

**LMTA Executive Board Meeting
Woodworth, Wesley Center
Saturday, August 23, 2014, 10:00am**

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, VP Membership Gulya Chandler, Webmaster Laura Pray, VP Certification Sue Steck-Turner, VP Publicity David Easley, VP Rallies Robin Ebeyer, Secretary Tamera Zona, Treasurer Teresa Thomason, Member-at-Large Susie Garcia, Local Convention chair Steele Moegle.

The Minutes were approved.

Teresa Thomason presented the Treasurer Report. The balance in the general fund is \$26,073.05. The Students Helping Students fund within the general fund has a balance of \$2,693.58. The CPA firm was paid for their services which included filing tax reports for 2013. All officers are asked to send invoices as soon as expenses are incurred. A new computer and bookkeeping software was purchased and is being used to maintain financial records.

Gulya Chandler reported that membership is at 288 members renewing thus far. Deadline for Rally participation is November 1st.

Sue Steck-Turner reported that LMTA is 2nd in the nation for certified members. She is encouraging certified members to mentor others to become certified. Half of the fee is paid by LMTA to help those that may be discouraged by the fee. Laura Pray was applauded for recently upgrading to professional advancement.

David Easley will be finishing the next Intermission in 2 weeks. Please submit articles as soon as possible. The convention will be featured. Advertising through the website and The Score was discussed. Laura Pray discussed the limitations of changing website. It was discussed that the website's advantages outweighed any significant change at this time.

Robin Ebeyer reported that all Rally Districts were represented at the last meeting. Last year's Rally made a profit of \$7,049.64. A Voice Rally will be revived this coming year. There may be the possibility of 2 voice rallies; one in northern Louisiana and one in southern Louisiana.

A change to the Piano Rally Syllabus has been made in level one. Instead of having 3 out of 5 periods represented, only 2 of 5 periods must be represented, although 3 pieces must still be played.

Motions will be made to reimburse rally expenses and stipends in the full board meeting. The new website for rally registration is www.rally-lmta.org.

Incentives for keeping kids in rally were discussed.

LaWanda Blakeney discussed convention business. Catherine Rollins has cancelled and one of the string sessions has also cancelled. Information on the hotels and registration are on the website. More entries are needed for the piano ensemble session.

A motion was made to provide free student registration and Friday lunch for college students. MSP Students do not need to be student members.

Steele Moegle asked that money be provided for a policeman to guard the exhibits at night. She also asked for \$300 in tuning. A motion was made to provide up to \$685 to LA Tech for expenses. MSP

Old Business was discussed. A motion was made to pay ½ the entry fee for the Young Artists students. MSP. A motion was made by Robyn Ebeyer to reimburse certification fees of \$100. MSP. A discussion ensued on reimbursing students \$500 after National Convention. Further discussion will be held at the Oct. meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamera Zona
Secretary