

## **LRMTA Minutes Monday, January 11, 2021, Zoom Meeting**

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

Christine welcomed new member Brad Parker, piano professor at the University of Lethbridge.

Lavinia moved the approval of the agenda with Linda seconding. Tracy moved the acceptance of the November minutes as circulated with Cheryl seconding.

Christine gave the Treasurer's report in Megan's absence. The account balances as of January 8th: Awards Account: \$4521.39 and Operating Account: \$1730.73. There are currently 4 outstanding awards cheques. Teachers have been contacted to follow up with students. Prizes for the Recital Watch Party scavenger hunt have been reimbursed. Upcoming expenses include the annual domain renewal for our website and annual Allied Arts Council (AAC) membership fee. Christine moved the acceptance 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**. Registration is now open and closes February 15<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:generalmanager@lethmsf.org)

**ARMTA News:** Thank you to Tamara Bowie who has been acting as our provincial ARMTA branch representative. She was recently confirmed as Provincial ARMTA Vice President and will no longer be able to act as our local rep, so we are looking for someone to fill this important role. This position involves relaying provincial information to the local branch and taking concerns and feedback from our branch to provincial. It requires attendance at two provincial board meetings a year (usually September and February). Currently meetings are being held by Zoom, but previously at least one meeting a year was held in person often in Red Deer. All expenses, accommodations and meals are covered by ARMTA for travel to meetings. In addition, the provincial rep is usually responsible for two short written reports each year to be prepared for provincial meetings. Contact Christine or Tamara if you are interested in contributing to our Branch in this position.

ARMTA members are eligible to participate in [Music Conference Alberta](#) which will be held virtually over the new few months. The \$60 fee covers all the studio music sessions plus 3 crossover sessions. To register go to: <http://www.musicconferenceab.ca/registration1.html>

The [RCM Teacher Portal](#) free access has been extended once again to February 28, 2021.

Our next virtual coffee and conversation will take place **Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** The Zoom link will be sent out by email. All teachers in our community are welcome to attend.

To register to receive links to online recitals and events presented by the U of L Department of Music, follow the link: <https://uleth.universitickets.com/>

- Music at Noon presents Brad Parker & Deanna Oye: Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 12:15 PM
- Music at Noon presents Trio Regard Persan: Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 12:15 PM
- Music at Noon presents Daniel Bolshoy, guitar: Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 12:15 PM

Christine reported that she had renewed our website domain through HostGator (\$17.99 USD annual fee). Teachers will be given the opportunity to update their information on our website by submitting photos and biographies. Also indicated on the website, will be those teachers currently accepting students.

Christine invited Lorrie to report on the Instagram and Facebook promotional posts she and Tamara will be developing over the next few months. Thanks to Lorrie and Tamara for contributing to our group in this way!

Teachers were invited to give feedback on our Canada Music Week recital and Christmas virtual recitals. Thanks to everyone who helped and participated!

Teachers will be asked for input/ideas regarding our upcoming student recital activities.

Christine shared photos of award thank-you cards from students of Linda Dickey as well as a Lethbridge Herald article about our recent award winners and Canada Music Week Celebration.

Christine will work on updates to our Branch Awards Submission Form to include a video release in addition to the photo and marks release already included.

CFMTA **Branching Out** this year is Professional Peer Outreach. The deadline for activities is March 15, 2021. Lavinia has been in contact with composer, Christine Donkin who is available to make a presentation. Details will be finalized and circulated when confirmed.

Christine suggested a Policies and Procedures review. Brenda and Lorrie offered to participate.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 1st, 2021 by Zoom. Details will be circulated by email.**

Minutes prepared by Christine Rogers