

LRMTA Minutes Monday, February 1 2021, Zoom Meeting

Check out the LRMTA website for updates and information regarding upcoming events and meetings at www.lrmta.com

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

Linda moved the approval of the agenda with Brenda seconding. Brenda moved the acceptance of the January minutes as circulated with Tracy seconding.

Christine and Megan gave the Treasurer's report. The account balances as of January 28th: Awards Account: \$4436.39 and Operating Account: \$1730.73. There is 1 outstanding award cheque. The teacher has been contacted and the student has received the cheque. The annual domain for our website has been renewed and the reimbursement will be prepared. The annual Allied Arts Council (AAC) membership fee \$75 cheque has been sent in. 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**. Registration is now open and closes February 15th. 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: Thank you again to Tamara Bowie who has been acting as our provincial ARMTA branch representative. She was recently confirmed as Provincial ARMTA Vice President and has arranged for Lorrie Wittke to take on the position of ARMTA rep for our branch. Thank you to Lorrie!

Annual ARMTA membership (including local membership fee) is due. Please refer to the ARMTA notice you received for instructions.

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. Most sessions will be recorded and available to delegates registered in the corresponding stream 30 days after initially presented. To register go to:

<http://www.musicconferenceab.ca/registration1.html>

The Allied Arts Council (AAC) annual general meeting will take place by Zoom on Tuesday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. Betty Jo has agreed to attend on our behalf. Thank you, Betty Jo!

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 4th 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. Thanks to Brenda Lockmuller for hosting the conversations.

A U of L Faculty Showcase will take place Tuesday, February 23rd. 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/>

Our teacher listing on the LRMTA website has been updated to include which teachers are taking new students. Please visit the website (www.LRMTA.com) regularly and notify Christine if you would like any information updates for your listing. Photographs and biographies as well as links to individual websites can also be added. Contact Christine with updates.

Thanks to Lorrie Wittke and Tamara Bowie for promoting our group on Facebook and Instagram! Currently, Lorrie is sharing posts on the benefits of music education. We continue to pursue ways to promote our organization through social media. If you have ideas or are willing to help please contact Tamara Bowie at gtbowie@telus.net

Tamara Bowie has agreed to create a video recital for our March performance event. Thank you Tamara! The deadline to submit videos will be March 15th and the watch party will take place on Saturday, March 27th at 2:30 p.m. Students may submit the same videos they are using for the Music Festival.

MOTION: Lorrie Wittke moved that we spend \$100 for 10 gift cards to be given as door prizes during the video recital watch party. Seconded by Linda Dickey. Carried.

A number of suggestions were made for gift cards. The executive will take care of the arrangements.

Christine has updated our Photograph/Video Consent Form and Branch Awards Submission Form based on feedback from members and our experience with the Canada Music Week video recital.

CFMTA **Branching Out** this year is Professional Peer Outreach. Lavinia Kell Parker has arranged for composer Christine Donkin to do a presentation for us. *My Thoughts on Teaching Composition* will take place on Friday, March 5th, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. MST by Zoom. Contact Christine for the Zoom link. Thank you to Lavinia!

Christine will initiate a Policies and Procedures review. Brenda and Lorrie will assist.

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

Minutes prepared by Christine Rogers