

LMTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 22, 2008, 4:00 PM

HOLIDAY INN – BERT KOUNS, SHREVEPORT, LA

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

President Tobey called the meeting to order.

The reading of the July meeting minutes was dispensed of. **Treasurer Charlie Jones** reported that LMTA is still in very good financial standing. Our balance will be over \$43,900 after convention expenses are paid. \$4434.50 of the balance belongs to the SHS fund. **President-elect Donna Toney** briefed us on some convention items that needed discussing.

2009 Convention will be held at ULL in Lafayette on October 15-17 with clinicians Ingrid Clarfield and William Chapman Nyaho. The students of ULL will also host a Music Fair for students participating in the Playathon on Saturday.

Discussion took place about the date and location for the Winter and Summer meetings. It was agreed that details would be finalized in the coming weeks.

President Tobey then brought the discussion to a Bylaws Amendment proposal, which would amend Article I, Section 1 to require all LMTA members to belong to a local affiliate. Much discussion took place and all agreed to NOT amend the Article and leave it as is.

The Rally Board recommended that the Worker Fee be raised from \$50 to \$75 for those teachers who enter students in Rally, but choose not to work on Rally day. Discussion took place. Judy McGehee made the motion that the Board support the Rally Board's request to increase the Worker Fee from \$50 to \$75. Charlie Jones seconded and all were in favor.

Discussion then moved on to revisions to the Policies and Procedures. The first revision was as to add the following **Convention Book Ad Rates:**

\$100 – full page ad for local affiliate or educational institution (no exhibit space or website ad included)

\$125 – inside back cover
Sue Steck-Turner moved to accept the proposal, Charlie Jones seconded and all were in agreement.

The second revision pertained to **Disbursements.**

Increase mileage rate from \$0.36 to \$0.40

Increase travel award for Division winners from LA who compete in the National competition from \$75 to \$200

Increase award to Commissioned Composer from \$500 to \$750. Charlie moved that all revisions be accepted.

Ross Smith seconded and all were in favor.

Katherine agreed to make the changes to the on-line Policies and Procedures and Rally Syllabus, where needed.

President Tobey announced that every donation that we make to the Foundation can now be designated for a Louisiana Fellow. She recommended that Fred Sahlmann be our next Foundation Fellow. This will be announced at convention and LMTA members will be encouraged to donate to the Foundation, designating that the money go to the Louisiana Fellow. LMTA will make up the difference if the full \$1000 needed to nominate a Foundation Fellow is not collected during the convention. Charlie Jones moved that we accept this proposal, Donna Toney seconded, and all were in favor.

Discussion moved on to SHS activities. SHS/Playathon Chair Sue Steck-Turner reported successful Playathons in the Baton Rouge area. She recommended that we donate \$1000 to the Ike Relief Fund to assist music teachers in the Galveston and Houston areas affected by Hurricane Ike. Charlie Jones seconded and all were in favor.

Items of new business were discussed next. Al Benner will be the Commissioned Composer for 2009. MTNA's insurance covers all LMTA and affiliate events, but individual teachers are not covered. Affiliates may obtain insurance certificates through the MTNA website. MTNA's insurance company does have policies available for individuals to purchase.

The meeting was adjourned to join the Full Board for dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Ebeyer, Secretary