

## **LRMTA Minutes Monday, Oct. 7th, 2019, Southminster United Church Lounge**

Check out the website for updates and information regarding upcoming events and meetings at [www.lrmta.com](http://www.lrmta.com)

Christine called the meeting to order in Southminster United Church Lounge. There were 5 members present: Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Linda Dickey, Tracy Bozzi, and Marilyn Sinclair.

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

Christine gave the Treasurer's report. The account balances as of October 7th are: Operating Account: \$773.77 and Awards Account: \$7411.67. Christine and Treasurer, Megan Wittig will be meeting to update the finances. Cheques will be prepared for UPS copies and Conservatory piano rental for the May 9th, 2020 Gala Fundraising Concert. Christine moved the approval of the Treasurer's report, Linda seconding.

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. 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Community Room at Casa. Since new LRMTA member Sage Mitchell is a flute teacher, after discussion it was decided to include woodwinds in the awards we sponsor for the Festival.

**MOTION:** Betty Jo Radley moved that our Branch sponsor the following Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival awards, seconded by Tracy. All in Favor.

- 1) \$50 annual award to a deserving piano student in a junior piano class
- 2) \$50 annual award to a deserving piano student in a senior piano class
- 3) \$50 annual award to a deserving brass or woodwind student
- 4) \$50 award to a deserving voice student
- 5) \$50 award to a deserving violin student

ARMTA News: The Alberta Music Conference will take place October 24-26 in Calgary. <http://www.musicconferenceab.ca/> CFMTA Conference will be in Edmonton in 2021. The CFMTA e-Festival will take place Nov. 1-22. Thanks to Tamara, our ARMTA Rep who prepared our LRMTA Branch report for the upcoming ARMTA Board Meeting.

Betty Jo brought up a concern about the cost of the online RCM ear training resources. She will contact Derek Chiu, the RCM rep, for clarification.

Coffee and Conversation is at the home of Linda Davies at **1260 5th Ave S.** (not 5A) on **Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 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!

Linda, Christine, and Betty Jo offered to drop off Branch brochures at City Hall, the Allied Arts Council office and Music Court. If you have other places that you know of where we can display our brochures, please let Christine know. Thanks to Lorrie Wittke who updated our Kijiji ad.

Our Canada Music Week Recital is booked for Saturday, **November 23rd at 2:30 p.m.** in the Lethbridge Public Library. Tamara is one of our convenors. **If you are able to volunteer as the second convenor, please contact Christine.** Recital convenor responsibilities include collecting names and drafting a program, bringing a basket for the silver collection, greeting parents and students, and handing out programs. Marilyn and Betty Jo are available if a second convenor does not volunteer. Christine will order Canada Music Week pencils.

Our Spring Festival Preparation Recital will take place Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. at the Lethbridge Public Library. The Christmas Adult Get-together is planned for Saturday, Dec. 7th, 9:00 a.m. at 810 Kodiak Bay. N. and the Christmas Recital the same day at 10:30 a.m. at 810 Kodiak Bay N. Thanks to Betty Jo Radley for once again generously hosting these programs in her home studio.

Christine has prepared an application for ARMTA Continuing Education funding for *Keys to Piano* and the April 2020 Voice Workshop and Masterclass, and submitted it to ARMTA convenor, Deanna Oye.

Christine made available hard copies of our LRMTA letterhead. Contact Christine if you would like any.

Branch award entries were collected. Award amounts will be disbursed at the October coffee meeting and cheques will be written at the November coffee meeting. We would welcome your help!

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. Three teachers responded to Christine's email requesting feedback. A shorter statement was preferred and it was suggested that we use the statement verbally at the Canada Music Week recital and printed on other programs. Christine will draft a final statement and bring it to the next meeting for approval.

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. For our Branching Out event, we have planned a Halloween-themed recital for **Saturday, October 26th, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.** at **The View: 110 Scenic Dr N.** The recital will take place at 2:00 p.m. and there will be an ice cream social with residents at 2:45. p.m. Thanks to Linda Dickey for making the arrangements! Students are encouraged to wear costumes and any repertoire is welcome. Betty Jo Radley and Lorrie Wittke will be hosting the event. Thank you, Betty Jo and

Lorrie! It has been suggested that we park on the west side of The View parking lot and on the hill first. Please advise parents and students about parking. Please follow the link for a [Map](#). Contact Betty Jo by **Monday, October 21st** and let her know which students will be attending and their selections. **NOTE:** Students may play more than one selection. Phone: 403-329-1655 or email: [b.radley@shaw.ca](mailto:b.radley@shaw.ca) Please support this event—the \$100 we receive from CFMTA will be used to support future events for teachers and students.

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

Christine reported on the arrangements that Tamara has been pursuing for a First Nations music presentation at our Canada Music Week recital in November. John Chief Calf, an artist and education coordinator for the Lethbridge School Division, has arranged for an LCI student who composes his own music with Blackfoot elements, to perform 3 short selections with his brother playing drum. John Chief Calf will display some of his artwork and speak briefly on Blackfoot culture. Thanks to Tamara for following up for us! Final arrangements will be made before the recital. It was suggested that a phrase in Blackfoot related to music (and its translation) could be printed in our program. Tracy Bozzi will pursue. Christine will also check in with Tamara about this possibility.

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

The 2019 meeting dates have been set for Mondays at 10:00 at Southminster United Church. Remaining dates are: 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>.

We will host a fundraising recital on **Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 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. Contact Christine if you would be willing to perform!

Christine reported that she completed a survey on our Branch's behalf, created by AMS Planning and Research for the Lethbridge Performing Arts Centre.

Christine noted that Karin Barg has a grand piano and a digital harpsichord for sale. Please circulate this information to interested parents, students and other teachers. Contact Karin Barg at 403-327-9495.



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& II  
Only 500 built by Roland. Pristine condition. \$1750

**Our next meeting will be Monday, November 4th 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