

LMTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, June 3, 2011
1:00 p.m.
Lake Charles, LA

Attendance: Donna Toney, President; Katherine Tobey, Immediate Past President; Judy McGehee, President-Elect; Patti Misita, VP Membership; Dorothy Sahlmann, VP Rallies; Pamela Pike, Convention Host; Charlie Jones, South Central Division Director; 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.

President Toney gave the Treasurer's Report, submitted by Janet Colbert, who was unable to attend the meeting. LMTA has a balance of \$26,590.82 as of May 31, 2011 at the Red River Bank. Discussion about purchasing a new computer for LMTA Treasurer's usage was discussed.

VP Membership Patti Misita reported that we ended the year with just under 400 members. MTNA is currently in a membership campaign and LMTA will support it whole-heartedly.

VP Certification Sue Steck-Turner reported that Louisiana is still holding strong in second place in the nation for national certification. Sue requested all district rally reports so that she contact teachers who are eligible for state certification.

VP Rallies Dorothy Sahlmann reported that 27 students and three teachers participated in the 2011 Harp Rally. 31 students and six teachers participated in the String Rally. This is the second year to hold one state-wide String Rally and has proven very successful. The Piano Rally numbers are still pending. 165 students will be participating in the Torgrimson/Swanzy Competition at McNeese on June 4.

Webmaster Katherine Tobey requests that all parties responsible for information changes or additions send her the information as soon as possible to avoid delays. Katherine, 2011 convention bulletin editor, suggested that we do away with the ¼-page ad for the Convention Bulletin and offer the local associations, universities, and LMTA members a ½-page ad for \$40. MSP. Katherine also asked the board to secure a webmaster for the next term, to start training with her now.

The Chamber Music Competition will be Saturday, November 6, 2011 at the University of Louisiana, Monroe. The guidelines are posted on the LMTA website, cash prizes will be given, and this competition is open to LMTA members and non-members.

LMTA sent the Alabama MTA \$1000 to assist victims from the recent tornados.
They were very appreciative.

President Toney suggested that we present an annual award to a member who has gone above and beyond in giving their time and talents to benefit LMTA. After enthusiastic discussion, the executive board voted to present annually the LMTA Distinguished Service Award at the convention banquet. This award will be chosen by the executive committee and remain a secret until presentation. Patti Misita moved that ***** be the first recipient of LMTA Distinguished Service Award. Katherine seconded and all were in favor.

Sue recommended that the SHS fund cease as of June 4 and be replaced with SOS (Save Our Students), which is an LMTA Emergency Fund. There was discussion about the origins of this fund and its history. This SOS Fund is to be used to provide emergency relief for Louisiana students and teachers, as well as other MTNA State affiliates. All were in favor.

David Evenson is retiring, and therefore resigning as the LMTA Piano Chair. This position will remain open until Judy assumes the presidency, at which time which she will appoint a new chair.

Susie Garcia will be the 2011 Foundation Fellow from Louisiana.

Dr. Pamela Pike informed the group of the upcoming convention arrangements. Lod Cook will hopefully be the convention hotel, with an individual room rate of \$109/night with breakfast. The Wednesday afternoon meetings and dinner will be held at the Lod Cook Alumni Center and the Thursday evening banquet will be held at the Faculty Club. Other details are forthcoming.

Judy informed the group of the clinicians. Jennifer Hayghe, Robert Vandall, and Steve Betts will all be our distinguished guests. Jennifer will present a recital on Thursday at 7:30, as well as conduct a Master class.

Patti moved that LMTA offer students free lunch on Thursday if they pre-register. Judy seconded and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned to be joined by the Full Board for dinner.

**Respectfully submitted,
Robin Ebeyer, Secretary**