

LMTA Full Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 30, 2015
The Hilton Hotel
Lafayette, Louisiana

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 and Strings Chair Tamera Zona, VP Membership Gulya Chandler, Webmaster Laura Pray, VP Certification Sue Steck-Turner, Member at Large Susie Garcia, Local Convention Chair Chan Kiat Lim, SOS chair Hannah Mayo, College Faculty Joni Jensen, BRMTA President and Chamber Chair Megan Reilly Shannon, IMTF Lauren Lewandowski, Foundation Fund Michelle Strain, Composition Chair Pamela Pike, Eleanor Elkins LCPTA President and Wellness Chair, Collegiate Chapter Chair Christy Corley, Technology Chair Carla Breaux, Elementary Audition Chair Jeanne Patterson, Piano Rally Chair Tamah Goad, Music Link Liason Katherine Tobey, LMTA President Sandra Larsen, GSMTA President Joy Ratcliff, NOMTA President Pauline Kocic, and LAMTA President Sarah Roy.

The Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report – LMTA has a balance of \$25,497.39 (not including deposits for convention registration and ads) through Red River Bank. 115 people registered for convention and 72 have paid for the banquet.

Collegiate Chapter Travel Award- The following change was put forth for a vote.

LMTA will award two travel scholarships of up to \$500 each to two collegiate chapter members to attend the MTNA National Convention. A committee of LMTA executive officers will choose the two winners.

*After scholarship recipients attend the national convention, LMTA will reimburse up to \$500 for travel, registration, hotel, and including up to \$25 per day for food. Original receipts must be submitted to the treasurer within 60 days of the close of convention. **MSP***

Foundation Fund Report-All donations to the silent auction and used music sale will be donated to this year's Fellow, Dorothy Sahlmann. Please make checks out to MTNA Foundation with Dorothy's name in the memo in order to have it count toward her fund.

Independent Music Teachers Forum Report- The convention topic this year will be online resources available for music teachers.

Collaborative Music Report-The piano ensemble session for the convention was discussed.

College Faculty Report-There has been an effort through emails and flyers to recruit college faculty members.

Certification Report- LMTA is currently ranked #1 in the nation with certified teachers. 106 teachers are LMTA certified and 93 teachers are MTNA certified.

Chamber Music Competition Report-It will be held Sat. Oct. 31st at ULL. Changes made to the rules are listed on the LMTA website.

SOS Fund Report- Money for this fund can be used for teachers needing assistance for dues.

President-Elect and Convention Chair- La Wanda Blakeney thanked everyone from the Lafayette area for the great job in getting ready for convention.

Membership Report – Membership is at 308. A quorum of 31 will be required at Friday's General Session to take a vote on the slate of nominated Officers.

Strings Report-There are 4 string sessions on Friday for convention this year. Efforts are being made to recruit more members.

Music Link – There is one teacher participating in this program at present . It helps students in financial need with music and instruments.

Rally Report-Piano rally had 992 participants this year. Profit from district rallies was \$6,011.51. The Torgrimson/Swanzey Competition had 140 students participate and the event did not make much profit. The LMTA Board approved an increase of the district fee from \$50 to \$100 to help offset the cost of monitors.

Elementary Auditions- Participation is up this year. It will start at 3:30pm instead of 4:00pm this year.

Technology Report-Companies have been contacted to get quotes on helping with the piano rally website and the LMTA website.

Collegiate Chapters Report-The travel scholarship to MTNA convention was discussed. It is an easy process to apply for the scholarship and a great experience for the students.

Wellness Report – There will be short sessions in the morning and afternoon involving standing, sitting and breathing properly.

Composition Report – The Composition competitions are growing in size for LMTA and MTNA. Several winners will be performing their pieces at the general session on Friday.

Announcements- The Winter Score will be published on February 1st. The deadline for article submissions is January 24th. The Winter Board meeting will be held in Shreveport. The South Central Division Competitions are January 9-10 at the University of Houston. There will be a Peter Mack workshop sponsored by TMTA for \$25.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by

Tamera Zona
Secretary