

## **LMTA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

AUGUST 10, 2012  
THE WESLEY CENTER  
WOODWORTH, LA

**Attendance:** Jill O'Toole, Secretary; Robin Ebeyer, VP Rallies; Janet Colbert, Treasurer; LaWanda Blakeney, VP membership; Donna Toney, Immediate Past President; Gulya Chandler, Member at Large; Mila Olivier, Member at Large; Deborah McClung Guillory, Convention Host; Irena Jones, Monroe District President; Katherine Tobey, Webmaster/Historian; Patti Misita, President-Elect; Judy McGehee, President; Sue Steck-Turner, VP Certification; David Easley, VP Publication; Teresa Thomason, Piano Rally Chair; Jeanne Patterson, Elementary Audition Chair, Christy Vogt-Corley, LCPTA President, Tamera Zona, CMTA President; Sarah Roy, MTNA Foundation Chair, Emily Hirsch, GSMTA President; Chan Kiat Lim, Chamber Music Competition and Charlie Jones, Division Director.

**President McGehee called the meeting to order.**

**Janet Colbert delivered the Treasurer's report,** stating that LMTA has \$30,808.24 in the bank as of August 6, 2012. Save Our Students is credited with \$2,393.58, therefore funds for use by LMTA are \$28,414.66. There are no outstanding bills as of date of report. String Rally funds will be run through the LMTA account now. The Harp Rally has been run through the LMTA account for several years. There will be no convention meal tickets available after the registration deadline.

**Robin Ebeyer delivered the Rallies report.** The Harp Rally syllabus has gone through revisions: leveling is now by school grades and grading is similar to the Piano Rally structure.

**LaWanda Blakeney reported on Membership.** In June 2011 there were 388 members and in June 2012 there were 381 members. This shows a 1.03% decline in membership at the time of the report.

**Patti Misita, President-Elect, gave a report on the upcoming Convention.** Many wonderful sessions are to be presented, as well as the annual banquet and recital by the ULM Faculty. Presenters for the 2012 Convention will include: Victor Labenske, Beth Klingenstein, and Kjos clinician Paula Manwaring (one session). There will be strings sessions, two sessions given by members and three sessions given by non-members.

**David Easley gave the Publicity report.** An "Intermission" will be sent out informing members of convention. A link with a video clip will be included.

**Sue Steck-Turner reported on Certification.** There have been no applications for MTNA Certification this year. Two LMTA certifications have been reinstated – one by board approval, and two upgrades have been completed. The certification board has a representative from each affiliate and has been functioning through the summer. We have lost six MTNA certified members this year – three have moved; three have died.

**Chan Kiat Lim reported on the Chamber Music Competition.** Competition information was sent to all affiliate presidents. There is a flyer and poster on the website that may be printed to send to local string teachers and community music programs and should be made available at local teachers' meetings.

**Katherine Tobey reported as the Webmaster.** Local affiliates should send any information or events they would like posted on the website to Katherine.

**Students who wish to attend the LMTA convention** pay no registration fee but must send in registration forms on time, so there will be an accurate head count.

**MSP:** Recycled music sale and silent auction funds will be used to send the president and vice president of the student chapters to the MTNA national conference.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Jill O'Toole, Secretary**