

LMTA Executive Board Meeting

March 3, 2024

The members of the LMTA Executive Board met in regular session on Zoom Sunday, March 3, 2024. Those present were David Easley, Robin Williams, Chan Kiat Lim, Rebecca Bellelo, Michelle Strain, Raymond Yee, Hannah May, Cara Guilbeau, Melva Villard, Barbara Cockerham and Carla Breaux. The meeting was called to order by President David Easley at 5:30pm.

David reported that Katherine Tobey will no longer serve as Outstanding Teacher Chair. Charlie Jones will assume the duties this year.

Sue Steck-Turner has reached out to the Keyboard Olympics committee asking if the curriculum that was created in 2020 could possibly be updated to include visually impaired students. More information to come!

David gave a report on insurance coverage for events taking place in Louisiana. Changes in our policy have caused liability insurance coverage to be dropped in 2020. David has spent many hours with the insurance company to resolve this issue. He sent out a form to all presidents requesting information about what events are sponsored in each district. The goal is to add the rider back to the policy and list local chapters as "Additional Insured". The cost for this may be \$400. David will continue to work to resolve this issue.

Robin Williams brought us up to date on conference planning. She is looking for recommendations for prospective guest artists and clinicians. Several some names that were mentioned are Christopher Fisher, Lisa Bastien and Wendy Stevens. Robin will contact any and all suggested clinicians for cost and availability.

Hannah reported that the score will be out in late April or early May. This year, we are considering a printed Score to be mailed before conference time and all others to be sent digitally.

Michelle Strain gave us an update on rally information. The 2024 tests have been updated and sent out to rally chairs along with the keys and ear training examples. The ear training examples are recorded as well as in written form (just in case technology is a problem during testing). T/S is scheduled for June 8 in Baton Rouge. She is currently looking for a venue as LSU is not available. The new venue will cost approximately \$500 more than last year, but the T/S profit will cover the expense. Michelle asked for recommendations for judges for T/S. One other issue was discussed. At the rally board meeting, the members voted to raise the teacher fee from \$75 to \$150 if he/she could not help on the day of rally. The board may need to revisit this amount and find ways to find a substitute.

Melva Villard reported that 10 members are up for certification renewal. Melva will get access to the rally database to check teachers who currently qualify for certification.

Clara Guilbeau reported that the LMTA website is working well. David will send her an updated list on Executive Board officers for publication.

Rebecca Bellelo reported that as of February 16, our membership is at 226, up from last October.

Lastly, Raymond Yee submitted the LMTA Treasurer's Report. As of March 3, 2024, the Red River Bank checking account has a balance of \$33,808.35. The Save Our Students Fund currently has \$5838.30. The Technology Fund currently has \$5425.21.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Breaux,
Secretary