

LMTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**January 24, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
University of Louisiana, Lafayette**

Attendance: President Katherine Tobey, President-elect Donna Toney, VP/Membership Judy McGehee, Historian Annette Larsen, Past-President Sue Steck-Turner, VP/Publicity David Easley, Treasurer Charles Jones, Convention Hosts Chan Kiat Lim and Susie Garcia, LAMTA President Sarah Roy, and Secretary Robin Ebeyer.

President Tobey called the meeting to order.

The reading of the October meeting minutes was dispensed of.

The meeting began with announcements as follows:

- 1) Sue Steck-Turner has agreed to become the Vice President/ Certification, since the position has recently become available.
- 2) Louisiana students won many awards at the MTNA South Central Division Competition, including sweeping the string category.
- 3) The SHS "Go for the Good" Playathon winners are:
 - a. Baton Rouge – Gold
 - b. Shreveport – Silver
 - c. Lake Charles – Bronze
- 4) Lafayette Area Music Teachers Association has been named the "State Affiliate of the Year" by MTNA.
- 5) Texas Music Teachers Association sent a card to express their thanks and appreciation to LMTA for our donation to help TMTA victims of Hurricane Ike.

Discussion turned to New Business, the first item being the Treasurer's responsibilities. Charlie Jones will be resigning from the position, because he will become the MTNA South Central Division Director. Before passing the job along to someone else, the Executive Committee felt it beneficial to discuss the specifics of the job of Treasurer. It was decided that the Foundation Chair would handle all money collected from the Used Music Sale, Silent Auction, and other private donations. The local host of the convention will delegate the responsibility of printing the name tags. The Full Board will share the responsibility of manning the Registration Table, signing up for specific time slots.

String Rally was the next topic of discussion. Sue has stepped down from chairing this event. Katherine agreed to solicit a new chair.

Donna Toney proposed that LMTA host a Chamber Music Competition. A study panel will be brought together to discuss all aspects of the event, as well as choose someone to chair the event. The Chamber Music Competition Chair would then be added to the Full Board. Donna proposed that there be a Junior and a Senior division, each with a Piano category which would include duets and duos, and a Chamber Music category which would consist of groups of eight or fewer using instruments of any kind. Sue Steck-Turner made the motion to approve Donna's plan to establish the Chamber Music Competition and moved to develop a plan to form a panel for discussion. Chan Kiat Lim seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer Charlie Jones discussed the state of LMTA's finances. The 2008 Convention brought in \$9,520.00 and expenses totaled \$7,876.16, bringing in a profit of \$1,643.84. LMTA has a balance of \$45,712.45 at Peoples State Bank, \$5,434.00 of which belongs to SHS.

Discussion then moved to the 2009 Convention to be hosted by University of Louisiana, Lafayette October 15-17, 2009. Sarah Roy is working diligently to secure a banquet location, hotel arrangements, and location for Executive Committee and Full Board meetings on Wednesday.

President-elect Donna Toney moved the discussion to the convention program. Our featured clinician will be Ingrid Clarfield. LMTA will pay her \$1500, plus food and lodging. Alfred Publishing will pay her airfare. She will present two sessions, each an hour and a half in length, conduct a master class, present an Alfred showcase, and judge the Upper Elementary Auditions. Much discussion took place on the specific topics of Ingrid's sessions. All voted on their favorites. Donna will place these before Ingrid to make the final decision. It was decided that the Master Class students should not be the same as those in the Elementary Auditions. Ingrid is asking that the teachers send in the piece that their students are playing, and she will choose which pieces she would like to hear. Sarah will gather these and send to Donna no later than September 1, 2009. William Nyaho will present a session on his new music anthology Piano Music of Africa and the African Diaspora. He will also judge the MTNA Competitions, and will perform a recital Thursday or Friday evening. He asked for students to perform pieces from his anthology for his session. It was decided to ask one upper high school student and one college student. Discussion moved to a recital for the other evening of convention, which could be a faculty recital or a chamber music recital.

Foundation donations from Louisiana for the last quarter of 2008 totaled \$1199. Discussion took place about nominating another Fellow in order to help raise money for the Foundation.

Sue Steck-Turner reported to the group the activities of the SHS fund. We are assisting members of the New Orleans Youth Orchestra (who are also students of LMTA members) to travel to New York for a performance at Carnegie Hall in June. We will strongly encourage participation in the LMTA Playathon at the October Convention for students in the Lafayette area.

Katherine informed the group that the Summer Board Meeting/Retreat will be held July 31-Aug. 1 at the Wesley Center in Woodhaven. We will invite those nominated for the next Board, as well as local affiliate presidents-elect, in addition to all current LMTA Board members.

A quick review of the 2010 Convention then took place. It will be held in Natchitoches, and we are hoping that Christine Barden and/or Catherine Rollin will be able to be our featured clinician(s).

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Ebeyer, Secretary