

LMTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2010
4:00 p.m.
LSMSA, Natchitoches, LA

Attendance: Donna Toney, President; Katherine Tobey, Immediate Past President; Judy McGehee, President-Elect; Patti Misita, VP Membership; Sue Steck-Turner, VP Certification; David Easley, VP Publicity; Dorothy Sahlmann, VP Rallies; Jill O'Toole, Historian; Charlie Jones, Division Director; Francis Yang, Convention Host and Robin Ebeyer, Secretary.

President Toney called the meeting to order and attendance was taken by signature. The minutes stand approved as read on-line.

In Janet's absence, Donna gave the Treasurer's Report. LMTA has \$41,666.61 in the bank. We had to pay the IRS \$2,107.45 for filing late for 2008 and \$1,587.80 for 2009. The IRS has exempted us from paying for 2007. The CPA firm Cole, Evans, and Peterson was paid \$2,900 for their work. This firm will continue to be retained for future years to assure that LMTA continues to be in good-standing with the IRS. LMTA's non-profit status was not revoked. There are 103 people registered for convention, 18 are students.

Discussion took place about Elementary Composition Competition, including pushing the deadline up to September 1 and hiring a separate judge for this competition. Some feel that a different judge would provide the younger children with more constructive comments to help improve their work. Sue Steck-Turner moved that the LMTA Elementary Composition Competition have a separate judge from the MTNA Composition Competition and that the LMTA Elementary Composition Competition deadline be postmarked by September 1. MSP.

The discussion moved to Old Business. Donna asked that everyone look at the By-Laws on-line for any mistakes or items that need to be addressed regarding amendments. Please send any updates or comments to Donna for discussion at the Winter Board Meeting.

Discussion moved on to ways to spend some of our money. LMTA would like to allocate a "seed fund" to provide security for the SHS fund. Other suggestions for consideration were to assist students with MTNA competition entry fees and increase the travel allowance for students who go on to division and national competitions. Additional ideas were to offer incentives to colleges to start collegiate chapters and to increase the judging fee for Rally.

Katherine Tobey moved that we pay Masahito Kuroda \$200 for his work as on-site technology assistant for the convention. MSP.

A big thank-you goes to David, Publicity Chair, for his efforts in promoting our status as MTNA State Affiliate of the Year. Bumper stickers, pencils, and some surprises for the reception are available for all the members.

Judy McGehee gave an update for the convention. SAI students will have brown-bag lunches for all attending the Chamber Music sessions for a donation of \$5. Al Benner worked tirelessly on the convention bulletin and LMTA agreed to give him a gift certificate as a token of our appreciation.

Katherine Tobey and Cindy Hockenjos are our two 2011 Foundation Fellows. All money collected from the Used Music Sale, the Silent Auction, and other donations will be to support these two wonderful teachers.

Thanks were given to Cara McCool, who designed our new SHS t-shirts and coordinated sales. 50 shirts were printed incorrectly and given to us at a reduced cost.

Announcements:

2011 Convention will be at LSU in Baton Rouge on October 13-14, 2011. This is Fall Break, so conflicting activities and parking issues should be at a minimum. Al Benner suggested that the Convention Commissioned Composer be Kevin George, Delgado professor and jazz musician. Possible convention guest artists and presenters are Jennifer Hayghe and Steve Betts.

The South Central Division Meeting will be January 15-16 at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK.

The Winter Board Meeting will be on January 29, 2011 at LSU.

Grace Lau (Baton Rouge) is the new Strings Rally Chair, succeeding Jivka Jeleverka.

Paul Christopher has resigned as String Chair.

Donna Clavijo resigned as Junior Auditions Chair and Lawanda Blakeney has agreed to serve.

LMTA is nominating Sue Steck-Turner as the MTNA Teacher of the Year.

