

LMTA Full Board Meeting

Saturday, August 17, 2013

The Wesley Center

Woodworth, LA

Attendance: Judy McGehee, President; Patti Misita, President-Elect; Donna Toney, Immediate Past-President; LaWanda Blakeney, VP Membership; David Easley, VP Publicity; Sue Steck-Turner, VP Certification; Katherine Tobey, Historian/Webmaster; Robin Ebeyer, VP Rallies; Janet Colbert, Treasurer; Mila Olivier, Member at Large; Gulya Chandler, Member at large; Christy Corley, President –Lake Charles; Tamera Zona, Secretary; Joao Paulo Casarotti, Community Outreach; Irena Jones, Monroe President; Angel Carter, Northshore President; Hannah Mayo, LAMTA VP; Chan Kiat Lim, Chamber Music; Yung-Chiao Wei, Strings Chair; Charlie Jones, Piano Chair; Pamela Pike, Student Composition Competition; Teresa Thomason, Rally.

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

Janet Colbert presented the Treasurer's report. LMTA's checking account balance is \$31,281.45.

Lawanda Blakeney presented the membership report. She suggested that local associations have early dues deadlines for members to be eligible to enter students in competitions.

David Easley presented the Publicity report and will be sending out a postcard about convention to the membership.

Robin Ebeyer presented the Rally report. This year's student totals were Harp - 7, String - 41 and the Torgrimson/Swanzy Competition - 170. A recommendation to raise the entry fee to \$25 for district Rallies has been approved by the Executive Board. It was suggested that Monroe send their students to the Ruston District Rally next year. Thank you to Carla Breaux and Suzanne Ashworth for a new Rally computer program which will make registering easier and record-keeping more uniform. The program will be used by all districts beginning in 2015.

Katherine Tobey asked everyone to please give updates to the incoming webmaster.

Chan Kiat Lim informed everyone that the Chamber Music Competition is growing. In 2012 there were 14 groups. This year's Competition will be held November 2, at ULL.

Yung-chiao Wei encouraged everyone to attend the strings presentations at convention.

A recommendation from the Executive Board to allow a former New Orleans teacher to continue entering previously participating Rally students was discussed. MSP in favor. It was also recommended to continue free student registration at convention. MSP. Collegiate members are allowed to enter students in Rally as long as they have paid their dues. Two \$500 stipends were approved for student chapter officers to attend the MTNA National Conference. There was a suggestion that the recipients write a thank you letter to LMTA following the

conference.

Joao Paulo Casarotti, Community Outreach Chair, described activities of his student chapter at Southern University. Ideas include on-line piano lessons taught to students in other countries, piano/practice room clean-up day, bake sales, and attending concerts as a group.

The Meeting was adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted,
Tamera Zona
Secretary**