

**LMTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, October 12, 2011**  
**LSU, Baton Rouge**

**Attendance:** Patti Misita, VP Membership; Janet Colbert, Treasurer; Donna Toney, President; Judy McGehee, President Elect; Katherine Tobey, Immediate Past President; Sue Steck–Turner, VP Certification; David Easley, VP Publicity; Pamela Pike, LSU Host; Dorothy Sahlmann, VP Rallies, Robin Ebeyer, Secretary; Jill O’Toole, Historian.

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

**Janet Colbert delivered the Treasurer’s Report**, stating that LMTA has \$33,516.25 as of September 22, 2011, in the bank. She recently purchased the new Quicken software and also stated that the LMTA Dell Computer will need to be replaced soon, but is currently working adequately.

**Sue Steck–Turner reported on the SOS/SHS fund.** A new logo has been created for Save Our Students and new guidelines have been put in place. All information and guidelines for securing financial aid for students can be found on the LMTA website. Playathons will continue to be the source of funding for SOS, with the convention Playathon to be held on Saturday, October 15. Local districts are encouraged to have their own and contribute this way.

**Dorothy Sahlmann delivered the report for the Rallies.** The Harp Rally had 27 participants from three teachers. The receipts and expenditures equaled out, so there was no profit from this event. Thirty–one students participated in String Rally with six teachers participating, and a profit of \$178.29 was given to LMTA. The 2011 Piano Rally proved to be successful with all 10 districts represented. 1081 students participated (105 of them were non–competitive) and the total profit to LMTA was \$3,762.15. The 2011 Torgrimson/Swanzey Competition was held Saturday, June 3, at McNeese State University and had a total of 165 students participate from approximately 57 teachers. A profit of \$2,869.50 was sent to LMTA. Judges for the event were Lois Leventhal, Ilanka Rus, Betsy Hines, and Dwight Pearce.

**Sue Steck–Turner reported on Certification.** The response to the Certification Workshop to be held during the Convention has been great with 10 signed up to come. Sue encouraged the Committee to promote certification at the local level. Sue made a motion to continue matching funds to each person who pursues national certification \$100 of the \$200 fee. Judy seconded and all were in favor.

**Patti Misita reported on Membership.** As of a few days ago, LMTA had 350 members, with 37 of them being new. The push to gain more collegiate members has proved successful. The MTNA “Each One Reach One” is being pushed and the idea to follow up with mentoring programs was suggested. Each local district is

encouraged to have community events that are open to non-members, as well as to have a liaison between the collegiate chapters to get them involved after graduation.

**David Easley gave the Publicity Report.** The Score was sent out several times this year, yet concern was raised as to how many members actually read it. David is researching ways to track this, such as having at least one article that requires a response. "Around the State in 60 Seconds" is a new push to highlight local district events or teachers.

**Judy McGehee, President-Elect gave a report** on the upcoming Convention. Many wonderful sessions are to be presented, as well as the annual banquet and anticipated recital by Jennifer Hayghe. Discussion took place as to the process for lining up presenters for the 2012 Convention. Judy, Patti, and Janet will come up with a plan.

**Katherine Tobey reported as the Webmaster.** She reminded the group to regularly clear browser history in order to receive the updated forms. The new software purchased for constructing the Convention Bulletin is working wonderfully and is extremely helpful for the website. Laura Misita has agreed to take over as Webmaster in November 2013.

**Donna Toney informed the group** that the Constitution and By-Laws amendments will be voted on during the General Session on Friday. Thirty five members must be present in order to vote, so all are required to attend and to make sure other colleagues attend, as well.

**New Business items were brought to the floor.** Katherine made the motion to reimburse to the LMTA President and LMTA President-Elect the amount of airfare, hotel and \$150 per diem for up to 4 days to attend the MTNA Convention. Sue seconded and all were in favor. Katherine also made the motion that LMTA pay for one table at the gala for 15 people. Sue seconded and all were in favor.

**Pamela Pike informed the group that LSU** paid for parking passes for convention attendees to the cost of \$6/each. Katherine made the motion to donate \$500 to the LSU CMDA earmarked for the Graduate Pedagogy Program.

**The 2012 LMTA Convention** is tentatively set for October 18-20 in Monroe.

**The 2012 LMTA Commissioned Composer** will be Joe L. Alexander from Louisiana Tech University, where he is an Associate Professor and teaches Theory, Composition and Low Brass.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Ebeyer, Secretary**