

LRMTA Minutes Monday, April 12, 2021, Zoom Meeting

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Christine called the Zoom meeting to order and welcomed those participating. There were 8 members present: Linda Dickey, Tamara Bowie, Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Tracy Bozzi, Brenda Lockmuller, Lorrie Wittke, and Brad Parker. Thanks to everyone who attended! A special thank you to Betty Jo for taking meeting notes!

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

Christine gave the Treasurer's report. Megan Wittig was attending a Festival meeting. The account balances as of April 8: Awards Account: \$4401.39 and Operating Account: \$1267.41. All current expenses have cleared. The \$100 grant from CFMTA Branching Out plus our membership dues are yet to be deposited. Christine and Brenda will be the volunteer auditors to look over the financial records in the summer.

Teachers contributed feedback from the recent Music Festival. Christine will send the feedback generated at the meeting to Megan Wittig. If you have any questions or concerns contact the Festival: phone: (403) 381-6512 or the General Manager, Megan Wittig: email at: generalmanager@lethmsf.org

ARMTA News: [CFMTA Virtual Conference](#) July 8-10, 2021: \$49 registration fee.

Thank you to Betty Jo who attended the Allied Arts Council (AAC) annual general meeting on our behalf! It was mainly a review of the year—what went well and what didn't. Organizations that helped with funding through grants etc. were thanked. The election of executive members took place.

The [RCM Teacher Portal](#) is still open to all teachers at this time.

The Lethbridge Branch will be hosting a FREE Zoom presentation on **Monday, May 3rd at 9:15 a.m.** on the RCM Teacher Portal given by Alberta Regional Representative Derek Chiu. Learn ways to integrate these digital resources into your teaching to enrich your students' music studies. Following the presentation, there will be a Q & A session. You may wish to prepare your questions in advance. Email Christine at c4rogers@telus.net to receive the Zoom link. Thanks to Lorrie Wittke for initiating this presentation!

Our next virtual coffee and conversation will take place **Thursday, June 10th 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 teaching the music of J.S. Bach.

Brad Parker updated members on University of Lethbridge activities. It is recital season and many groups and students are presenting their end-of-semester recitals. To register to receive links to online recitals and events presented by the U of L Department of Music, follow the link: <https://uleth.universitytickets.com/>

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>

Information on the University of Lethbridge Summer Piano Intensive program will be released shortly. It will take place in early July and there is a possibility it will be divided into junior and senior levels.

Thanks to Betty Jo (and her husband) for disposing of our oldest signboard. We still have 3 wooden signboards which are being stored in Christine's basement. If you wish to have your embossed brass nameplates returned to you, contact Christine.

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 be added. Contact Christine with updates. In addition, if you have any suggestions for information to be posted, please feel free to contact Christine.

The Annual General Meeting took place.

MOTION: Brad moved that we accept the following list of executive members for the year 2021-2022. Brenda seconded. All in favor. Carried. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to serve our group!

- President: Christine Rogers
- Vice President: Brenda Lockmuller
- Secretary: Vacant
- Treasurer: Megan Wittig
- Corresponding Secretary: Mary Lee Voort
- ARMTA Rep: Lorrie Wittke

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. A brief discussion followed regarding different executive models that might be used for distributing leadership among the members of our group.

Thanks to Lorrie Wittke and Tamara Bowie for promoting our group on Facebook and Instagram! Currently, Lorrie is sharing posts on the benefits of the structure of music education. Our Instagram following has increased to 43. After a discussion regarding paid advertising on Facebook, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Tamara moved that we spend up to \$150 for Facebook advertising during the month of May. Seconded by Linda. Following more discussion, it was decided to amend the motion as follows:

AMENDED MOTION: Brenda moved that we spend up to \$150 for Facebook advertising during the month of May and depending on that experience, spend up to another \$150 for Facebook advertising in August (for a total of up to \$300). Seconded by Lorrie. All in favour. Carried.

A number of ideas regarding the promotion of our group were shared including the fact that many of our teachers teach out of their own homes. Brad suggested that we might share retro photos of ourselves taking lessons in our teachers' homes highlighting the fact that lessons in a teacher's home can sometimes be more inviting than in an institutional setting.

Thank you to Tamara Bowie for creating the video for our March Video Recital! 13 out of the 20 students performing attended the Watch Party. 10 door prizes were drawn for those attending and 3 bags of Easter chocolate were given to those who did not win a door prize. Thanks to all the teachers and their students who participated!

Our final recital will be a live recital by Zoom on Saturday, June 5th at 2:30 p.m. Please send your submissions to Christine one week before (May 31st) so the program can be prepared.

Details for a final Adult activity will be circulated. This activity could include adult students sharing a pre-recorded video rather than a live performance.

Christine shared a thank you card from a student who received a Branch Award for Level 7 back in November.

Teachers provided feedback on the recent presentation by composer Christine Donkin.

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

In the fall we will review whether or not to hold a Practise-a-thon in the Spring of 2022.

Brenda will initiate a Music Swap program for students and teachers who either need books or have some to trade or sell. Details will be circulated when prepared.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 3rd, 2021 at 9:15 a.m. by Zoom and will be a presentation by RCM Rep Derek Chiu on the RCM Teacher Portal. Details will be circulated by email.

Notes taken by Betty Jo Radley. Minutes prepared by Christine Rogers