TMLA Business Meeting
September 29, 2007

Sha Towers called the meeting to order at 11:47 a.m. Members present were: Donna Arnold, Keith Chapman, Mary Du Mont, Bruce Evans, Bruce D. Hall, Jean Harden, Amanda Harlan, Ralph Hartsock, Sharon Herfurth, Andrew Justice, Tina Murdock, Joan O'Connor, Gus Paredes, Alisa Rata Stutzbach, and Sha Towers.

There was a motion by Mary Du Mont to approve the minutes from the chapter meeting in Pittsburgh. Tina Murdock seconded. The minutes were approved.

Keith read the treasurer's report.

Committee reports were given.

Database Committee:

Alisa reported the need to access and update older documents pertaining to TMLA and then try to put all of these documents into an electronic format to manipulate data. Andrew will see if UNT can use to input data. The data would be best kept in one location. The first focus of the committee will be on the composers' database.

Membership Committee:

Bruce reported that the chairship of the committee has passed from Tina to him and that Bruce Hall is the new member in place of Tina.

Oral History Project:

Donna Arnold shared a list of questions they now have for persons to be interviewed. Bruce Evans will interview Judy Weidow and Donna Mendrow.

Old Business:

Tina suggested a date change for MLA national in Dallas from 2011 to 2012. She discussed the growth of the arts district and other amenities that Dallas has to offer as a convention site. She then made a motion for TMLA to put in a bid to host MLA in 2012 in Dallas. It was seconded by Joan O'Connor. The motion passed unanimously.

Jean reported that she attended the Educational Outreach session at MLA and they will be having an all day pre-conference in Newport. Mary volunteered to take up the empty spot on Reference Outreach.

New Business:

Bruce Evans suggested we create a conference handbook. His idea came out of MOUG's conference handbook. It would be created on the chapter level and be handled by the membership committee as a separate document. Bruce E. made the motion and it passed.

Mary made a motion for the 2008 meeting to be held in Austin. It was amended to be a joint meeting for TMLA and the Museum folks. Joan seconded and it was unanimously passed. Sha will notify David Hunter.

Tina talked about the bill in the Texas House to create one large Texas Music Museum. She felt that TMLA needs to get involved in saving Texas heritage. She said that libraries need to collect information on what collections need preserving, where the collections are located, etc.

It was decided that institutional reports would be done virtually.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.