

LRMTA Minutes Monday, September 9th, 2019, Southminster United Church Lounge

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Christine called the meeting to order in Southminster United Church Lounge. There were 10 members present: Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Linda Dickey, Cheryl Hudak, Brenda Lockmuller, Michele Tamtom, Tamara Bowie, Tracy Bozzi, Marilyn Sinclair, and Doreen Laing.

Christine welcomed new member Michele Tamtom from Taber, and members introduced themselves to her. Welcome Michele!

Brenda moved the approval of the agenda with Doreen seconding. Linda moved the acceptance of the May minutes as circulated with Marilyn seconding.

Christine gave the Treasurer's report. The account balances as of September 9th are: Operating Account: \$858.72 and Awards Account: \$7411.67. Thank you to Brenda and Christine for acting as summer auditors for our financial year. A cheque for \$80 has been prepared for Southminster for the rental donation for meetings. Additional copies have been purchased at the UPS store for Branch business (\$63 for 1000 copies). Christine presented the Annual Financial Report as prepared by Megan and Christine.

MOTION: Christine moved the acceptance of the Annual Financial Report, seconded by Tracy, all in favor, carried.

Dates for the Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival are **March 23 to April 4, 2020**. The AGM will take place on **Tuesday, Oct. 15th, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Community Room at Casa.

ARMTA News: The Alberta Music Conference will take place October 24-26 in Calgary. <http://www.musicconferenceab.ca/> Jessica Yuma, the Alberta Piano Young Artist won the national competition this summer in Winnipeg. CFMTA Conference will be in Edmonton in 2021. The CFMTA e-Festival will take place Nov. 1-22. Please contact Christine if you have any questions.

Coffee and Conversation is at the home of Linda Davies at **1260 5th Ave S.** (not 5A) and has been tentatively set for **Thursday, October 10th 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 deciding the annual awards, so we would welcome your help!

Christine is in the process of updating the website, Branch Directory, and Brochure. Please let her know of any updates or changes needed.

Christine made a short presentation on the Registered Music Teachers at the University of Lethbridge music student orientation on September 4th.

Christine followed up on our Yellow Pages account which had been inadvertently cancelled, resulting in the omission of our ad 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 after reviewing the issue, they will be offering us a half price fee for our ad (\$109.80) in the next hard copy printing. Christine has requested that Lorrie Wittke update our Kijiji ad. A new poster which features the contact information of each of our teachers has been prepared to put up at the Allied Arts Council office. If anyone has a place they know of where this poster could be displayed, please contact Christine.

Our Canada Music Week Recital is booked for Saturday, **November 23rd at 2:30 p.m.** in the Lethbridge Public Library. Our Spring Festival Preparation Recital will take place Saturday, **March 21st at 2:30 p.m.** at the Lethbridge Public Library as well. A discussion followed as to whether or not to continue to offer adult get-togethers. After discussion it was agreed to continue for now. Our upcoming Christmas and adult programs will be booked by the next meeting. Christine passed around a convenor sign-up sheet. **We still need one other convenor for the Canada Music Week Recital. Please contact Christine if you are available.** This involves hosting the recital, bringing a basket for the silver collection and taking names and helping to prepare the program.

Christine will be preparing an application for funding from ARMTA Continuing Education (convenor Deanna Oye) for Keys to Piano and the upcoming Voice Workshop and Masterclass.

Christine presented information to wrap up the Young Artist Recital featuring pianist Jessica Yuma which took place last May. Our profit after expenses and the CFMTA portion was nearly \$150. Christine relayed congratulations on our successful event from provincial member Judith Ammann. A thank you card from Jessica Yuma was circulated.

Christine passed around notices, thank you cards and summer advertising inserts for the Lethbridge Public Library Happenings Magazine and the August Lethbridge Leisure Guide.

All Branch handouts are available for download on the website at <http://lrmta.com/member-documents/> Please contact Christine if you need any hard copies.

Branch award entries must be submitted on or before our next meeting on October 7th.

Please use the Awards Submission Form which can be accessed on the LRMTA website under <http://lrmta.com/member-documents/> Please contact Christine if you would like a hard copy. Awards will be disbursed at the October coffee meeting and cheques will be written at the November coffee meeting. We would welcome your help! ARMTA has increased the amount available from the ARMTA Recognition Fund for branch student awards from \$500 to \$750. Previously we had been using the \$500 for 5--\$100 awards for those students with the highest

marks who had completed a theory and practical exam in the same award year. Discussion followed regarding the best use of the increase in available award funds from ARMTA.

MOTION: Marilyn moved that we continue to use the ARMTA Recognition Fund money (\$750) for students who have achieved first class honors in both a theory and practical exam in the same awards year, and designate larger awards for the senior levels at the discretion of the disbursement committee. Doreen seconded. All in favor. Carried.

We have been pursuing the possibility of beginning our recitals, especially the Canada Music Week Recital with an Indigenous Territorial Acknowledgement Statement. Many organizations are adopting such statements. Christine will send out an email for feedback.

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 15th, 2020 and applications must be received by March 31st, 2020. Suggested venues were The View, St. Martha’s House, St. Therese and the Alberta Rose Lodge. A Halloween recital is being planned. Betty Jo, Tamara and Linda Dickey will call and check out the possible venues.

A voice workshop and masterclass with Liesel Fedkenheuer from Calgary will take place on **Saturday, April 25th, 2020 from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.** in the Theatre Gallery of the Lethbridge Public Library.

Christine reported on results for our RMT event survey and our RMT fee survey. These results can be viewed at <https://forms.gle/vNcnAQehVuwjqxe27> Click on “See previous responses.” The most recent RMT fee survey showed that the hourly rate of teachers in our branch ranges from \$25.50 per hour to \$75 per hour. These results can be viewed at: <https://forms.gle/jRE4o4DzDfy826739> Once again, click on “See previous responses.”

Christine, Betty Jo and Tamara reported on the idea of having a First Nations music presentation at our Canada Music Week recital in November. Tamara has been able to contact John Chief Calf, an education coordinator for the Lethbridge School Division, who suggested an LCI student who composes their own music with Blackfoot elements. It was also suggested that First Nations art work might be displayed, since John Chief Calf is an artist as well. Tamara will continue to pursue arrangements. Thanks to Tamara for following up for us!

Piano and Pie will take place **Friday, September 20th, 2019** at 6:30 p.m. at the Galt Museum (502-1st Street S. Lethbridge) featuring pianist, Ryan Kolodziej. Tickets are \$35 and include dessert. Please phone Brendt Lukinuk at 403 380 4775 to reserve your tickets. Cash or cheque at the door.

Keys to Piano will take place **March 6-7, 2020** with clinician Brad Parker from the University of Lethbridge.

The APTA (Alberta Piano Teachers Association) Conference will take place September 27-28 in Red Deer. Doreen encouraged members to take advantage of this wonderful conference.

<https://aptaonline.net/apta-conference/>

The 2019 meeting dates have been set for Mondays at 10:00 at Southminster United Church. September 9th, October 7th, November 4th, January 6th, February 3rd, March 2nd, April 6th (Music Festival March 23-April 4), May 4th. These have been submitted to Southminster and a donation cheque for \$80 has been prepared.

We will plan for a fundraising recital in 2019-2020. The date has been set for **Saturday, May 9th, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Community Room at Casa. Please keep this date free so that you can support our Branch. 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, October 7th 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.

REMINDER: All submissions for branch awards must be received at or before the October meeting.

Minutes prepared by Christine Rogers