

**LMTA Full 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, Local Convention Chair Chan Kiat Lim, Foundation Chair Michelle Strain, Collaborative Chair Megan Shannon, Outstanding Teacher, Linda Manes, NOMTA President Paulina Kocic, Composition Chair Pamela Pike, Division Certification Commissioner Katherine Tobey, Wellness and LCPTA President Eleanor Elkins, Technology Chair Carla Breaux, Collegiate Chapter Christy Corley, VP Rallies Tamah Goad, NSMTA President Sandy Larson, and LAMTA President Sarah Roy.

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 reminded that local workshops can be reimbursed \$3 per member that attends. Requirements include 30 days prior approval from the LMTA President and a signed roll must be taken at the event.

**Membership** is currently at 275.

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

**Chan-Kiat Lim** reported changes made by the Chamber Competition Committee: 1. The Lower Division Category can now have 2-4 selections to fulfill the 6 minute minimum requirement. 2. If there is only one entrant in a category, the judges have the option of not awarding a first place winner. If there are only two or three entrants within a category, the judges will only choose one winner.

**Linda Manes**, reported that there is a Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> deadline for the Teacher of the Year Award.

**Gulya Chandler** asked that all changes such as positions and addresses be sent to her as soon as they occur.

**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. There will be two presenters this year from music publishers; Glenda Austin and Timothy Brown. Linda Christiansen from Joy Tunes will also present. The guest artist will be Myrna Setiawan. Any list that needs to be in the bulletin should get to La Wanda by Sep. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Christy Corley** reported that all student members are now able to apply for the \$500 stipend to attend the National Conference.

**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.

**Upon the recommendation of the Executive Board 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**

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**

Under 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 1<sup>st</sup>." **MSP**

**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.

**President Patti Misita** asked everyone to please read the description of their position. If a description does not exist, please write a brief report of your duties and present it to the Board in October.

Respectively Submitted,

Tamera Zona  
Secretary