

## **LRMTA Minutes Monday, February 3rd, 2020, Southminster United Church Lounge**

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Christine called the meeting to order in Southminster United Church Lounge. There were 4 members present: Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Linda Dickey, and Marilyn Sinclair.

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

Christine gave the Treasurer's report. The account balances as of February 3rd are: Operating Account: \$833.87 and Awards Account: \$5693.54. Christine and Treasurer, Megan Wittig will be meeting to update the finances. Cheques will be prepared for reimbursement for the website domain renewal and the RCM Examiner lunch. A cheque will also be written for the annual Allied Arts Council fee of \$75. Other upcoming expenses include the Yellow Pages print ad and the rental of the Library Theatre Gallery for the Spring Recital. The receipt for the \$250 contribution to the Lethbridge Festival awards has been received. All Awards cheques have been cashed. Christine moved the approval of the Treasurer's report, Betty Jo 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 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and special events are being planned. **A Gala Anniversary Concert on March 29th at 1:30 p.m. will feature adjudicators and Honour Bands and Choirs.** The Junior Piano adjudicator is Richard Coombes and the Senior Piano adjudicator is Magdalena von Eccher. 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)

Linda will contact the Facility Manager, Scott Carpenter and check into available times for a student rehearsal at the Yates.

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. Since we already have a fundraising recital booked for this year, we have decided to split the proceeds of our May 9<sup>th</sup> Fundraising Recital between our Awards Program and the CFMTA National Convention. The [CFMTA e-Festival](#) will take place February 7-28. Open to any and all repertoire selections. Early bird deadline for ARMTA membership renewal is February 28<sup>th</sup>.

The annual fee of \$75 is due for the Allied Arts Council membership. The AAC annual general meeting will take place on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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, February 13 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. Betty Jo suggested that we discuss a recent article (page 25-27) in the CFMTA Magazine: [https://www.cfmta.org/archive/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/CFMTA-Winter-2020\\_webdigital.pdf](https://www.cfmta.org/archive/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/CFMTA-Winter-2020_webdigital.pdf)

Christine followed up on concerns regarding security at the Public Library during recitals. She read a response from Terra Plato, Library CEO outlining what measures are in place. It was also noted, that City funding for a 3<sup>rd</sup> security guard at the Main Branch has been implemented. Linda will follow up and offer a suggestion regarding lighting that she heard other public places are using. Christine will forward the contact information to Linda.

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 Lockmuller and Lorrie Wittke will convene and Marilyn offered to be there to watch the door. A discussion followed regarding a guest performer. Linda and Betty Jo will check with their Grade 10, ARCT students. Christine will send out an email to see if other teachers might have students available.

Our final adult get-together will take place on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Betty Jo's at 810 Kodiak Bay N.

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.

Voice workshop and masterclass with Blaine Hendsbee from the University of Lethbridge 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 and materials will be circulated when prepared.

***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 are available. Complete information has been sent out by email. 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. **TEACHERS ATTEND FOR FREE!** Follow link to complete information: <http://lrmta.com/events/>

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. Preparations are underway. We will be splitting the profits between our Awards Program and the CFMTA 2021 National Convention in Edmonton.

Piano Class Festival at McKillop United Church will take place May 25-28 with the final recital on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. The adjudicator will be Bente Hansen from the University of Lethbridge.

The Southern Alberta Piano Teachers will be holding a recital at McKillop United Church on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have students who might want to participate, call or email Marilyn Sinclair at [a-m-sinclair@hotmail.com](mailto:a-m-sinclair@hotmail.com) or 403-329-9188.

Remaining meeting dates are: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 6th (Music Festival March 23-April 4), May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Our next meeting will be Monday, March 2<sup>nd</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