

LRMTA Minutes Monday, May 4, 2020, Zoom Meeting

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Christine called the Zoom meeting to order and welcomed those participating. There were 9 members present: Megan Wittig, Deanna Oye, Lavinia Parker, Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Cheryl Hudak, Tracy Bozzi, Brenda Lockmuller and Lorrie Wittke.

Cheryl moved the approval of the agenda with Brenda seconding. Tracy moved the acceptance of the March minutes as circulated with Brenda seconding.

Christine and Megan gave the Treasurer's report. The account balances as of April 28th are: Awards Account: \$5693.54 and Operating Account: \$694.24. We have received a refund cheque from Casa for the cancellation of the May 9th Gala Recital rental. We have received a credit from the University of Lethbridge Conservatory for the cancellation of the piano rental for the May 9th Gala Recital. ARMTA has sent a cheque for the \$400 ARMTA Continuing Education grant for the Voice Workshop with Blaine Hendsbee which will be rescheduled. Also included in the cheque from ARMTA, the local annual fees. There are still a few local annual fees to be forwarded from ARMTA, so cheques will be deposited all together when the last local fees are received to minimize trips to the TD Bank. Christine and Megan will meet to update the finances and prepare the annual financial report as soon as everything has been processed and received. Christine moved the approval of the Treasurer's report, Cheryl seconding.

Dates for the Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival 2021 are **March 15 to 27, 2021**. Our awards contribution will be held over for next year's Festival. Please contact the Festival with any questions at (403) 381-6512 or the General Manager, Megan Wittig by email at: 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. Originally we had planned to split the proceeds of the May 9th Gala Recital between our awards account and the Conference. Since that is no longer possible, we may want to consider using funds from our operating account since we have a very healthy balance. We will discuss this at a later date.

The Allied Arts Council (AAC) annual general meeting took place on March 31st at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. Lorrie Wittke participated on our behalf. A report prepared by Lorrie was circulated. Thank you to Lorrie!

Teachers discussed the upcoming changes and challenges regarding RCM exams and registration. Exams will take place remotely by Zoom. If you have any concerns or questions please contact our Alberta RCM Rep, Derek Chiu at derek.chiu@rcmusic.ca

Deanna Oye reported on changes with programming at the University of Lethbridge and the challenges faced by faculty and students.

Coffee and Conversation has been suspended for the time being.

Christine reported that even after extensive contact with Yellow Pages representatives, our print ad did not appear in this year's print version. We do have a free online Yellow Pages posting. A short discussion followed regarding the need for an ad in the print Yellow Pages. Christine will continue to look into the arrangements to see what happened.

Christine reported on the cancelled recitals and events in our community. She suggested if there is interest she would organize a Zoom recital for students who might like the experience for exam preparation. Christine will put together information and send it to teachers to see if a group online performing event can be organized for students. Another meeting platform called Streamyard was also suggested as a possibility. ARMTA will be sponsoring an online workshop on Streamyard. Details will be circulated.

Seventeen members participated in the online voting for our Annual General Meeting and unanimously accepted our 2020-2021 Executive: President-Christine Rogers, Vice-President-Brenda Lockmuller, Secretary-vacant, Treasurer-Megan Wittig, and Corresponding Secretary-Mary Lee Voort. In addition, our ARMTA Provincial Rep is Tamara Bowie. Thanks to these members who have volunteered to serve!

Christine participated in a Performing Arts Centre (PAC) Zoom information update. She will circulate information for members to access if they are interested.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14th, 2020. Information confirming meeting location and format will be circulated when determined.

Minutes prepared by Christine Rogers