

LRMTA Minutes Monday, April 11, 2022, Zoom Meeting

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Christine called the Zoom meeting to order and welcomed those participating. There were 8 members present: Brenda Lockmuller, Judy Lavinge, Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Tracy Bozzi, Tamara Bowie, Linda Dickey, and Lavinia Kell Parker. Thank you to everyone who attended! Thank you to Betty Jo for taking notes for the minutes!

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

Christine gave the Treasurer's report. The account balances as of April 7: Awards Account: \$2693.59 and Operating Account: \$1354.90. There is still one outstanding awards cheque. Christine has been in contact with the parent. The ARMTA String Competition cheque has been deposited by ARMTA and will be debited from our operating account. The \$150 cheque for the Martha Hill Duncan presentation has been debited as well. The \$100 grant from CFMTA Branching Out has been received from CFMTA and deposited into our operating account. We will receive our local dues from ARMTA once they have been processed by the ARMTA administrator. Christine moved the acceptance of the Treasurer's report with Betty Jo seconding.

Teachers shared experiences from the recent [Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival](#). It was noted that in previous years, we had rented the Yates for student rehearsals and might decide to arrange for this next year. If you have any comments, feedback or suggestions regarding the Festival phone: (403) 381-6512 or contact the General Manager, Megan Wittig; email at: generalmanager@lethmsf.org

[ARMTA](#) News: A new ARMTA logo has been created and a redesign of the ARMTA website will be launched on April 19th. More information regarding new opportunities will be shared with teachers when available. Visit www.armta.ca

CFMTA Online Conference *Connecting Canada* will take place July 8th and 9th. Registration opens April 1st. For more information: <https://www.cfmta.org/en/connecting-canada-2022/>

Thank you to Betty Jo Radley for attending the Allied Arts Council Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom on our behalf!

The [RCM Teacher Portal](#) is still open to all teachers at this time. Follow the link to register for a **free livestream event** celebrating the new Celebration Series 6th Edition Piano Series: <https://www.rcmusic.com/learning/music-lights-the-way>

Our next virtual coffee and conversation date will be determined. Details will be circulated to members by email.

Information regarding University of Lethbridge Fine Arts events can be found here:

<https://www.uleth.ca/fine-arts/event-season>

Ticket information for events can be found at the following link:

<https://uleth.universitickets.com/>

Information regarding Lethbridge Piano Intensive will be circulated when available.

Please visit our website (www.LRMTA.com) regularly and notify Christine if you would like any updates for your listing.

Tamara will arrange for more branch brochures to be dropped off at the Purple Hippo Boutique and the Allied Arts Council office. Lorrie updated our Kijiji entry. Following up on our discussion from last meeting, Tamara will arrange for Facebook advertising during the months of May, June, and August up to \$300. Ideas for promotional material to be included in the ads can be sent to Tamara at: gtbowie@telus.net

Members shared feedback regarding our general spring recital which took place on Saturday, March 19th at 2:30 p.m. by Zoom.

A discussion regarding year-end recitals followed. Lavinia has arranged for us to use St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 1818 5 Avenue S. Details will be finalized and circulated to members. The adult group activity will take place on Saturday, June 4th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Theatre Gallery of the Lethbridge Public Library. Betty Jo has offered her personal studio booking to adult students of other teachers. Thank you, Betty Jo! Please contact Betty Jo if you have adult students who would like to participate at: b.radley@shaw.ca

Because we have not yet been able to find members to volunteer for the positions of President and Vice President, the Annual General Meeting has been postponed to May. These positions need to be filled before our Annual General Meeting on May 2, 2022.

If we are unable to find a member to take on the president's position, the Lethbridge Branch of ARMTA will have to be disbanded. The money that is in our bank accounts will go to ARMTA Provincial and members in the Lethbridge area will become Members at Large. We will no longer be able to offer opportunities for teachers and students in our community including branch awards or branch recitals for our students.

Please seriously reconsider if you can serve our branch as President. Moving forward, the President is a two-year term 2022-2024. The President can decide the meeting time and the number of meetings during the year. The president would chair the meetings, prepare the agenda, oversee the activities of the Branch and act as the second signature on the cheques.

The President's position will be well supported. Leadership for our most essential activities is already in place, so only oversight is needed. There would be no expectation for the president to organize supplemental activities or events unless they were willing to do so.

The Vice-President position is also very important for us to fill. It is a two-year term with the intent to become President in 2024. They will assist the President as needed and chair the meetings in the absence of the President.

More details involving the President and Vice-President positions:

President:

- prepare agendas (guidance and templates available)
- chair meetings (meetings are usually 1 hour)
- meeting time can be changed to suit president's schedule
- second signature on our bank account and cheques—a number of cheques can be signed in advance to limit number of meetings with the Treasurer
- oversee the activities of the Branch
- take on the responsibility for other activities as comfortable, but not required—other essential activities/responsibilities have already been delegated
- two-year term
- 8 meetings per year: September to November, January to May
- generally, takes 1-2 hours per week, not including meeting times
- Vice-president or other member will be available to chair meetings in President's absence

Other notes for President's position: There will be lots of support—Christine will continue as secretary and treasurer. Document templates are available to be shared. A detailed calendar for the year's activities is also available. Christine will chair the May meeting, so the person can begin in September. Our meetings are more informal when it comes to Rules of Order.

Vice-President:

- assist President as needed
- chair meetings in absence of President
- Assume the presidency in 2 years
- estimate 1-3 hours per month

A Policies and Procedures review will be done in conjunction with the executive transition planning.

Keys to Piano has been cancelled for 2022. Students of RMT's will be invited to other events organized by the Conservatory. Information will be circulated when available.

Brenda has initiated an RCM book exchange program for students. Contact Brenda at bjlockmuller@gmail.com if you or your students have RCM books to sell or if you have students in need of used books.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. by Zoom.

Minutes prepared by Christine Rogers and Betty Jo Radley