

LMTA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 12, 2008, 10:30 a.m.

THE WESLEY CENTER, WOODWORTH, LA

Attendance: President Katherine Tobey, President-elect Donna Toney, VP/Membership Judy McGehee, Historian Annette Larsen, Immediate Past-President Sue Steck-Turner, VP/Certification Linda Manes, VP/Publicity David Easley, Treasurer Charles Jones, Secretary Robin Ebeyer, Webmaster Carla Breaux, MTNA Competitions Chair Christy Vogt, Composition Competitions Chair Thais Perkins, Piano Chair David Evenson, MTNA Foundation Chair Sarah Roy, College Faculty Forum Chair Joni Jensen, BRMTA President Shelley Hays, Piano Rally Chair Teresa Thomason, NOMTA President Donna Clavijo, LCPTA President Abbie Fletcher, Voice Rally Chair Lynette Murphy, NSMTA President Sandy Larson, IMTF Chair Patti Misita, Convention Chair Ross Smith, GSMTA President Martha Bordelon, and CPTA President Tamera Zona,.

President Tobey called the meeting to order. The group dispensed with the reading of the minutes. Tobey announced the discussion groups that would be meeting after lunch and how the group would be divided. Charles Jones gave the Treasurer's Report stating that LMTA has a balance of \$41,421.21. The profit from district piano rallies was \$4,744.08 and the Torgrimson-Swanzy profit was \$3,368.54.

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.

President-elect Toney began the discussion of the upcoming LMTA convention at Centenary October 23-25, 2008. Everyone is really excited about Melody Bober and Carolyn Setliff's sessions and showcases. Heather Rathnau with "Theory Time" will also be there. Paul Christopher, String Chair, has nine string sessions to offer teachers. Toney went on to list the many wonderful sessions and amenities. The complete schedule will be on the LMTA website mid-August. VP/Certification Manes announced that all newly MTNA certified members will be recognized at the banquet and presented with a certification pin.

An overview of LMTA Policies and Procedures was presented by President Tobey.

The Full Board meets at the convention and in the summer.

The Executive Committee meets in February, July, and October – one additional time.

The Rally Board meets in the summer and at convention.

The Certification Board and Membership Boards meet as necessary.

LMTA will subsidize pedagogical workshops sponsored by local associations at the rate of \$3.00 per member in attendance, with approval of the President. An attendance roll must be kept and sent to the LMTA Treasurer for reimbursement.

Convention fees are as follows: LMTA members pay full price, non-member presenters and non-member faculty and students from host school are free. Members are strongly encouraged to use the

down-loadable PDF for registration.

Presenters may use a designated table in the exhibit area to sell their publications and recordings. Non-presenter members may exhibit for a fee of \$20.

Future conventions are as follows: Lafayette in 2009, Natchitoches in 2010, Baton Rouge in 2011, and Monroe in 2012.

Each local affiliate is required to purchase at least a ¼-page ad for the convention bulletin, and Universities are strongly encouraged to purchase ads as well.

The Score newsletter will continue to be published on the LMTA website. The membership directory and list of certified members will be published in the Convention Bulletin. All local presidents are to gather enough bulletins to hand out to members not present at the convention.

Small group meetings were held after lunch. The group divided into three groups to discuss the future of LMTA, how to boost membership, and encourage participation.

The full group re-convened to report on their discussions.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Ebeyer, Secretary