

LRMTA Minutes Thursday, October 6th, 2022, Zoom Meeting

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Brenda called the Zoom meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed those participating. There were 7 members present: Brenda Lockmuller, Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Lavinia Kell Parker, Brad Parker, Lorrie Wittke, and Tamara Bowie. Thank you to everyone who attended!

Betty Jo moved the approval of the agenda with Lorrie seconding—there were two additions: venue booking volunteer and Branch ARMTA Recognition Award criteria. Christine moved the acceptance of the September minutes as circulated with Betty Jo seconding.

Christine gave the Treasurer's report. The account balances as of October 6th: Awards Account: \$2694.26 and Operating Account: \$1742.30. There are no outstanding expenses at this time. A purchase of \$1000 pre-paid copies was made at the UPS store for \$63.00 and the reimbursement cheque has cleared. Facebook Advertising expenses of \$117.67 have also been reimbursed and the cheque has cleared. Christine moved the adoption of the Treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Brenda.

Christine gave the Secretary's report. She has posted a branch teacher contact poster at the Allied Arts Council office and has two more posters if anyone knows of a place to put them up. Contact Christine at c4rogers@telus.net or 403-327-2073. Christine moved the adoption of the Secretary's report with Lorrie seconding.

Lorrie gave the ARMTA report. She recently attended the ARMTA board meeting. Thanks to Lorrie! Her notes as follows:

- 1) CFMTA Conference 2023 Edmonton July 5-8. They will be running a hybrid conference. This is the first time a hybrid conference has been offered. Information up on the website <https://cfmta2023.ca/> Registration includes everything: concerts, sessions, two lunches, competitions, masterclasses, receptions, hotel discounts, etc. ARMTA will be subsidizing **in-person** registrations for ARMTA members for \$100 to encourage attendance. A discount code has been set up so when ARMTA members register they will receive \$100 off. Discount code is **ARMTA100**. Early Bird registration closes April 1st. <https://cfmta2023.ca/> There will also be a draw for one ARMTA member who attends in person who will have the full cost of their registration fee refunded.
- 2) Strings Competition Date: Sunday, October 30th, 2022. Time: TBA. Location: Steinway Piano Gallery, Calgary. There were 3 applicants (including Alayna McNeil, student of LRMTA member Lise Boutin), and they will all be competing in the final competition. There is a Masterclass available for students studying at the Grade 8 level or higher. Dr. Veronique Mathieu from University of Saskatchewan will be the adjudicator.

- 3) ARMTA members are now able to obtain instrument insurance through Front Row Insurance. <https://musicians.frontrowinsurance.com/create-policy>
- 4) Logos: in the membership area on the ARMTA website you will find the ARMTA brand standards and logos. We are encouraged to use these on our individual websites and in our individual studios. <https://armta.ca/member-entrance-page/#myaccount>

Also related to ARMTA, Brenda and Christine will meet regarding the request to contribute financially to the CFMTA Conference and will make a proposal at a future meeting.

There was no correspondence to report at this time.

Brochures have been updated, printed, and circulated by Tamara—thanks to Tamara!

Information relayed by Brad Parker and a discussion regarding the **Lethbridge Piano Intensive** followed. Brad was interested to hear of the experiences of teachers and students with the aim of increasing local attendance at future events. Promotion at branch recitals and early distribution of information to branch and community teachers was discussed. **Lethbridge Piano Intensive** 2023 will take place July 9-15 for 18 years and under participants, and on June 3 and 10 for adults. Information is posted under **Courses and Programs** on the University of Lethbridge Conservatory website: <https://www.ulethbridge.ca/music-conservatory/programs>

The RCM webinars featuring the new RCM Piano Syllabus have begun. For more information or to register: <https://www.rcmusic.com/teaching/webinars/teaching-with-the-rcm-piano-syllabus-and-celebrati> The [RCM Teacher Portal](#) is still open to all teachers. Our local RCM Rep is Monica Baczuk: 403-942-4321(h); 403-715-6051(c), monicab1961@hotmail.com and our Provincial Rep is Derek Chiu: derek.chiu@rcmusic.ca.

The [Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival](#) dates are March 20th to April 1st, 2023. Registration opens December 1st, 2022. Junior Piano classes take place March 27-31 and Senior Piano classes take place March 20-24. The General Manager is Jaimee Jarvie. If you have any comments, feedback or suggestions regarding the Festival phone: (403) 381-6512 or email: generalmanager@lethmsf.org

University of Lethbridge Music at Noon recitals are scheduled for Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. 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.universitytickets.com/>

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

Our **Canada Music Week** (CMW) recital will take place on Saturday, November 26th at 2:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 1818-5th Ave. S. Students will be invited to arrive at 1:30 p.m. if they wish to try out the piano before the recital. Betty Jo and Lorrie are the convenors. Lorrie will order more CMW pencils when they become available at the beginning of November.

