and set a date.

**Our next meeting will be Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at Southminster United Church. 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