

LMTA EC Winter Board Meeting
Saturday, January 23, 2016
Centenary College
Shreveport, La

The meeting was called to order by President La Wanda Blakeney.

Roll was taken by signature. Those present were President La Wanda Blakeney, President-Elect Pamela Pike, Immediate-Past President Patti Misita, (via skype) Treasurer Teresa Thomason, Secretary Tamera Zona, VP Membership Gulya Chandler, Webmaster Laura Pray (via skype), Member-at-Large Christy Corley, Local Convention Chair Ross E. Smith and GSMTA President-Elect Kathy Norris.

The minutes were read and approved.

Teresa Thomason gave the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$25,112.95. Teresa discussed numbers from the 2015 Convention. There was approximately a \$1,100 loss. One way to save money will be to have the collegiate lunch in the cafeteria.

Gulya Chandler reported membership to be at 333. There are 3 new members and a loss of 64 due to non-renewal.

President Blakeney made general announcements. Chan Kiat Lim sent a report on the October Chamber Music Competition. Winners were; LOWER DIVISION - PIANO DUET/DUO/TRIO/QUARTET First Place: WuChuWow (Sue Steck-Turner) Patrick Chu & Emily Wu, UPPER DIVISIONPIANODUET /DUO /TRIO /QUARTET First Place: CMA Key Players (Patti Misita)Joshua Duke, Elise Farris, Isabelle McCall & Hannah Turner -Second Place: Synchronization (Delila McMillin) Alex Barron & Michael Stokes -Third Place: Asian Dream Team (Katherine Tobey) Kathy Chau, Kelly Chau, Jennifer Vu & Judy Vu, UPPER DIVISION - MIXED GROUP First Place: Miss Remember Piano Quintet (Kristine Joubert & Ellene Owens) Jasmine Johnson, Aliyah Lachney, Claudia Musgrove, Isabela Musgrove & Keerthana Stanley.

Jim Robken, asst. professor at Louisiana Tech will be the commissioned composer at convention.

Recipients of the collegiate travel award went to Melissa Quek, NSU and Garrison Turner, ULL.

The Foundation Fellow for 2016 will be Dorothy Sahlmann.

LMTA is still rated #1 in the nation for certification!

The Score deadline to submit articles is February 1st.

The MTNA Divisional Winners are ; Junior Performance Piano, Alternate, James Zhu, Gregory Sioles ,Senior Performance Piano, Winner, John Wang, Constance Carroll, Young Artist Performance Brass, Honorable Mention, Matthew Hurtado, Joseph Skillen, Young Artist Performance Piano, Alternate, Benjamin Batalia, Faina Lushtak, and Young Artist Performance Strings, Alternate, Sungkyung Woo, Yakov Voldman.

The MTNA Convention is in San Antonio, April 2-6. A documentary featuring Seymour Bernstein is worth seeing.

New business included finding a cheaper place to hold the summer meeting. Teresa Thomason has checked in Calvary Baptist Church in Alexandria and lunch options. A tentative date for the meeting is Aug. 13, 2016.

LMTA needs a VP of Rallies. They would be responsible for finding facilities, monitors for Torgrimson/Swanzy Competition and a few others duties.

Tamera Zona discussed the need for a new string rally chairperson.

A motion was made to continue the policy of presenters registering for the convention. MSP

Convention needs were addressed. The convention guest clinicians are Martha Hilley and Helen Marlais. The guest artist is the ensemble "Baroque Artists". Decisions concerning Hotel accommodations, meetings, and banquet facilities will be made by the August summer meeting and distributed to the general membership.

Motion to Adjourn MSP

Respectively submitted,

Tamera Zona
LMTA Secretary