

LMTA EC Summer Board Meeting
Saturday, August 29, 2015
The Wesley Center
2350 Methodist Parkway
Woodworth, LA 71485

The meeting was called to order by President Patti Misita.

Roll was taken by signature. Those present were President Patti Misita, President-Elect La Wanda Blakeney, Immediate Past President Judy McGehee, Treasurer Teresa Thomason, Secretary Tamera Zona, VP Membership Gulya Chandler, Webmaster Laura Pray, VP Certification Sue Steck-Turner, Member at Large Susie Garcia, and Local Convention Chair Chan Kiat Lim.

The minutes were approved.

Teresa Thomason gave the treasurers report. The LMTA balance is \$26,262.11. The Save Our Students fund, a ghost account in the general fund is \$2,768.58. The CPA was paid \$500 for services and filing the 2014 Tax Return.

It was discussed that a state table for the gala at the National Conference will be bought only on years that LMTA supports a fellow.

Membership is currently at 275.

LMTA is ranked #1 in certification with 38.3% of its' members certified.

The next intermission will be sent on August 31.

In order to meet increased expenses for monitors and meals, a motion was made to raise the affiliate fee from \$50 to \$100 for the Torgrimson-Swanzy Competition. **MSP**

The Webmaster reported that MTNA is no longer giving technical support including a link to the membership page. A discussion ensued on possibilities for getting a different website.

La Wanda Blakeney discussed state convention needs. A donation in the form of piano tuning will be given to ULL. A maximum of \$500 will be allowed.

The following changes and additions were made to Policies and Procedures:

Under Disbursements to Competition Winners: "It is customary for LMTA to reimburse ½ of the entry fee to students participating in the MTNA Young Artist Competition. This money is not disbursed until after the State Competition to be sure the student competes. **"MSP**

Under Disbursements for Honors: An addition to #1 "LMTA will reimburse members ½ of the application fee upon obtaining national certification." **MSP**

The issue of the specifics of the collegiate travel award to National Conference will be tabled until the October meeting.

Under Disbursements for Meals at Convention: "Collegiate Chapter members are offered a complimentary lunch during their annual meeting." **MSP**

Under Disbursements to Officers and Chairpersons: A change to the current policy of VP Publicity receiving a stipend was discussed. A motion was made to change policy #7 to "It is customary for LMTA to pay

the VP/Publicity receipted expenses up to \$300 for operational needs at the VP/Publicity's discretion." **MSP**

There was a discussion to change the policy concerning reimbursements for phone usage and mailings. A motion was made to change policy #9 to "Milage of \$.40 per mile is paid to LMTA officers and chairmen for travel in the line of their duties. All disbursements must have prior approval of the LMTA President. In addition, approved expenses related to LMTA business are reimbursed by submission of receipts to the LMTA Treasurer by December 1st." **MSP**

There was a discussion about the \$20 travel expense for the Winter Board meeting and the Chamber Music Competition Committee. It was decided to not change this policy.

Carla Breaux informed the board that we need to find ongoing technical support for the Rally database. She is investigating companies who will offer such support as well as possible options for upgrades to the LMTA Website.

General announcements included upcoming events: Summit for MTNA Leaders, 2015 Division Competitions (Jan. 9-10 in Houston) and National Conference (April 2-6 in San Antonio).

Respectively Submitted,

Tamera Zona
Secretary