

Lethbridge Branch Minutes Thursday, May 2, 2024, Casa Community Room

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In Brenda Lockmuller's absence, Christine called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. and welcomed those participating. There were 5 members present: Corrie Hausauer, Betty Jo Radley, Linda Dickey, Christine Rogers, and Honorary Branch Member Marilyn Sinclair.

Linda moved the acceptance of the agenda, seconded by Betty Jo. Corrie moved the acceptance of the April minutes as circulated. Seconded by Linda.

Christine gave the Treasurer's report. The account balances as of May 1st are Awards Account: \$4373.11, Operating Account: \$2354.08. There is 1 outstanding award cheque of \$45 from the Awards Account that has been reported lost by the student. It has been decided that we will wait the 6 months until the cheque is stale dated and then rewrite the cheque to avoid bank cancellation fee charges. Financial notes: 1) a total of \$1010.00 has been deposited to the Operating Account from the donations from the sale of Doreen Laing's music. These funds will be transferred to the Awards Account and dispersed at the discretion of the Awards Convenor and Branch Executive for upcoming annual awards, 2) \$200 outstanding cheque from voice workshop honorarium, 3) \$888.94 has been received from ARMTA for our annual local branch fees and will be deposited. \$21.06 was deducted for credit card charges (Stripe fees). One late Lethbridge member renewal will be included in next year's cheque. Upcoming expenses include refreshments for the Community Recital in June, reimbursement for \$75 for Library Rental for Voice workshop, and \$75 for rental fee for Canada Music Week Recital in November. Following the acceptance of the Executive for the year 2024-2025, Christine will make arrangements with the TD Bank to transfer the president's signing authority. Linda Dickey has agreed to be one of the auditors to look over the financial records in the summer. Another volunteer will be needed. Christine will send out an email. Christine moved the acceptance of the Treasurer's report as presented with Betty Jo seconding.

Christine shared a thank you card from one of the winners of a Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival award sponsored by our Branch.

2024 AGM

Christine called for nominations and volunteers for the 2024-2025 Lethbridge Branch Executive. The following slate of officers was presented.

President: Brad Parker
Vice-President: Brenda Lockmuller
Secretary: Christine Rogers
Treasurer: Christine Rogers
Corresponding Secretary: Mary Lee Voort
ARMTA Representative: Carmen Letourneau

MOTION: Linda Dickey moved that the presented slate of officers be accepted. Seconded by Betty Jo Radley. All in favour. Carried.

On behalf of members, Christine thanked Brenda Lockmuller for her service as president the last two years. She relayed a message from Brad Parker that he is looking forward to serving the group in the leadership role of President next year.

Christine reported on the progress of donations and the sale of Doreen Laing's music. A final open house took place on April 13th. A total of \$1010.00 has been collected and will be transferred to our Awards Account shortly. Awards in Doreen's honour will be disbursed to students at our next annual awards presentation in November. Following the open house, we invited Branches Fine Arts Academy to view the music and choose what might be useful for their teachers and students. The music was offered as a donation to Branches Fine Arts Academy. A selection of the remaining music and CD's will be set out at the next 2 recitals for students.

Christine reported on the continued progress being made in gathering input from members regarding issues surrounding the new ARMTA Branding and Logo. The survey results have been circulated to members for viewing. Final steps in the process will be determined by the Executive based on input from the members gathered in the survey. A short discussion took place at the meeting with members sharing comments and feedback.

Christine reported on the voice workshop and masterclass that took place on Saturday, April 27th in the Theatre Gallery of the Lethbridge Public Library. Janet Youngdahl, voice professor from the University of Lethbridge gave a brief presentation on breathing before working with students in a masterclass setting. Although the event was small and 2 voice students had to withdraw because of illness, the event was very useful and helpful for those in attendance.

Our final general recital will take place Saturday, May 25th at 2:30 p.m. in the University of Lethbridge Recital Hall. Christine and Betty Jo will prepare the program. Christine, Brad and Lorrie will be in attendance as convenors. The required insurance certificate has been sent to the University. Please send your entries to Betty Jo at bettyjoradley@gmail.com before Friday, May 17th. Teachers are asked to make every effort to ensure that information is complete and correct and submitted by the deadline, so that the process of creating the program will be as smooth as possible. The following information is requested 1) student's first and last name, 2) title and composer of the selection, 3) grade level, 4) instrument or voice, 5) approximate length of the piece, 6) whether the performance would be appropriate to start or end the program. **Please also give the date of the recital, as Betty Jo is collecting names for more than one program.**

A Community Student Recital will take place in the Community Room at Casa on Saturday, June 8th at 2:30 p.m. We will invite all teachers in the community to submit students and we will arrange for refreshments after the recital. Tamara Bowie is no longer available to help with this recital, so another volunteer is required. Brenda, and Christine have volunteered to be in attendance as convenors. A volunteer will be needed to arrange for refreshments.

A final adult activity will take place at the home of Betty Jo Radley at 810 Kodiak Bay N. on Friday evening, June 7th at 5:00 p.m. A printed program will not be prepared, but if you have students who wish to participate, please notify Betty Jo at bettyjoradley@gmail.com before Friday, May 31st so that she can prepare seating.

Arrangements are being made for our Canada Music Week Recital and Awards Presentation for Saturday, November 23rd at 2:30 p.m. in the Theatre Gallery of the Lethbridge Public Library Main Branch.

Coffee and Conversation will be suspended until September. In addition to the [Little Nicaragua Coffee Company at 359 Stafford Drive](#) North, the [Little Bakehouse](#) at 1105-3rd Ave. S. has been suggested as a venue.

Christine reviewed an updated policy for late or lost award submissions. This will be voted on at a future meeting.

PROPOSED POLICY: In the event of late or lost award submissions which are discovered after the award amounts have been disbursed, every effort will be made to work out a solution with the Branch and the teacher, so that the student will not suffer the consequences. In the event of an error by the Awards Convenor (or Committee) or Branch, the Branch will cover the cost of the award either from the Operating account or the Awards account as appropriate, to be decided by the President, Treasurer, and Awards Convenor on a case-by-case basis. In the event of an error or omission by the submitting teacher or the student's parent(s), the following are examples of solutions that might be applied. Other solutions agreeable to the Branch, the Awards Convenor, the teacher, and the parent(s) will also be considered, once again on a case-by-case basis. 1) The teacher will be responsible for covering the cost of the additional award, 2) The parent(s) will be responsible for covering the cost of the additional award, 3) The teacher will submit the student's mark for the following year.

Our meeting time will be updated to Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. beginning in September 2024. The date of the September meeting will be finalized and circulated to members.

It was generally agreed that meeting in person is preferable. Several options for meeting locations were discussed.

Minutes prepared by Christine Rogers

Other items of note:

The [Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival](#) dates are **March 31-April 11, 2025**. 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

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.

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

The University of Lethbridge Music at Noon recitals are scheduled for Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. in the University of Lethbridge Recital Hall. Complete information for Music at Noon: <https://www.ulethbridge.ca/fine-arts/study/music/concerts-and-recitals> click on the **Music Events Listing** tab: <https://www.ulethbridge.ca/notice/events/374> 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/>