

Board Minutes – August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Those present were: Lia Holland, Jeannette MacCallum, Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry, Lorna Pyka, Terri Godfrey, Gerald Patton, Ashlee Sexton, Missy Cook, Crystal Juechter, Shawn Frazier and Sandy Elliott.

Jeannette MacCallum gave the Financial Report. Accounts Receivable is a negative due to credits for various schools who over paid All-State fees. Our account balance is at its lowest ever. The P & L is also a negative balance. Partly due to the purchase of the new card reader that we now use for the audition process for our various events. Looking at the individual events, we can see that our expenses for those events are also higher in comparison to previous years. This is due mainly to the increasing cost of travel expenses for our clinicians.

Jeanette also brought up the idea of having a set criteria, for teacher absences for our events and when a fee is assessed or not. We discussed the importance of obtaining this fee because of the expense created for the event when a director was not there. A policy was discussed that would have the following wording:

Excused without fee – Personal Emergencies

Excused with fee – School duties keep a director from attending

Not Excused – Personal vacations, non-school work obligations, etc.

Lia Holland discussed the new policy of special requests and limiting the detail of such requests. For Mid-State Choir, they may choose Friday or Saturday, early or late. No specific time requests would be honored.

Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry gave her report for the TMEA Summer Council. NAFME will be holding a National Conference in the fall of 2013. TMEA was not consulted for this conference and there were some concerns. NAFME is also considering have a deadline for joining their organization. This would be a change from the current policy where members may join at any time and their renewal date is dependent on the month they joined. Student Eligibility was discussed concerning what defines a school. We are encouraging TMEA to develop a policy that defines what is a “school”.

Alexis talked about TN Treble Choir and announced that Gretchen Harrison would be the conductor for this year’s group. Rollo Dillworth will be the conductor for 2015.

Lorna Pyka gave a report for MS Mass. Everything is ready to go, music, directors and accompanists. The event will be at Christ Church. There is a \$500 facility use fee, Security \$175 and insurance is \$160. This is higher than last year.

Terri Godfrey gave a report on the Mid-State Event. Everything is on-line and clinicians have been approved.

Gerald Patton gave a report on Freshman Honors Choir. Clinicians have been approved and are Dr. Jennifer Adam and Dr. Tucker Biddlecombe. Clarification was given on whether directors would order

their own music. We are going to charge \$10 for an audition fee. We will use that to cover the cost of the music and will order for the students who make the choir. This will be both for Freshman Honors as well as Mid-State Choir.

Ashlee Sexton gave a report on Elementary Honors. Brentwood United Methodist had increased their fee from \$500 to \$1225. A different location is being researched in order to stay in the \$500 budget. A clinician has been approved and music selected.

Beth Kolwyck will give her report on Elementary Mass at the next meeting.

Crystal Juechter gave a report on MS Honors Choir. The clinician and music have been approved. She is still waiting for confirmation on the location. Crystal and Ashlee are looking into the possibility of having it at Hermitage Hills Baptist Church.

Jeanette announced that MTVA has a credit card to help purchase food for our events if needed.

Cindy Ferhman will give her report on Choral Festival at the next meeting.

Shawn Frazier talked about last year's solo and ensemble festival. He was very pleased to announce that last year's event was a success. There were, however, some errors in the fee that was paid. It was due to the registration process on-line. It was discussed to have a separate registration for soloists and a separate registration for ensembles. He also discussed ideas for next year such as possibly changing locations and real pianos in the performance area. He also discussed the idea of combining the event with WTVA and ETVA.

Craig Zamer was scheduled to do a reading session in September. He may switch to November due to our meeting location.

A reminder was given about the motion that will be given to the membership regarding the registration deadline for personal membership instead of waiting until you register for an event.

Lia also brought up the change of Mid-State/Freshman Honors Event Fee. There would be a \$5 audition fee and then a \$10 participate fee that may or may not cover the music fee. Both of the above are a part of the constitution for MTVA.

Alexis volunteered to organize the Mentoring Program with MTVA.

Lia discussed how we will use sight reading for this year's audition for Mid-State/All-State. It technically will not count this year, but we will show the student's their score with the sight reading added in. Sight Reading will be included with their regular audition. We will have something on-line for students to see, hear and practice so that they will feel prepared.

We discussed how we must handle those board members that were elected after our February meeting. After consulting our handbook, it was decided that that board position can be appointed by the President but would need to be voted upon at the next meeting. That vote was added to general meeting agenda that would follow.

Jeanette needed clarification on the participation fee and whether music would be included. It was discussed to have the music included. After the audition results are calculated, we will send to Pepper a list of schools and how many each school should get. The participation fee would be paid at the Freshman Honors/Mid-State Event.

Shawn motioned to adjourn and Lorna seconded the motion.