

LRMTA Minutes Monday, March 1, 2021, Zoom Meeting

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Christine called the Zoom meeting to order and welcomed those participating. There were 7 members present: Tamara Bowie, Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Lavinia Kell Parker, Brenda Lockmuller, Lorrie Wittke, and Brad Parker.

Lavinia moved the approval of the agenda with Brenda seconding. Betty Jo moved the acceptance of the February minutes as circulated with Tamara seconding.

Christine gave the Treasurer's report. The account balances as of February 24: Awards Account: \$4401.39 and Operating Account: \$1650.78. All awards cheques have been cashed. 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 cashed. Upcoming expenses include the \$250 fee for our Zoom presentation by Christine Donkin and the \$100 for door prizes for the March recital watch party. Christine moved the acceptance of the Treasurer's report, Lorrie seconding.

Dates for the [Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival](#) 2021 are March 15 to 27, 2021. **The deadline for uploading videos and scores for participants is midnight on March 14th.** If you need individual upload links for your students' classes please contact the Festival: phone: (403) 381-6512 or the General Manager, Megan Wittig: email at: generalmanager@lethmsf.org

ARMTA News: Thank you to Tamara and Lorrie for attending the recent virtual ARMTA Boarding Meeting in February. Members are encouraged to participate in [Music Conference Alberta](#). The fee is \$60, and most sessions will be recorded for viewing. Registration closes on March 10: <http://www.musicconferenceab.ca/registration1.html>

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

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](#) is still open to all teachers at this time.

Our next virtual coffee and conversation will take place **Thursday, April 1st 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. The topic will be technique.

Brad Parker updated members on University of Lethbridge activities. A virtual open house for prospective students will take place on Saturday, March 6th. Noon-hour recitals take place virtually on Tuesdays. Some of the programs are recorded so that they can be viewed later. Links to recordings of events which can be viewed later are posted: <https://www.uleth.ca/fine-arts/event-season> There is also a possibility that community teachers and students might be able to participate as observers for masterclasses given by visiting artists. Brad will relay any information to Christine to be circulated to teachers and students.

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/>

Please visit our 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. In addition, if you have any suggestions for information to be posted, please feel free to contact Christine.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will take place at our next meeting on Monday, April 12th. We will confirm our new executive at that time. Christine informed the members that she will take on the position of President for one more year and will help with the transition to new leadership for the group during that time.

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 of promoting our organization through social media. If you have ideas, are willing to help, or have a senior student who might be willing to be involved, please contact Lorrie Wittke at lorrie99@telus.net or 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. There will be door prizes for performers attending the watch party. The executive will arrange for the door prizes (\$100—10 prizes of \$10 each).

We will determine the format of our final recitals at our next meeting. Options include smaller Zoom recitals for students to play their exam programs or a longer, more traditional program by Zoom. We will also consider an adult activity.

Lavinia reported that once the COVID restrictions are lifted, our branch may use St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sanctuary (1818 5 Ave S) for student recitals (up to 3 times each year) at no cost, as long as Corrie Hausauer, Lavinia Kell Parker or Brad Parker is present at each recital and is responsible for opening and closing the church building, and that the Sanctuary be clean and ready for Sunday Worship. Thank you to Lavinia, Brad and Corrie for initiating this wonderful opportunity for our branch! We may consider making a donation to the church for any of our events.

CFMTA Branching Out this year is *Professional Peer Outreach*. Composer Christine Donkin gave a presentation—*My Thoughts on Teaching Composition* which took place on Friday, March 5th, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. MST by Zoom. Over 50 teachers and students from all over Alberta and beyond attended. Thank you to Lavinia Kell Parker for initiating this project. Christine will complete the application for the \$100 sponsorship from CFMTA.

Our next meeting will be moved from the 1st to the 2nd Monday of the month (April 12th) to accommodate Easter.

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

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12th, 2021 by Zoom. Details will be circulated by email.

Minutes prepared by Christine Rogers