

LRMTA Minutes Monday, March 2nd, 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, Linda Dickey, Tracy Bozzi, Brenda Lockmuller and Marilyn Sinclair.

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

Christine gave the Treasurer's report. The account balances as of March 2nd are: Operating Account: \$699.20 and Awards Account: \$5693.54. Christine and Treasurer, Megan Wittig will be meeting to update the finances. Upcoming expenses include the Yellow Pages print ad and the rental of the Library Theatre Gallery for the Spring Recital (\$75). 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**. This coming Festival will mark the 90th 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

Arrangements are being finalized for a student rehearsal at Southminster United Church on Sunday, March 22nd from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

ARMTA News: CFMTA Conference will be in Edmonton in 2021. All branches are being encouraged to contribute to help with provincial expenses. We have decided to split the proceeds of our May 9th Fundraising Recital between our Awards Program and the CFMTA National Convention. ARMTA membership renewal deadline is March 31st. Marilyn reported that it is getting more difficult to find people to volunteer for ARMTA executive and convenor positions.

The AAC annual general meeting will take place on March 31st at 7:00 p.m. at the Multicultural Centre: 421-6th Ave. S. A volunteer is needed to attend on our group's behalf.

Teachers reported on their frustration with recent RCM exam registration. If you have any concerns please contact our Alberta RCM Rep, Derek Chiu at derek.chiu@rcmusic.ca

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, March 12 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.

A short discussion followed regarding the need for an ad in the print Yellow Pages. We will revisit this next year.

Linda followed up on security concerns regarding the Public Library with a suggestion of blue lights in the washrooms which have been shown to deter drug activity. Library CEO, Terra Plato responded saying that the Library had considered this option, but decided not to implement it for other reasons.

Our Spring Festival Preparation Recital will take place **Saturday, March 21st, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. at the Lethbridge Public Library.** Thanks to Brenda Lockmuller and Lorrie Wittke who will convene and to Marilyn who will be there to watch the door. Brenda will take the names and Lorrie will prepare the program. Contact Brenda at bjlockmuller@gmail.com by Monday, March 16th with names, titles and level of selections. Guest performers will be Anna Jeong, piano and Alayna McNeil, violin. We have the Library booked until 5:00 p.m. so there will be time for students and teachers for extra Festival run-throughs after the performance.

Our final adult get-together will take place on **Friday, May 29th at 5:00 p.m.** at Betty Jo's at 810 Kodiak Bay N. Please contact her the week before if you have students who will participate. Her email is b.radley@shaw.ca and phone number is 403-329-1655.

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 regarding the Voice Workshop sponsorship.

Christine passed around a thank you card from a recent award winner and an article from the CFMTA magazine on our November Canada Music Week project.

Voice workshop and masterclass with Blaine Hendsbee from the University of Lethbridge 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. The topic of the masterclass will be "Working with Male Singers." Everyone is welcome to attend. Details and materials will be circulated shortly.

Tracy and Marilyn volunteered to help at *Keys to Piano* at the registration table and as a moderator, respectively.

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. 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 25-29 with the final recital on Friday, May 29th. The adjudicator will be Bente Hansen from the University of Lethbridge. The syllabus will be the same as last year. The deadline for submission is April 15th. Contact Marilyn Sinclair for entry forms at a-m-sinclair@hotmail.com or 403-329-9188.

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

Our Annual General Meeting will take place during our April 6th meeting at which time we will confirm our executive for 2020-2021. Christine will continue as President and Brenda will continue as Vice President. Christine will confirm with other executive members.

Remaining meeting dates: May 4th.

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 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