

LMTA WINTER BOARD MEETING

NSULA, Natchitoches, LA
Saturday, January 30, 2010

Attendance: President Donna Toney, President-elect Judy McGehee, VP/Membership Patti Misita, Historian Jill O'Toole, Immediate Past President Katherine Tobey, VP/Publicity David Easley, Treasurer Janet Colbert, Convention Host Chris Allen, Convention Host Francis Yang, Division Director-elect Charlie Jones, Brett Andrews (representing Paul Christopher, Strings Chair), VP/Rallies Dorothy Sahlmann and Secretary Lynette Murphy.

President Toney called the meeting to order.

The board voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The minutes may be viewed on the LMTA website, www.lmta.org.

Treasurer Janet Colbert informed the group that our finances still look good with \$38,297.81 in the bank. This figure does not reflect funds that will be moved from the old account.

2010 LMTA Commissioned Composer is Kenneth Olson, a Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts faculty member. Dr. Olson will compose a cello quartet to be premiered by Dr. Paul Christopher and his students.

MTNA South Central Division Meeting and Competitions were held January 9-10, 2010. The meeting was hosted by Centenary College and the Greater Shreveport Music Teachers Association. Congratulations were given to several students from Louisiana that placed in the Division competition. Thanks were extended by President Toney for the use of the facilities and the wonderful hosting and hospitality extended to the South Central Division.

Winter Score deadline is Sunday, February 14, 2010. All score entries should be sent to David Easley at achordabove@etigers.net.

2010 MTNA Conference will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico on March 20-24, 2010. There will be three sessions presented by LMTA members. President Toney encouraged everyone to send in their registration and plan to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chamber Music Competition will be offered in 2011 and is chaired by Dr. Chan Kiat Lim. This competition is in direct correlation to the MTNA encouragement for collaboration and chamber music. President Toney encouraged all locals and students to enter this new competition for LMTA.

2009 Outstanding Teachers of the Year Fred & Dorothy Sahlmann were presented with a photo/token from LMTA. President Toney encouraged all to send in nominations for next year to Cindy Hockenjos, LMTA Outstanding Teacher Chair.

NEW BUSINESS:

Certification is up from last year. Following the 2009 state convention, LMTA is offering to reimburse half of the \$200 certification application fee through October 1, 2010. So far \$1400 has been reimbursed for certification applications submitted.

The Students Helping Student Fund is stable. SHS had \$3,112 before recent expenditures. Eight checks have been recently requested from Lake Charles and New Orleans, and there is still a need for this financial assistance.

The 2010 LMTA Board Retreat will be July 9 – 10, 2010 in Woodworth, LA at the Wesley Methodist Center. The Executive Board will meet Friday evening and the full LMTA Board will be invited to attend Saturday meetings and planning sessions.

LMTA 2011 Foundation Fellows – President Toney nominated Katherine Tobey and Cindy Hockenjos for 2011 Foundation Fellows. Nominations seconded and passed with no opposition. David Easley made a motion that LMTA will supplement funds for the 2011 Foundation Fellows if donations are short. Lynette Murphy seconded the motion and the motion passed with no opposition. David Easley requested that more information and publicity be sent out to our LMTA members to encourage donations to the LMTA Foundation Fellow fund.

LMTA Convention will be held October 14-16, 2010 at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA. Convention guest artists will be Christine Barden from Alfred Publishing and Dr. Peter Mack. Christine Barden will present two sessions and an Alfred Showcase and Peter Mack will perform an evening recital, master class and several sessions as well. Peter Mack is from Seattle, Washington and teaches at the Cornice College of the Arts. His fee is \$1500 plus expenses. Judy McGehee informed us that we currently have proposals from Dr. Laura Thompson (voice), Robin Williams (keyboard), and several possible string sessions. More proposals are encouraged and should be emailed to Judy McGehee at judymcgehee@cox.net.

Katherine Tobey made a motion to reimburse \$20 per driver for the LMTA Winter onsite Executive Committee Board Meeting. Dorothy Sahlmann seconded the motion and the motion passed with no opposition.

A tour of the Northwestern State University facilities was given.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Murphy, Secretary