

LRMTA Minutes Monday, Nov. 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: Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Brenda Lockmuller, Tracy Bozzi, and Marilyn Sinclair.

Brenda moved the approval of the agenda with Marilyn seconding. Tracy moved the acceptance of the October minutes as circulated with Marilyn seconding.

Christine gave the Treasurer's report. The account balances as of November 4th are: Operating Account: \$705.82 and Awards Account: \$7413.54. Christine and Treasurer, Megan Wittig will be meeting to update the finances. Cheques will be prepared for reimbursement for the Canada Music Week pencils and the Library rental for the November 23rd Recital. Cheques will also be written for the upcoming Branch awards presentation. Christine moved the approval of the Treasurer's report, Brenda seconding.

Dates for the Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival are **March 23 to April 4, 2020**. This coming Festival will mark the 90th anniversary and special events are being planned.

ARMTA News: The Alberta Music Conference took place October 24-26 in Calgary. Thanks to Tamara, our ARMTA Rep, who attended the Board meeting on Thursday, October 24th and to both Christine and Tamara for attending the AGM on Saturday, October 26th. Christine reported on a number of items from the AGM and the Board meeting. Annual ARMTA dues will increase to cover the cost of insurance and CFMTA fees increases. Congratulations to Lethbridge Milestone recipients: Lorrie Wittke, 25 years, Christine Rogers, 35 years, Betty Jo Radley, 40 years! These will be presented during our Awards Presentation at the November 23rd Recital. ARMTA is reviewing its tag lines and will be adopting a number of statements to be used in different situations. ARMTA will be working to offer a String Competition in 2020. A discussion of non-discrimination and conflict resolution policies took place with possible changes to the Code of Ethics and Policies and Procedures being considered. ARMTA is looking for a Social Media rep to maintain their Facebook and Instagram accounts. Please contact Christine if you are interested in contributing to ARMTA in this position. CFMTA Conference will be in Edmonton in 2021. The CFMTA e-Festival will take place Nov. 1-22.

Marilyn brought up concerns about mistakes in the marking of RCM theory exams. She encouraged teachers to look over their students' papers. Please call her if you have any issues to share.

Coffee and Conversation is at the home of Linda Davies at **1260 5th Ave S.** (not 5A) on **Thursday, November 14th 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 preparing the awards cheques and envelopes.

Our Canada Music Week Recital and Awards Presentation will take place **Saturday, November 23rd, at 2:30 p.m. in the Theatre Gallery of the Lethbridge Public Library Main Branch 810 5th Ave. S.** Thanks to Tamara Bowie and Cheryl Hudak who are the convenors. Please send the names, selections, and grade level (if possible) to Cheryl by **Monday, November 18th** so that there is time to prepare and print the program. Her email is: cherhudak@yahoo.ca Please note, this program features Canadian composers, but other repertoire is accepted. Please let Christine know if you would be able to play *O Canada* at the beginning of the program or have a senior student who is available and is comfortable enough to accompany singing. Please notify your students who are receiving awards and encourage them to attend. After the recital we will be taking a photo of the award winners to send to the Lethbridge Herald and to post on our website. Also after the recital we will take a group teacher photo to update our photo for publicity. During the awards presentation we will be recognizing Betty Jo Radley, Christine Rogers and Lorrie Wittke as ARMTA Milestone Award recipients. Christine has ordered Canada Music Week pencils to give out to students performing on the recital program which have already arrived.

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. Brenda will be available to help convene. Please contact Betty Jo a week before at 403-329-1655 to let her know which students will be performing. Our Spring Festival Preparation Recital will take place Saturday, March 21st, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. at the Lethbridge Public Library.

The Southern Alberta Piano Teachers' Association will be having a Christmas program at McKillop United Church on Saturday, December 14th. If any teachers would like to have their students perform, please contact Marilyn Sinclair at 403-328-9188.

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. We have been notified that we have received the *Keys to Piano* funding.

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. Feedback favored a shorter statement and it was suggested that we use the statement verbally at the Canada Music Week recital and printed on other programs at our discretion. A final draft of the statement was presented. Further discussion followed.

MOTION: Betty Jo moved that we adopt the following Indigenous Territorial Acknowledgement Statement for discretionary use on programs and at events. Seconded by Marilyn. Carried.

We (I) would like to (begin by) honor(ing) the Blackfoot people and acknowledge that we gather on their traditional lands.

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. For our Branching Out event, we held a Halloween-themed recital Saturday, October 26th, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at The View: 110 Scenic Dr. N. The recital took place at 2:00 p.m. and there was an ice cream social with residents following. Thanks to Betty Jo Radley and Lorrie Wittke who hosted the event. Thank you to Lise Boutin, Cheryl Hudak, Betty Jo Radley and Christine Rogers who submitted students. Christine will prepare the application for \$100 and send it to CFMTA with the required photo and documents. Betty Jo reported on the event and relayed concerns regarding the available piano and the staff. Other venues may be considered for future events. Betty Jo offered to coordinate a future Halloween recital with any interested teachers.

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 the arrangements that Tamara has been pursuing for a First Nations music and art 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. John Chief Calf will display some of his artwork and speak briefly on Blackfoot culture. Tamara will be finalizing arrangements. Thanks to Tamara for her work on this project!

Christine has prepared and submitted an application for the CFMTA William Andrews Award for Canada Music Week projects to cover the costs of the above First Nations music and art presentation. After the meeting we were notified that we had been awarded the funding for the project.

Keys to Piano will take place **March 6-7, 2020** with clinician [Brad Parker](#) from the University of Lethbridge. A second clinician, [Heather Campbell](#) from Mississauga, Ontario has been engaged for both the Friday evening presentation and the Saturday masterclasses.

The 2019-2020 meeting dates have been set for Mondays at 10:00 at Southminster United Church. Remaining dates are: January 6th, February 3rd, March 2nd, April 6th (Music Festival March 23-April 4), May 4th.

We will host a fundraising recital on **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. Contact Christine if you would be willing to perform!

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 6th, 2020 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.

Minutes prepared by Christine Rogers