

LMTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JULY 31-August 1, 2009
THE WESLEY CENTER, WOODWORTH, LA

Attendance: President Katherine Tobey, President-elect Donna Toney, VP/Membership Judy McGehee, Historian Annette Larsen, VP Certification and Immediate Past President Sue Steck-Turner, VP/Publicity David Easley, Treasurer Charles Jones, and Secretary Robin Ebeyer.

Friday evening

President Tobey called the meeting to order.

The reading of the minutes of the January meeting was dispensed of.

Opening announcements included the following:

- "Thank you" cards for travel assistance were received from division students Crawford and Rushing.
- Other "thank you" notes:
 - SHS family for tuition assistance
 - Sarah Roy for money to attend National Convention to receive the "Local Affiliate of the Year" award
 - Pat Tuley for State Pride gift

Treasurer Jones gave the Treasurer's Report. LMTA is in good standing and doing well, with our current balance at \$50,334.37. Of that amount, approximately \$3,400 belongs to the SHS fund. Disbursements from the SHS fund since our last meeting (January): \$1,778.20.

VP of Publicity David Easley has completed a brochure to promote this year's state convention in Lafayette. Each affiliate president will be given brochures for their members and will be asked to hand them out or mail them.

Registration for convention has been set for Thursday and Friday from 8:00-10:30 and 1:00-2:00.

There are forms to list checks/cash received for the Recycled Music Sale, Silent Auction, etc. The chair is responsible for filling in the form and submitting it with all donations to the Treasurer.

Convention registration for non-LMTA member presenters was discussed. It was suggested that they be charged the LMTA registration fee if they wish to attend sessions other than their own. "Featured Presenters" would still receive free registration. The matter was tabled until the October meeting.

A motion was made to revise the Guidelines for the LMTA Outstanding Teacher Award.

New wording: *Any LMTA member or affiliate may make one nomination for the OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD. The nomination may be for an individual or a couple. The nominee(s) may teach any instrument. MSP.*

David Easley made a motion to drop the mailing fee for members without access to computers who wish to receive a paper copy of the Score. Judy McGehee seconded, and all were in favor.

Donna Toney informed the group of the proposed Chamber Music Competition, an area that is being promoted by MTNA. This statewide competition would encourage pre-college musicians of all instrumentations to participate in small ensembles. The competition would be an annual event, held in late winter/early spring (final date to be decided by event chair) of each year, beginning in 2011. The Chamber Music Chair would be responsible for publicizing the event and

encouraging Louisiana pre-college teachers to participate, utilizing venues such as workshops, demonstrations and/or recitals. At this year's convention, the Thursday evening recital presented by the faculty and students of ULL will be largely chamber music.

The group discussed the following day's agenda.

The meeting was adjourned.

Saturday morning

President Tobey opened the morning's meeting with a discussion on the amount of money raised for Foundation Fellow Ernestine Durrett. The decision was made for LMTA Treasurer Charlie Jones to go ahead and send the \$1000 so that we can announce it at convention in October.

David expressed the need to purchase some more updated software to produce the newsletter, which would cost about \$900-\$1000.

The group discussed how to encourage the local districts to persuade more members to attend the state convention. It was decided to award a free clinician/session for next year to the local district with the highest percentage of members registered for the convention. Teachers now listed on the "Workshops and Sessions" page of the LMTA website will be asked if they are willing to be "the prize" and all members will be asked (via e-newsletter) if they have sessions they would like to add to the list. We will announce the winner at the banquet on Thursday night, as well as recognize first-time attendees.

The meeting was adjourned to be joined by the Full Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Ebeyer, Secretary

LMTA BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 1, 2009, 10:30 a.m. THE WESLEY CENTER, WOODWORTH, LA

Attendance: President Katherine Tobey, President-elect Donna Toney, VP/Membership Judy McGehee, Historian Annette Larsen, Past-President and VP/Certification Sue Steck-Turner, VP/Publicity David Easley, Treasurer Charles Jones, Secretary Robin Ebeyer, Composition Competitions Chair Thais Perkins, Piano Chair David Evenson, BRMTA President Christine Lien, LCPTA President Abbie Fletcher, Voice Rally Chair Lynette Murphy, NSMTA President Sandy Larson, IMTF Chair Patti Misita, Convention Chair Susie Garcia, LAMTA President Mila Olivier, Convention banquet representative Sue Miller, CENLA President Jill O'Toole, GSMTA representative LaWanda Blakeney.

President Tobey called the meeting to order. The group voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Opening announcements included the following:

- Sue has completed the updated Certification Handbook. She needs the names of each local district's certification chair. Sue also asked the presidents to encourage their members to certify. There are many who are eligible, but haven't taken the steps to become certified.
- Rally chairs need to be updated on the website.
- Convention bulletin editor Kathryn Watson needs all locals to send in their advertisements. The group was reminded that members must have paid their dues to be included in the bulletin directory.

Sue Steck-Turner made the motion to make up the difference from LMTA funds to officially make Ernestine Durrett our Foundation Fellow for next year. Judy McGehee seconded, and all were in favor.

Revisions have been made to The Guidelines for Outstanding Teacher as follows: "*Any LMTA member or affiliate may make one nomination for the OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD. The nomination may be for an individual or a couple. The nominee(s) may teach any instrument.*" All presidents were encouraged to nominate someone every year. The deadline is September 1 and hard-copy applications must be sent to Marietta Lanoux.

All local presidents were reminded to bring their item(s) for the Silent Auction to convention, and to encourage their members to bring their used music for the Recycled Music Sale.

This year's SHS fundraiser will be entitled "Spookathon" and will take place on Saturday of the convention from about 10:00-3:00, depending upon the number of participants. Students may wear costumes if they wish and play seasonal music, but this is not mandatory. The balance in the SHS fund is currently \$3,465.80. We have helped pay tuition for many students, provide keyboards for some, and helped send some New Orleans string students (students of LMTA members) to Carnegie Hall this summer. All districts are encouraged to sponsor local playathons to benefit the SHS fund.

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Donna also gave the group an overview of the LMTA State Convention in Lafayette in October. The fillable PDF registration form is posted on the website, as well as hotel information. This year the local district with the largest percentage of members registered at convention will receive a free clinician/workshop for next year. The winner will be announced at the banquet on Thursday evening. All presidents were urged to encourage their members to attend the convention. Suggestions: Offer tips to re-arranging their teaching schedules and organize car pools. Promote the competition aspect of the attendance "prize."

This year Ingrid Clarfield will be presenting two sessions plus an Alfred showcase and a masterclass. William Chapman Nyaho will present a session, as well as perform a recital on Friday evening.

David Easley has produced a wonderful convention brochure, which all local presidents are to distribute to their members.

The Full Board Dinner will be at 6:00 on Wednesday evening of the convention at the hotel, with the meeting to follow.

President Tobey informed the group that Carla Breaux will be available to help local affiliates set up a website through yola.com. MTNA will help with the local membership lists.

After lunch, the group divided into two groups to discuss the future of LMTA, how to boost membership, and encourage participation.

The full board re-convened at 2:30 to report on their discussions.

David Evenson made the motion to allow LMTA to cover the lunch expense for all registered collegiate students for Thursday lunch. Charlie Jones seconded and all were favor.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Ebeyer, Secretary