

LRMTA Minutes Monday, November 2, 2020, Zoom Meeting

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Christine called the Zoom meeting to order and welcomed those participating. There were 8 members present: Lavinia Kell Parker, Tamara Bowie, Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Linda Dickey, Tracy Bozzi, Brenda Lockmuller, and Lorrie Wittke.

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

Christine gave the Treasurer's report in Megan's absence. The account balances as of November 2nd are: Awards Account: \$5694.96 and Operating Account: \$1840.63. Christine moved the acceptance of the Treasurer's report, Tamara 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.) Megan Wittig sent Christine an update which she relayed to the members. The Festival will be completely virtual—details will be finalized and circulated soon. Please review the [provincial syllabus](#). There have been numerous changes. 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: Tamara and Christine reported on the ARMTA AGM which was held on Friday, October 23rd. Congratulations to Tamara Bowie who has been appointed provincial Vice President! Thank you to Tamara for stepping into this leadership role. Tamara and Christine will check into whether or not we need to appoint a new ARMTA branch rep to replace her. Because CFMTA's current insurance underwriter, Intact, has declined to continue underwriting our Group \$5 million General Commercial Liability Insurance Policy, Westland Insurance Broker was only able to offer us a policy that was close to double what we have been paying. After extensive research, CFMTA has secured a preferable policy. Marsh Canada Limited Insurance Brokerage has been able to offer us the same \$5 million liability insurance coverage with an increased limit of two allowable \$5 million claims per province per year. This will result in a \$20 increase to our annual provincial fees to \$185 per year.

The **CFMTA E-Festival** deadline is **November 19th**: <https://www.cfmta.org/en/e-festival/>

The [RCM Teacher Portal](#) free access has been extended to December 31st.

Brenda is interested in organizing a virtual time for discussion and visiting. Arrangements will be made and circulated by email.

To register to receive links to online recitals and events presented by the U of L Department of Music, follow the link: <https://www.uleth.ca/fine-arts/study/music/concerts-and-recitals>

Lavinia reported on information she had gathered regarding Facebook advertising. The price is determined by the number of clicks on the ad and would be fairly expensive. After discussion it was decided to check this out a little more carefully, but at the same time look at free ways to increase our Facebook presence and also possibly explore Instagram. It was suggested that a small committee of interested teachers be formed to work on this. Lorrie suggested that a focus on mental health and benefits of music might be a good emphasis for upcoming posts.

The deadline for entry of student performance videos of Canadian works for our video recital celebrating Canada Music Week, is November 19th. Please send Tamara Bowie your list of students and their compositions at gtbowie@telus.net Complete details below:

*This year, LRMTA branch will be hosting a Virtual Recital to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Canada Music Week. We would like to invite your students to submit a video recording of themselves playing a piece by a **Canadian Composer, or any music that is Canadian in origin**. See the following link for ideas of Canadian Composers and repertoire if needed:* <http://acnmp.ca/syllabus/english-syllabus/>

Tips for uploading your video

- Film it in the **horizontal** view if possible, recording on phones is acceptable!
- Must include a clear picture of the student playing, showing face or facial profile, hands (in case of pianist and instrumentalist), and instrument.
- Introduce your first name only, the title of your piece and the composer before you begin playing.
- After your performance, take a bow.
- Send completed video to:
<https://www.dropbox.com/request/Aq9QururIP2cO8wKxUYO?oref=e>
- Email parental/student consent form to Tamara Bowie at gtbowie@telus.net
- Teachers you may receive verbal confirmation and sign the form, or parents and students can print, scan and email.

Submissions deadline is **November 19, 2020**. A “watch party” will be hosted over zoom on Saturday, November 28, 2020 at 2:30 and participants can enjoy a scavenger hunt and prizes for those who watch live. A link will also be sent out for those who are unable to attend. **The final recital video will be an Unlisted YouTube video and we ask that families only share the link with close friends and family and not post on social media.**

One final tip: students may make multiple recordings and then choose the best performance to send in. The recording can be made at any time, and can be sent in as soon as it is completed. No need to wait until the deadline nor to keep the piece performance ready until end of November.

Teachers may also wish to submit students' videos to the CFMTA E-Festival (deadline November 19, 2020). Follow the link to the CFMTA website for complete information:
<https://www.cfmta.org/en/e-festival/>

If you have any questions please direct them to Tamara Bowie at gtbowie@telus.net

The details of the **Zoom Watch Party on November 28th at 2:30 p.m.** will be circulated shortly. Students who attend the Watch Party will have a chance to participate in a scavenger hunt and be entered to win prizes (Tim Hortons or Chapters gift cards).

Our Christmas recital activities will be by Zoom on December 5th and 12th. Christine will send details in an email.

Branch awards update: Christine will send the draft disbursement to teachers for confirmation. Cheques will be written by Megan Wittig and envelopes prepared by Christine. Since we won't be having an in-person recital and awards presentation, awards will be delivered to teachers to give to students. An acknowledgement program will be prepared to circulate to students. Students will be recognized on the LRMTA website and during the live portion of the Watch Party on November 28th.

CFMTA **Branching Out** this year is Professional Peer Outreach. The deadline for activities is March 15, 2021. Lavinia will consider making a presentation on teaching composing in the New Year.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11th, 2021 by Zoom. Details will be circulated by email.

Minutes prepared by Christine Rogers