

The MTVA board meeting was called to order at 5:22 by Lia Holland. Those present were Lia Holland, Terri Godfrey, Gerald Patton, Jeannette MacCullum, Beth Kolwyck, Cindy Fehrman, Shawn Frazier, Alexis Derryberry and Missy Cook. Jeannette MacCullum gave the Treasurer's report. The P & L is much better now due to the earlier registration date. Jeanette stated that the new deadline for joining MTVA at the same time instead of when they registered for an event was very helpful for cash flow. After the report was given, Cindy Fehrman mentioned that we were not paid by the photographer for Choral Festival last year. The contract stated that MTVA would be paid \$1000 or \$20 per choir whichever is greater. Unfortunately, we have not been compensated by the photographer. Cindy is going to follow up with the photographer to let them know that we did not receive payment.

Alexis announced where the next two MTVA meetings will be held. She also announced the professional development opportunity with Dr. Zamer of "You're Going to Sing What?" The November meeting will be at the Antioch High School Choir Room and the January meeting will be at the Great American Fundraising Corporate Office on Atrium Way in Nashville. Dinner will be provided at both of those meetings. She also announced another professional development opportunity presented by the University of TN Knoxville. This will be on October 9th and 10th. She distributed a flyer with the details for this workshop.

Lia Holland brought up the issue of special requests and that there are several directors who are turning in requests to miss the Mid-State auditions. She also mentioned the number of special requests for students. Some requests are not reasonable for an event such as this. Lia asked if the board felt it was acceptable to prioritize. Cindy expressed a desire to not give a blanket statement of what requests would receive priority. Terri Sandford has asked Lia to give him some discretion as far as which requests would receive priority. The board did agree that those requests that were school related would receive first priority.

Lia also discussed that once the schedule is published, if there are any mistakes, we need to state what our policy will be. Jeanette said that the fee was \$25 for any correction. After the correction is made, any other corrections that are needed will be an additional fee of \$25. Jeanette mentioned that it would be helpful if she were copied on any corrections.

Lia announced that the sight reading committee will be giving their report in the general meeting. Brian Russell has joined this group and he and Grant Farmer will present their information to the general membership during our meeting to follow.

Cindy Fehrman presented a proposal on how we can improve our income for choral festival without raising fees. Last year, we added another day and that cost an extra \$1700. Going back to 3 days, would increase the income by cutting out that expense. She recommended adding an evening schedule to the event and offering a discounted rate for those choirs that choose to attend during the evening. Terri Godfrey asked if we could go to two nights. This year we cannot because of a scheduling conflict with the church. There is an issue for some schools to take their kids out of school during the day. The evening slots will be a solution for these schools. Because in the handbook it states the fee is \$3 per child, this year will be a pilot to see how it works before we change our constitution.

Alexis Derryberry gave the MS Mass Choir report for Lorna Pyka. She announced that last year there was around 700 people and this year they will be 952. There are several new schools participating which is very exciting.

Terri Godfrey gave her report for Mid-State choir. She expressed a little anxiety with enough directors to cover the auditions, she in comparison is very excited about the clinicians which are, Jeffrey Ames, Jeff Johnson, Susan Davenport are the clinicians for this year's Mid-State Choirs. 1092 students are auditioning for Mid-State.

Gerald Patton gave his report for Freshman Honors Choir. The clinicians are Jennifer Adam and Tucker Biddlecombe. He asked the question about getting copies reserved for JW Pepper. Alexis will be in charge of contacting Pepper and taking care of directors getting their music. 351 students are auditioning for Freshman Honors Choir.

Auditions for Mid-State and Freshman Honors are at Riverdale High School on 9/28 & 9/29. Directors will receive a copy of the music if their students are selected for the various choirs.

Elementary Honors and MS Honors information are on website.

Beth Kolwyck gave her report for Elementary Mass Choir. Susan Wilson will be the clinician for Elementary Mass. The event location has not been secured yet but she is working to finalize those plans.

Cindy Fehrman gave the report for choral festival. There are no judges yet for choral festival. She asked for people to send her names. Alexis suggested pulling up the ACDA list and looking for names of members who are close. Cindy is having a dilemma of being out of school for the number of days for choral festival. She is utilizing other directors to staff each day of the choral festival. Jeanette mentioned that this would help eliminate the cost of substitute pay for those directors who had to be out to run the event.

Shawn Frazier gave the report for solo and ensemble. He is still trying to determine the event location. He would like to have it at MTCS but there is no auditorium. The negative for having it at Rockvale Middle School is that they only have one piano. Alexis mentioned that Siegel might be a possibility but they also do not have real pianos. He would like the board's opinion about offering a section for piano. Jeanette mentioned that it goes against our mission statement. There might also be a problem because we don't adjudicate other instruments.

Lia asked if there were any new business. Missy Cook mentioned that even though Gaylord Hotel may have not been the best financial decision for TMEA and their conference, Gaylord has been very gracious to her school. She wanted the membership to know that Gaylord offers a discount rate for schools to use their charter buses. Directors just need to contact Gaylord Transportation to receive a quote. Jeanette asked if anyone knew any director named Nathan or Katie Bankert. They sent in payment with no registration information. Jeanette announced that our membership has exploded. There are at least 30 new directors. She asked if the secretary were responsible for maintaining a membership data base.

Lia pointed out that Terry Sanford would now be in charge of doing that since he has all the information from the registration program on-line.

The board adjourned at 6:30pm.