

LMTA Executive Committee Meeting

January 12, 2013, 10:00 am

McNeese University

Lake Charles, LA

Attendance: Judy McGehee, President; Patti Misita, President-Elect; Donna Toney, Immediate Past-President; LaWanda Blakeney, VP Membership; Gulnara Chandler, Member-at-Large; Janet Colbert, Treasurer; David Easley, VP Publicity; Sue Steck-Turner, VP Certification; Katherine Tobey, Historian/Webmaster; Carla Breaux; Christy Corley, Lake Charles President; Robin Ebeyer, VP Rallies; Tamera Zona, Secretary;

President McGehee called the meeting to order and attendance was taken by signature. MSP reading of minutes from the last meeting.

Janet Colbert presented the Treasurer's Report. LMTA's checking account balance was \$29,609.18 as of January 10, 2013. The Save Our Students Fund which is included in the checking account is \$1,618.58. Janet has encouraged everyone to submit invoices for reimbursements as soon as possible. She also requests that once checks are distributed, they be cashed immediately. Janet asked for opinions regarding the reimbursement for member attendance at local association workshops. After discussion, a motion was presented, seconded, and passed: **"LMTA will subsidize pedagogical workshops sponsored by local associations at the rate of \$3.00 per member. The proposal must be submitted to the LMTA President for approval 30 days in advance. An attendance roll must be kept and sent to the LMTA Treasurer for reimbursement."** This will be placed in the LMTA Policies and Procedures.

President McGehee asked for approval of the Nominating Committee: Donna Toney (Chair), Robin Ebeyer, Cindy Hockenjos and Teresa Thomason. MSP.

Christy Corley opened discussion on Collegiate Chapter officers attending the MTNA Conference. She is encouraging officers of collegiate chapters to attend and will report after contacting the students. A motion was presented, seconded, and passed: **"Up to two students will be given \$500 each to attend the 2013 MTNA National Conference. The money will be distributed after the conference, with receipts given to the treasurer"**.

Tentative date for the Summer Board Meeting is Saturday, August 17. Judy will check the date with the Wesley Center.

Judy McGehee discussed the Outstanding Service Award and requested that officers e-mail suggestions for potential recipients to her.

The MTNA Conference will be held March 10-13 in Anaheim, CA. Judy announced that Pamela Pike will be honored for receiving the award for MTNA "Article of the Year." Several board members plan to attend the conference.

The Chamber Music Competition will be held at UL-Lafayette again this year.

Yung-Chiao Wei e-mailed suggestions for growth in the strings area. Her proposals included establishing an upper elementary competition for string players, and bringing a guest string artist to the LMTA convention. A motion was made **to accept Dr. Wei's written proposal for Upper Elementary String Auditions and to allocate \$1000 as a budget for the string program at Convention.** The motion was seconded and passed.

The Winter Score deadline is January 19. President McGehee has contacted officers and chairs who are requested to submit articles.

Judy McGehee announced the South Central Division Competitions will be held in LA on January 20, 2014. The suggested site NSU.

The Torgrimson/Swanzy Competition is tentatively scheduled for June 1 at SLU.

Judy McGehee reported on Hurricane Sandy relief funds. LMTA sent checks for \$1,000 each to New York MTA and New Jersey MTA. She has received acknowledgements from both.

Janet Colbert opened discussion on how to attract a new treasurer. Ideas included raising the stipend, providing a new laptop computer and Quicken software updates, and providing more help at the convention. A motion was made for **\$1000 to be given annually to the treasurer.** The motion was seconded and passed.

A proposal was made to offer \$500 reimbursement to members of the Executive Committee who attend the MTNA National Conference. Receipts must be given to the treasurer. MSP.

Judy McGehee and Christy Corley led discussion of the 2013 State Convention at McNeese. Patti Misita discussed the guest artist, Alexandre Dossin, and his programming. Decisions regarding the Playathon will be the responsibility of the local association. LMTA will pay for piano tuning to help defray cost for McNeese. **Foundation-Fellow checks** must be made out to MTNA with the Fellow's name on the memo line. A motion was made **to raise the convention fee to \$45.** Motion was seconded and passed. After discussion, another motion was made **to raise all registration fees by \$10.** The motion was seconded and passed. The convention registration deadline will be September 9.

Christy Corley conducted a tour of the Music Building facilities.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamera Zona, Secretary