

LMTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 11-12, 2008

THE WESLEY CENTER, WOODWORTH, LA

Attendance: President Katherine Tobey, President-elect Donna Toney, VP/Membership Judy McGehee, Historian Annette Larsen, Past-President Sue Steck-Turner, VP/Certification Linda Manes, VP/Publicity David Easley, Treasurer Charles Jones, and Secretary Robin Ebeyer.

Friday

President Tobey called the meeting to order.

The reading of the minutes from the February meeting was dispensed with.

Opening announcements included the following:

- * 2009 LMTA Convention will be held October 15-17 at ULL with Ingrid Clarfield as our special guest.
- * Members were encouraged to check out new MTNA insurance offerings, which now include medical insurance.
- * LMTA will be adding a discussion board to the website very soon.

Charles Jones gave the Treasurer's Report. LMTA is in good standing and doing well, with our current balance at \$41,421.21. \$4,744.08 was the profit from the district piano rallies and the Torgrimson-Swanzy Competition brought in \$3,368.54. Some discussion took place as to whether LMTA could support any other states where catastrophes had occurred recently. President Tobey had inquired about it, but had not been made aware of any needs that we could assist in. Treasurer Jones informed the group that convention registration would be made available to all local presidents the following day. There is also a fillable PDF on the LMTA website that members can fill in, then print and send to Charlie. VP/Membership McGehee agreed to send an email to all members informing them of this. An addition to this form is a blank for the total number of years teaching. Teachers will be recognized at the banquet. Discussion took place about the recognition of the following members: past LMTA presidents, Local Affiliate of the Year, and current officers. It was decided by the group to recognize these three groups of people by a different color ribbon attached to their name badges during the convention.

A welcome went out to David Easley, who has stepped in to fill the VP/Publicity position.

President-elect Toney began discussion of our upcoming LMTA Convention. Members were informed that all information for the bulletin needed to be to Janet Colbert by August 1. Toney continued the discussion, commenting on the wonderful facilities and informative sessions offered. Those present volunteered to preside at various sessions. The Exhibits have been moved to the classroom across from the Recital Hall. VP/Certification Manes commented that she will only be at the Certification Table at

certain times, which will be posted. The banquet will include recognition of teachers who have been teaching for five years or longer (recognition will be in five year increments), and a Silent Auction, proceeds of which will benefit the MTNA Foundation. Information about the convention hotel is on the website, along with the registration form.

President Tobey continued the meeting with discussion about the Full Board Meeting the following day. The group will be divided into three groups and discussion will take place on how to boost membership. The three groups will be: Convention, Competitions, and Community. One officer is to take notes and present a report to the entire Board at the conclusion of the meetings.

The meeting was adjourned.

Saturday

President Tobey opened the meeting with a review of the day's schedule. Charles Jones informed the group on how LMTA might improve chances of being selected MTNA "State Affiliate of the Year."

Convention Chair Ross Smith and GSMTA President Martha Bordelon joined the group to discuss the upcoming convention in Shreveport. Discussion was led by Donna Toney. Ross and Martha updated the group on convention specifics.

The meeting was adjourned to be joined by the Full Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Ebeyer, Secretary