

## **LRMTA Minutes Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 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, Brenda Lockmuller, Linda Dickey, Doreen Laing, and Marilyn Sinclair.

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

Christine gave the Treasurer's report. The account balances as of January 6<sup>th</sup> are: Operating Account: \$908.87 and Awards Account: \$6098.54. Christine and Treasurer, Megan Wittig will be meeting to update the finances. Cheques will be prepared for reimbursement for the Canada Music Week First Nations presentation. Cheques will also be written for the annual Music Festival awards that our branch sponsors (5 X \$250 from the awards account). Upcoming expenses include the Allied Arts Council annual fee of \$75, the annual renewal for our website domain \$17.99 US and the renewal for the Yellow Pages print ad. There are currently 5 outstanding cheques on our awards account. Christine will contact teachers to check in with students. Christine moved the approval of the Treasurer's report, Doreen seconding.

Dates for the Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival are **March 23 to April 4, 2020**. Deadline for registration is January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This coming Festival will mark the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and special events are being planned. The Junior Piano adjudicator is Richard Coombes and the Senior Piano adjudicator is Magdalena von Eccher. Doreen will look into which venues will be used for senior piano, so that we can book a time for rehearsal for students. Follow the link to online Festival registration: <http://lethmsf.org/reg/> Please contact the Festival with any questions at (403) 381-6512 or the general manager, Megan Wittig by email at: [generalmanager@lethmsf.org](mailto:generalmanager@lethmsf.org)

ARMTA News: CFMTA Conference will be in Edmonton in 2021. All branches are being encouraged to contribute to help with provincial expenses. It has been suggested that proceeds from a recital might be one way to support ARMTA. The [CFMTA e-Festival](#) will take place February 7-28. Open to any and all repertoire selections.

Marilyn Sinclair and Doreen Laing recently received Legacy Examiner awards from the Royal Conservatory. Congratulations to Marilyn and Doreen! They reminded teachers that they are available to do mock/simulated exams for students in preparation for examination day. Please contact Marilyn at [a-m-sinclair@hotmail.com](mailto:a-m-sinclair@hotmail.com) or 403-329-9188 or Doreen at [dl88keys@telus.net](mailto:dl88keys@telus.net) or 403-328-6786 for more information or to book a session. It was suggested that teachers book a time at least 2 weeks before a student's exam. Marilyn and

Doreen don't usually accept payment for this service, but you may wish to suggest to families to pick up a gift card. Please check in with Doreen and Marilyn as to their preferences.

Please follow the link to the University of Lethbridge website to view upcoming junior and graduation recitals. These recitals are free and open to the public and take place in the University of Lethbridge Recital Hall: <https://www.uleth.ca/fine-arts/study/music/junior-and-graduation-recitals/student-recital-calendar>

Coffee and Conversation is at the home of Linda Davies at **1260 5th Ave S.** (not 5A) on **Thursday, January 9th 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.

Thank you to everyone who supported and participated in our Canada Music Week Recital and Awards Presentation. A special thank you to our convenors Tamara Bowie and Cheryl Hudak. Thank you as well to Tamara for making the arrangements for our First Nations Music and Culture presentation. We received a CFMTA William Andrews Award of \$250 to fund this project. Teachers brought up concerns about security and safety at the Library, especially with respect to the washrooms. Christine will contact the Library about these concerns. It was also suggested that at the next recital, students use the washroom with a buddy.

Thank you to Betty Jo for hosting the Christmas recital at her home and to Brenda for her help and support. We encourage teachers to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for students to play their Christmas music in a fun, holiday atmosphere.

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. Brenda volunteered as convenor and Marilyn offered to be there to watch the door. If anyone else is available to help convene, please contact Christine at [c4rogers@telus.net](mailto:c4rogers@telus.net) or 403-327-2073.

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. Christine will follow up with Deanna.

Christine passed around thank you cards and recent articles from the Lethbridge Herald.

A discussion followed regarding our next RCM Examiner Luncheon. Betty Jo will contact RC Rep, Monica Baczuk and find out what times would work best. Marilyn suggested that we invite retiring members, Andrew Gierulski and Maria Geppert. She also suggested the restaurant at the Royal Canadian Legion for lunch. The address is [324 Mayor Magrath Dr. S.](#) Details will be circulated by email.

We received the \$100 cheque from CFMTA Branching Out 2020 "Music on the Move" for the Halloween-themed recital that took place October 26<sup>th</sup> at The View. Thanks again to Betty Jo for helping organize the event!

The clinician booked for the voice workshop and masterclass is having some health concerns, so University of Lethbridge professor, Blaine Hendsbee has been contracted for the event. This 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. Everyone is welcome to attend. Details will be circulated when finalized.

The cheque for the CFMTA William Andrews Award for the Canada Music Week First Nations Music and Culture Presentation has been received and deposited.

**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. Promotional materials and details will be circulated shortly. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this great opportunity for teachers and students in our community! Please plan to attend and encourage your students to participate.

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!

Remaining meeting dates are: 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>.

**Our next meeting will be Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 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