

LMTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 29, 2011

10:00 a.m.

LSU, Baton Rouge, LA

Attendance: Jill O'Toole, Historian; Donna Toney, President; Katherine Tobey, Immediate Past President; Judy McGehee, President-Elect; Patti Misita, VP Membership; David Easley, VP Publicity; Dorothy Sahlmann, VP Rallies; Janet Colbert, Treasurer; Pamela Pike, Convention Host; Matthew Daline, String Chair; and Robin Ebeyer, Secretary

President Toney called the meeting to order and attendance was taken by signature. The minutes stand approved as read on-line.

President Toney began the meeting with discussion of the possibility of having our Summer Board Meeting in conjunction with the Torgrimson/Swanzy Competition to be held Saturday, June 4, at McNeese State University in Lake Charles. This proposal met with approval and more information will be forthcoming.

Treasurer Janet Colbert reported that LMTA income from state and national certification, rallies, and dues from MTNA equal about \$5000 per year. Annual expenses are approximately \$10,500, therefore we are not meeting our need. The present balance as of January 28, 2011 is \$37,703.37. The MTNA State Competitions made \$1695 and spent \$1081.68, therefore making a profit of about \$600. Janet recommends that we keep \$25,000 in the bank as a cushion.

The SHS fund report was given. SHS Chair Sue Steck-Turner informed President Toney that there is \$893 left in the fund and is quickly dwindling. \$6,652.32 was spent in 2010. Immediate Past President Tobey moved that LMTA contribute \$5000 to the SHS fund as a reserve. VP Misita seconded and all were in favor.

IPP Tobey, 2011 LMTA Convention Bulletin Editor proposed that LMTA purchase InDesign, a computer program to be used for the convention bulletin, cost of \$250. The program will be passed to each convention bulletin editor for use. Treasurer Colbert made the motion to buy InDesign, seconded by President elect McGehee.
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A Mac version will be purchased this year and a PC version will be purchased as needed.

Young Artist Competitions Coordinator Kenneth Boulton proposed that LMTA subsidize a portion of the Young Artist entry fees to promote more competitors and encourage potential career musician to develop a life-long association with MTNA and its associations. Dr. Boulton explained that some collegiate students have not participated because of high fees. Strings Chair, Matthew Daline, encouraged the LMTA board to seriously consider this proposal and discussion followed. VP-

Membership Misita made a motion that LMTA subsidize 50% of the MTNA Young Artist entry fee for MTNA Competitions, followed by a second from VP Publicity Easley. MSP

The approval is for 2012 competitions only and will be reviewed next year. Checks will be issued after the event as a reimbursement.

Treasurer Colbert asked that each local acquire their own Employer Identification Number (EIN) and not use LMTA's number. Discussion of tax issues followed.

VP Easley informed the group that the Score deadline is March 1, 2011.

VP Membership Misita informed the group that membership is slightly down.

The Certification report was given by President Toney in VP Certification Steck-Turner's absence. Thirteen pins were given to newly certified members, with a total increase of 20 for this year. Five are in process. All others must pursue certification via projects. LMTA is continuing to match half the application fee.

Cindy Hockenjos, Ruston, suggested that a Past President's Council be formed. This council would consist of the Immediate Past President, serving as chair, and any Past President who wishes to participate. This Council would cast one vote on the Full Board. This item was met with enthusiasm and added to the constitution and by-laws changes.

Much discussion took place as to revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws. All changes and revisions can be viewed on the LMTA website and will be included in the Winter Score, emailed to all members.

**Respectfully submitted,
Robin Ebeyer, Secretary**