

LMTA Winter Board Meeting
Executive Committee
Friday, February 7, 2014
1:00pm
GoToMeeting

The meeting was called to order by Patti Misita.

Roll was taken by Tamera Zona over the GoToMeeting website. Members present were President Patti Misita, President-elect LaWanda Blakeney, VP membership Gulya Chandler, VP Certification Sue Steck-Turner, VP Publicity David Easley, VP Rallies Robin Ebeyer, Secretary Tamera Zona, Treasurer Teresa Thomason, Historian/Webmaster Laura Pray, Members-at-Large Emily Hirsch and Susie Garcia, Immediate Past President Judy McGehee, Steele Moegle, Charles Jones, Jeanne Patterson and Cindy Hockenjos.

The **Minutes** from the last meeting were approved.

Patti Misita gave the **Treasurer's Report**. The balance is \$26,154.29. All banking is now through Red River Banking in Alexandria.

Gulya Chandler gave the **Membership Report**. Membership has gone down from 374 to 350.

Sue Steck-Turner gave the **Certification Report**. LMTA is 2nd in the nation for percentage of people certified. Small but successful classes teaching how to become certified are happening in Baton Rouge.

David Easley gave the **Publicity Report**. The next Score will come out before the end of February. He will put in information about voting for Donna Toney in the South Central Division Elections.

Robin Ebeyer reported on the **State Piano Rally** competition. There have been problems getting a venue this year. She has been checking on many venues but the date has been the issue.

Laura Pray reported that the **Website** is up to date. Gulya will check to make sure the current Presidents are current on the website.

Lawanda Blakeney is this year's **Convention Chairperson** for the convention in Ruston. Jane McGrath is the featured Clinician for 2014. Different sessions were discussed. It was suggested that there only be 2 sessions at a time and free time to visit the exhibit hall. Also, until more string leadership is provided, less or no sessions will be provided for strings.

There was a discussion of **publishers** at the Convention. Patti will look into having Hal Leonard come this year. A discussion involving the ethics surrounding a clinician advertising their published materials during a session ensued. Technically, it is against the printed contract, but

many felt that it is impossible to discuss someone's expertise without supporting evidence in materials that have been published by that person.

Charlie Jones brought up the issue that there is no airport near Ruston and it would be difficult for him to bring the guests for convention. He suggested renting a car for these individuals. He moved that "LMTA provide a rental car with a daily limit when an airport is not in the city of convention for clinicians on a case by case situation" MSP

Susie Garcia mentioned Joseph Morten as a possibility as guest artist for another convention.

Discussion ensued pertaining to making the **Bulletin Editor** a permanent position on the Board. Normally a person at the local level is responsible for this, but it has become a huge undertaking every year by a new person. There is a need to end the burden it has created as well as supplying some consistency in this document every year. A motion to create the Board position of Bulletin Editor with a stipend of \$500 to go to National convention was not passed. A motion of being Bulletin Editor with a \$250 stipend was presented. MSP Patti will ask skilled persons if they are willing to take on this position.

Moegle Steele presented her local association's information for convention. The **Convention Hotel** is Sleep Inn Suites at \$89 per night. They are providing 2 compensated rooms as well as free meeting spaces. Members must reserve by Sept. 9, 2014. The **banquet** will be held at the student center. Their local association president recently resigned and they are seeking another.

Old Business included announcing Marge Strickland as the Foundation Fellow to be honored at National Convention this year. She is unable to attend. A discussion followed as to who should be nominated for fall. This will be decided at the next meeting.

Patti Misita made a motion to "reserve a state table at National Convention at \$200." MSP

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamera Zona, Secretary