

LMTA Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, August 17, 2013

The Wesley Center

Woodworth, LA

Attendance: Judy McGehee, President; Patti Misita, President-Elect; Donna Toney, Immediate Past-President; LaWanda Blakeney, VP Membership; David Easley, VP Publicity; Sue Steck-Turner, VP Certification; Katherine Tobey, Historian/Webmaster; Robin Ebeyer, VP Rallies; Janet Colbert, Treasurer; Mila Olivier, Member at large; Gulya Chandler, Member at large; Christy Corley, President – Lake Charles; Tamera Zona, Secretary.

President McGehee called the meeting to order and attendance was taken by signature. MSP dispense with reading of minutes from the last meeting.

Janet Colbert presented the Treasurer's report. LMTA's checking account balance is \$31,281.45. The New York state association returned the \$1000 donation sent by LMTA because their teachers were not in areas seriously affected by Hurricane Sandy. Teresa Thomason will be taking over as Treasurer.

Lawanda Blakeney presented the membership report. She suggested that local associations have early dues deadlines for members to be eligible to enter students in competitions. It was also decided to form a committee to oversee the establishment of a stipend for membership dues on an as-needed basis. This committee will be led by Donna Toney and Sue Steck-Turner.

Sue SteckTurner presented the Certification report. A discussion to continue the reimbursement of \$100 for members who become nationally certified took place. MSP.

David Easley presented the Publicity report and will be sending out a postcard about convention to the membership.

Robin Ebeyer presented the Rally report. This year's student totals were: Harp - 7, String - 41 and the Torgrimson/Swanzy Competition - 170. A recommendation to raise the fee to \$25 for district Rallies was MSP. A discussion was held about students entering their own students in competitions. A vote for eligibility upon payment of dues was MSP.

Katherine Tobey presented the Webmaster report and will have convention information updated soon.

Tuning the pianos for convention was discussed. LMTA will pay for four tunings and MTNA will pay for two tunings on Saturday for the competitions. Each tuning will cost \$110.

Old Business included continuing to reimburse \$500 each for two student chapter officers to attend the MTNA National Conference. It was agreed that Shearon Horton's students who have previously participated in Rally could continue to participate, and a recommendation to the full board will be made. MSP: LMTA will continue to reimburse half of the Young Artist entry fee and will continue to encourage teachers to become nationally certified. Recipient of the LMTA service award was decided. Donna Toney is running for South-Central division director-elect in February.

The Meeting was adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted,
Tamera Zona
Secretary**