

LMTA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2012
Baton Rouge, LA

Attendance: Robin Ebeyer, Secretary; Donna Settoon, NOMTA Presidents; Charlie Jones, Southcentral Division Director; Teresa Thomason, Piano Rally Chair; Jeanne Patterson, Elementary Audition Chair; Carla Breaux, Technology Chair; Christy Vogy-Corley, LCPTA President; LaWanda Blakeney, MTNA Junior Piano Chair; Cindy Hockenjos, Outstanding Teaching Award Chair; Courtney Legnon, LAMTA President; Jill O'Toole, Historian; Pamela Pike, BRMTA President, Composition Competition Chair; Sarah Roy, MTNA Foundation Chair; Joan Jensen, College Faculty Forum Chair; Sue Steck-Turner, VP Certification; Katherine Tobey, Webmaster; Judy McGehee, President-Elect; Janet Colbert, Treasurer.

President Donna Toney called the meeting to order.

Attendance was taken by signature.

Janet Colbert delivered the Treasurer's Report, stating that LMTA has \$33,516.25 as of September 22, 2011, in the bank. She recently purchased the new Quicken software and also stated that the LMTA Dell Computer will need to be replaced soon, but is currently working adequately.

Katherine Tobey reported as the Webmaster. She reminded the group to regularly clear browser history in order to receive the updated forms. The new software purchased for constructing the Convention Bulletin is working wonderfully and is extremely helpful for the website. Laura Misita has agreed to take over as Webmaster in November 2013.

Sue Steck-Turner reported on Certification. There are 10 signed up for the workshop during the Convention. She suggested that we have a contest for the local who gets the most new certifications, as well as new members.

David Easley reported on Publicity. This year, every SCORE will feature "Around the State in 60 Seconds," highlighting a local district's activities, or a specific teacher. This will help us stay connected. Jill suggested that LMTA have a blog or Facebook Page or both. All local presidents were reminded to print copies of the Score for members who are not connected to the internet.

Patti Misita reported on Membership. LMTA is holding steady at 350, which is close to last year. We are promoting “Each One Reach One.” The local presidents will be receiving information on this at their meeting during the convention.

Dorothy Sahlmann delivered the report for the Rallies. The Harp Rally had 27 participants from three teachers. The receipts and expenditures equaled out, so there was no profit from this event. Thirty-one students participated in String Rally with six teachers participating and a profit of \$178.29 was given to LMTA. The 2011 Piano Rally proved to be successful with all 10 districts represented. 1081 students participated (105 of them were non-competitive) and the total profit to LMTA was \$3,762.15. The 2011 Torgrimson/Swanzey Competition was held Saturday, June 3, at McNeese State University and had a total of 165 students participate from approximately 57 teachers. A profit of \$2,869.50 was sent to LMTA. Judges for the event were Lois Leventhal, Ilanka Rus, Betsy Hines, and Dwight Pearce.

Carla Breaux informed the group about her session during the convention on theory games and websites and how to incorporate them into your studio. Everyone was invited to attend.

LaWanda Blakeney informed the group that there will be three pianists and two string players participating in the MTNA Junior Competition.

Cindy HJockenjos reported on the Outstanding Teacher Award. Fred and Dorothy Sahlmann, John and Beth Dupaquier, and Katherine Tobey all served on the selection committee. There were two strong candidates and the committee had a tough time deciding. The award will be presented at the banquet on Thursday evening of the convention.

Sarah Roy reported on the activities of the MTNA Foundation. LMTA was able to sponsor two MTNA Foundation Fellows last year. Members donated a total of \$1,134.95 to the Foundation in 2010. 2011 donations total \$909 so far; however monies collected from the Used Music Sale and the Silent Auction will be included after convention.

Joan Jensen reported that the College Faculty Forum session will be on “Spice up your piano studio with some exciting Spanish Repertoire.”

Carol White informed the group on the activities of the Independent Music Teachers Forum. An article entitled “In Which We Muse on the Joys of Teaching Adults” was in the March 2011 Score. The IMTF session

during convention is entitled "Relax! This is Supposed to be Fun!" which addresses the challenges of teaching adults.

Jeanne Patterson reported that there will be six students participating in the Upper Elementary Auditions.

The local presidents gave short reports on their districts.

Charlie Jones led a discussion on MTNA's recent decision to do away with all competitions except piano. Much discussion took place and most were in agreement that MTNA should keep all competitions. Donna asked members to send her an email with their thoughts. She will then compose a letter to send to the national board from LMTA.

Details for convention parking and attendance during the General Sessions were given.

Donna expressed her appreciation to the group for serving during her term as President and adjourned the group.

**Respectfully submitted,
Robin Ebeyer, Secretary**