

LMTA Full Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Lake Charles, LA

The meeting was called to order by President Judy McGehee.

Roll was taken by signature. Those present were President Judy McGehee, President-elect Patti Misita, VP Membership LaWanda Blakeney, VP Certification Sue Steck-Turner, VP Publicity David Easley, VP Rallies Robin Ebeyer, Secretary Tamera Zona, Treasurer Janet Colbert, Treasurer-elect Teresa Thomason, Historian/Webmaster Katherine Tobey, Immediate Past President Donna Toney, Sarah Roy, Angel Carter, Pamela Pike, Joan Jensen, Lauren Lewandowska, Gulya Chandler, Jeanne Pattermen, and Joao Paulo Casarotti.

Janet Colbert reported that there is \$31,145.45 in the account. LMTA has signed power of attorney to the CPA in order to deal with the IRS. Teresa Thomason has taken over the treasurer position.

Discussion ensued on changing the by-law in Article 1, Section 3 to read "Student membership shall be open to all full-time college students currently involved in music study, who are also members of an affiliated association. Student members shall be entitled to attend programs of the Association upon payment of the registration fee, to receive the official Association publication, and to enter students into LMTA events and competitions, but shall not have the right to vote, hold office, or enter students into MTNA competitions." **MSP.**

A discussion about membership deadlines concerning eligibility for competitions took place. For now, it will be a local decision.

Sue Steck-Turner reported that 104 members are certified and explained the new system of categories for certification in the yearbook.

Rallies were successful this year however the margin of profit was small. In order to continue without losing money, rally fees will increase to \$25 per student. A place for the Torgrimson/Swanzy Competition is still being sought.

A new Intermission will come out after convention.

Picture from the convention would be appreciated for archival purposes. Please put names on the photos and send them to the new webmaster, Laura Pray.

This year's fellow is Marjorie Strickland. Please make the check out to MTNA and put Marjorie Strickland – LA fellow in the memo.

Lauren Lewandowski will give the results of the Independent Music Teachers Forum survey at the convention.

Jeanne Patterson discussed ways to encourage teachers to enter their students in the Elementary Auditions.

The Outstanding Teacher of the Year award was discussed. Locals are encouraged to nominate at least one teacher from their district.

Donna Toney has been nominated for the South Central Division chair. Please vote for her.

Discussion ensued about LMTA facebook. Ideas about who should be allowed onto the network included members, former teachers or simply anyone.

Members are encouraged to look online at www.MTNA.org at the member benefits. A "Code of Ethics" information e-mail will be set to the local presidents. It is suggested that local associations adopt the future "Code of Ethics"

Respectfully Submitted,
Tamera Zona, Secretary