TMLA Business Meeting
Denton, TX
Saturday, October 4, 2014, 11:00PM
UNT Willis Library, The Forum

Present: Michelle Hahn (Chair), Donna Arnold, Idalia Avezuela, Colin Bitter, John Brower, Mary Brower, Victoria Castillo, Chris Diamond, Bruce Evans, Maristella Feustle, James Floyd, Bruce Hall, Jean Harden, Ralph Hartsock, David Hunter, Andrew Justice, Rahni Kennedy, Stephanie Lewin-Lane, Mark McKnight, Sara Outhier, Pamela Pagels, Michael Rogan, Matthew Stock, Janelle West (Secretary/Treasurer)

1. Call to order: Michelle Hahn called the meeting to order.

2. Minutes for the February 27, 2014 meeting were approved.

3. Thanks to Michael Rogan for attending; thanks to the host institution and the meeting planners.

4. Introduction of new members: Stephanie Lewin-Lane of University of Houston, Pam Pagels of Southern Methodist University, Victoria Castillo, masters student and diversity fellow at the University of North Texas.

Reports

5. Chair’s report:
   a. TMLA has turned 40!
   b. Pro tem chairship has been edifying and has helped prepare for actual chairship;
   c. John Brower will serve as Past Chair, as the most recent Past Chair is no longer in the chapter;
   d. Chapter website is now fully migrated to Google Sites.

6. Treasurer’s report:
   a. Janelle West reported the balance of the chapter Chase account to be $3,925.60;
   b. Due to ongoing complications with Chase, the account has been moved to a Wells Fargo Simple Business Checking Account.

7. Local Arrangements/Program Committee: No Report.

Old Business


9. Membership Committee: No report.
10. Oral History Project: Determined the location of Bruce Evans’s interview recordings and discussed MLA’s interest in compiling these for their archive; Morris Martin should be interviewed.

11. Composer’s Database: Maristella Feustle and Andrew Justice reported that the database is accessible, and the committee wishes to move forward and would welcome extra members; Stephanie Lewin-Lane volunteered to join and was gladly accepted.

12. Committees, Projects & Annual Meetings Survey: This old survey was recently stumbled upon and is determined to be relevant still, so TMLA officers will explore re-using it at some point.

New Business

13. Travel grants for paraprofessionals: Michelle Hahn solicited discussion on whether or not we wanted to offer chapter level support to paraprofessionals attending TMLA and/or MLA. The Freeman Travel Grant currently excludes paraprofessionals from eligibility, and though Michael Rogan indicated that MLA is working on changing the Freeman language to not exclude paraprofessionals, he indicated that it may take a while, and chapters are welcome to step in in the meantime. It was determined that the easiest way to get the idea off the ground might be to begin by supporting chapter meeting attendance, and Michelle invited anyone interested in forming a committee to contact her.

14. Regional repository for TMLA archives: Maristella Feustle indicated that she would be interested in taking on the TMLA archives, on behalf of UNT.

15. The first 40/The next 10: Michelle Hahn gave a summary of the first 40 years of TMLA, including video clips from the Dallas 2012 MLA welcome video. She solicited a volunteer to write up a summary of the last 20 years (a write up of the 1st 20 years already exists), and Andrew Justice suggested that a companion video be produced.

16. Elections: Candidates for Vice Chair/Chair-Elect were Maristella Feustle and Sarah Brown; candidates for Secretary/Treasurer were Mary Brower and Sarah Outhier. Ballots were distributed and collected, and John Brower counted the votes. Results: Vice Chair/Chair-Elect is Maristella, and Secretary/Treasurer is Mary Brower.

17. Chapter news:

   a. Baylor report: Bruce Evans & Chris Diamond reported that a 30,000 piece sheet music collection is now being cataloged, and they are working through other backlogs as well
   b. SMU report: Sara Outhier reported that 2015 marks her library’s 25th anniversary, and library renovations are underway.
   c. U of H report: Stephanie Lewin-Lane reported plans for a resource fair in 2015, as well as plans for a music career collection.
d. UNT report: Mark McKnight talked about the Pierrot Lunaire concerts recently given in Denton and New York, which were co-sponsored by the UNT College of Music and Music Library; Maristella Feustle reported on the Gene Puerling collection; Jean Harden talked about her work on music cataloging training materials for student workers and about the Music Cataloging Institute held at UNT in June, 2014; Ralph Hartsock reported on highlights of the William Lee and Steve Smolian collections; Andrew Justice mentioned that he will be presenting on sound quality for a second time at MLA in Denver 2015.

e. UO report: Matt Stock reported that they are looking into digitizing the school of music recordings as a piggy back on the initiative to digitize their Western history items.

f. Sam Houston State report: Bruce Hall reported on the new gov docs and science libraries, and he announced an opening for an electronic resources librarian.

g. Rosenberg Library report: Idalia Avezuela spoke of the important documents related to Galveston history that are held in the library, and she is hoping to eventually obtain and catalog a long-held collection of choral music donated by a music professor.

h. Rice report: Mary reported that a 2nd building is being built for the school of music, but it will not include space for a music library; she also spoke of a recent donation of Brazilian music, as well as other ethno-oriented donations.

i. San Jacinto College report: John Brower reported that they have the beginnings of a small music collection, and they anticipate the addition of CDs soon; the Central Campus library is in the throes of renovation, and there is an opening for the head of Tech Services.

j. UT Austin: David Hunter reported on the International Young Violinist Competition, which was hosted by UT; he also announced there is a new director of UT Libraries, Lorraine Haricombe, and he reported on a 60,000 CD donation, which, pending grant application and approval, will require 1 professional, 4 paraprofessionals, and 3 years to catalog completely.

18. Best of Chapters: Ballots were distributed to determine who the chapter will submit for the MLA Best of Chapters competition. Sarah Outhier counted the votes, and David Hunter was selected to represent the chapter in the competition.

19. 2015 meeting: The location for TMLA 2015 is pending. An online survey will be distributed to determine where members wish to meet.

20. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janelle West

Secretary/Treasurer, MLA-Texas Chapter