Alyssa Cortright who received the Outstanding Harpist award at the 2010 Harp Rally was left out of the recent Score. Her name will be added to the website.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Ebeyer, Secretary

**LMTA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2010, 7:30 p.m.
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Attendance: Katherine Tobey, Immediate Past President and Webmaster; Carol White, IMTF Chair; Tamera Zona, CMTA Vice-President; Jill O'Toole, CMTA President, CMTA Rally Chair and Historian; Dorothy Sahlmann, VP Rallies; Carla Breaux, Technology Chair; Mila Olivier, LAMTA President; Cindy Hockenjos, Outstanding Teacher Award Chair; Teresa Thomason, State Rally Chair; David Evenson, Piano Chair; Jeanne Patterson, Elementary Auditions Chair; Paul Christopher, Strings Chair; Francis Yang, Convention Host; Christine B. Allen, Convention Host; Chia-Ling Lien, BRMTA President; David Easley, VP Publicity; Judy McGehee, President-Elect; Sue Steck-Turner, VP Certification; Patti Misita, VP Membership; Donna Toney, President; Thais Perkins, Arts Awareness Chair; Joni Jensen, College Faculty Chair; Chan Kiat Lim, Chamber Music Competition Chair; Patricia Burns, RAMTA, and Robin Ebeyer, Secretary.

President Donna Toney called the meeting to order, following a lovely dinner.

Attendance was taken by signature.

In Janet's absence, Donna gave the Treasurer's Report. LMTA has \$41,666.61 in the bank. We had to pay the IRS \$2,107.45 for filing late for 2008 and \$1,587.80 for 2009. The IRS has exempted us from paying for 2007. The CPA firm Cole, Evans, and Peterson was paid \$2,900 for their work, and will continue to be retained for future years to assure that LMTA continues to be in good-standing with the IRS. LMTA's non-profit status was not revoked. There are 103 people registered for convention, 18 were students.

Sue gave the group an update on Certification. LMTA now has 14 newly nationally certified members, which puts Louisiana in second place in the nation for percentage of members who are certified. Each district was encouraged to keep their local members up to date on their certification.

Patti informed the group that we currently have 349 members, which is down a little from last year. That number also included 30 new members as well as members who have not renewed, but were encouraged to renew as soon as possible.

Katherine, LMTA Webmaster, asked that all Board members notify her as soon as possible with changes and updates which need to be uploaded to the website. Our goal is to keep our website as current as possible at all times.

Sue encouraged all present to purchase SHS t-shirts for themselves and their studios. SHS could make about \$500 with the sale of these shirts.

The Full Board was asked by President Donna Toney to review the LMTA Constitution and By-Laws for any changes and/or updates that need to be addressed, and to contact her with those items. The Executive Board will discuss all suggestions at the January Winter Board Meeting.

Sarah Roy asked that all Foundation donation checks be made out to "MTNA Foundation Fund."

After settling with the IRS, LMTA still has an ample amount of money. In order to stay within our non-profit status limits, we should be spending some of this money. Any ideas are welcomed. Some ideas include subsidizing the SHS fund, raising the Rally judging fee, and assisting students who compete in the MTNA competitions.

The 2011 Commissioned Composer will be Kevin George, Delgado professor and jazz musician.

Thanks goes to Al Benner for all his hard work on the Convention bulletin, as well as Tamera Zona for her contributions.

The 2011 Convention will be held at LSU in Baton Rouge on October 13-14, 2011. Possible guest artists and presenters are Jennifer Hayghe and Steve Betts.

Details for the current convention were discussed, including where to park, the Used Music Sale and our State Affiliate of the Year Celebration.

Chan Kiat Lim announced the first annual Chamber Music Competition will be held next year in November at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. All members are encouraged to attend the brown bag lunch session on Friday which will offer information about chamber music. SAI will provide a lunch for a \$5 donation.

Cindy Hockenjos announced that the Teacher of the Year nominations may be submitted via email, as well as regular mail.

The South Central MTNA Competitions will be held at the University of Oklahoma on January 15-16, 2011.

Katherine Tobey and Cindy Hockenjos are our two Foundation Fellows for this year. They will be honored at the MTNA Convention in Milwaukee this spring.

Donna announced that LMTA will be nominating Sue Steck-Turner for National Teacher of the Year.

Paul Christopher has resigned as the String Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Ebeyer, Secretary