At the end of the recital, we will present our annual awards. Megan will present the awards with help from Lorrie and Brenda. A photograph will be taken of award winners to submit to the Herald. Christine will take care of the Herald submission.

Our **Christmas** activities are planned for Saturday, December 10th in Betty Jo's Studio at her home at [810 Kodiak Bay North](#). Adults will participate at 10:00 a.m. and other students at 11:30 a.m. This is a more informal event for students to share their music, especially Christmas selections.

Plans for other recitals are being finalized. The **Festival Preparation Recital** is tentatively planned for Saturday, March 11th at 2:30 p.m. and will be confirmed when a venue is booked. Lavinia will look into the possibility of the Community Room at Casa. We are looking at either May 13th or 27th for a **Final General Recital** in the University Recital Hall. Brad has made initial inquiries and details will be finalized. An insurance certificate from ARMTA will be required.

A final **Adult Get-together** will take place Friday, June 2nd, 6:30 p.m. once again at Betty Jo Radley's home.

A Festival rehearsal time is being planned for March 4th to give students an opportunity to prepare for the Lethbridge Music Festival which will take place at Casa this year. Lavinia will look into booking possibilities. We have a free piano rental from the University of Lethbridge Conservatory from a cancellation during the pandemic.

Brenda suggested that a convenor checklist be created listing resources, procedures, and responsibilities.

No further details regarding **Keys to Piano** were available at this time. Christine suggested that if needed we apply to ARMTA Continuing Education (Deanna Oye, convenor) to help with funding costs.

Branch student awards submissions are due on or before October 6th by midnight. Christine and Megan will disburse the awards. Teachers will be notified of winners.

The CFMTA Branching Out 2023 theme is *Collaborating with the Arts and Beyond*. Christine and Brenda will meet to discuss ideas. Follow the link to the CFMTA website: <https://www.cfmta.org/en/branching-out/>

A discussion followed regarding Coffee and Conversation meetings. **Teachers will meet for coffee on October 13th at 11:00 a.m.** A venue will be finalized and details sent out to teachers.

A Policies and Procedures review has been started by Brenda, Lorrie, and Christine and proposed changes will be presented to members at least 2 months in advance for approval at our annual general meeting in April.

Our branch has a \$400 grant from ARMTA Continuing Education to hold a voice workshop. An event was planned for March 2020 which had to be cancelled because of the pandemic.

Christine will check with Megan to see if the workshop or another voice event can be rescheduled.

Christine proposed a Practise-a-thon in February 2023 to raise funds for our awards account. After discussion it was decided to go ahead with this event. Christine will begin planning and prepare a motion for funds for prizes at our next meeting.

ARMTA will hold voice and piano competitions this year on March 4, 2023, to choose winners to represent Alberta at the CFMTA national competition this summer. The deadline for applicants is December 1st. <https://armta.ca/provincial-piano-competition/> There will be an opportunity for our branch to host the winner(s) in a recital as part of the ARMTA Young Artist tour. Tamara volunteered to organize. Christine volunteered to help.

Our branch has been invited to contribute to the CFMTA National Conference in Edmonton this July. It was suggested that since we have a healthy bank balance that we make a donation from our funds, rather than organize a fundraising event. Christine and Brenda will go over the branch's future finances and expenses and bring a recommendation to a future meeting.

Lavinia has agreed to act as professional development convenor for our group. Thank you to Lavinia! If you have any ideas, please contact Brenda at bjlockmuller@gmail.com

A discussion followed regarding Brad's ideas of having a piano ensemble session as part of *Keys to Piano*. The session could also help in promoting *Lethbridge Piano Intensive*. Other suggestions to promote the summer program included announcements at recitals and on the back of programs. Brenda will ask Deanna and Brad about information that could be drafted to print on the back of programs.

The idea of offering a community recital this year for students of all teachers in our community was discussed. Members were generally in favor. The issue of insurance certificates needed for venues and whether our ARMTA insurance would cover recitals that we host in which students of non-ARMTA members participate was raised. Tamara will confirm this on the provincial end. A venue that does not require an insurance certificate could be used. This event could also be used as a recruitment tool for new ARMTA members.

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.

Betty Jo has agreed to be the recital venue booking person for our branch. Tamara has offered to help. Thanks to Betty Jo and Tamara!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Our next meeting date will be Thursday, November 3rd at 10:00 a.m. by Zoom

Minutes prepared by Christine Rogers