

Minutes for the General Meeting on 9/11/12.

The meetings was called to order at 6:45 by Lia Holland. Those present were Gerald Patton, Terri Godfrey, Beth Kolwyck, Ben Warren, Mary Lee Atenhan, Mindy Hoover, Brenda Williams, Dawn Crunk, Wendy Payne, Brian Russell, Jeanette MacCallum, Alexis Derryberry, Grant Farmer, Kirk Averitt, Franklin Willis, Shawn Frazier, Cindy Fehrman, Jessica Morel, John Hylton, Lauren Sims, Valerie DeHoff and Michael Choate. She asked for those members that were not at the last meeting to introduce themselves. The minutes from the last meeting were handed out to those in attendance. There were no corrections so they were accepted as submitted.

Jeannette MacCullum gave the Treasurer's report. The P & L looks very good due to collecting fees without having to pay expense. Also, the moving of the membership fee helped our balance as well. The Treasurer's report was also accepted.

Alexis Derryberry announced the next two meetings. The next meeting is 11/13 at Antioch High School in their choir room. We believe that Thomas Tours will be providing dinner. The general meeting will be at 6:30pm. She encouraged members to bring your colleagues to our meeting in November. Dr. Zamer will be doing a professional development workshop of "You're Going to Sing What? Appropriate Festival Repertoire from the Adjudicators Prospective". Alexis will have certificates to give to directors who attend the professional development.

Our January meeting will be on 1/8 at The Great American Fundraising Corporate Office off Atrium Way in Nashville. They will also provide dinner. There will be another professional development opportunity at this meeting as well.

Alexis provided information on a Multicultural Music Workshop sponsored by the University of TN Knoxville. This will be on October 9th and 10th at the UT Conference Center. You can register for this workshop at www.music.utk.edu/mmsymposium

Lorna Pyka was not at the meeting but Alexis provided the information for Middle School Mass by handout for those directors who need it. The information for MS Mass Choir is on our website, www.mtva.org The attendance has gone from 700 to almost 1000. The event will be at The Christ Church. Thanks to Beth for arranging this location. The clinicians for this event are Brian Russell, JJ Ebelhar and Angela Tibbs. There are several new schools participating.

Terri Godfrey gave her report on Mid-State. There are 1400 registered to audition. She announced to the body that there are an enormous amount of special requests. Special requests will be prioritized mainly for those students who have conflicts due to school activities. Directors who have registered students must attend the audition days. The audition is at Riverdale High School in Murfreesboro.

Gerald Patton gave his report on Freshman Honors. The auditions are also at Riverdale HS. Clinicians are Dr. Jennifer Adams and Dr. Tucker Biddlecombe. The information for this event is on our website.

Beth Kolwyck gave her report on Elementary Mass which is on 2/21. Susan Wilson is the clinician. She asked that we include our elementary teachers from our feeder schools to participate in this event.

MS Honors Choir auditions will be held at Sycamore Middle School in Cheatham County.

Cindy Fehrman gave her report on Choral Festival. She announced that the choral festival has been running at a deficit for the past several years. In order to cut the cost without raising fees, they are going to add one evening for the HS and the MS and only do 3 days of auditions. We only need 11 choirs in the evening to break even for this addition. This should help with students and teachers missing school, bus situations and give the opportunity for parents to see their students. The location is FUMC Murfreesboro which is the same as last year. She announced that she needs judges and asked if the membership would submit names of persons who would be qualified to judge this event. She encouraged choirs to have their pictures taken as the organization receives \$20 per choir.

Lia encouraged members to attend the November meeting since Dr. Zamer would present a workshop. She also encouraged us to remind our colleagues to come.

Grant Farmer presented the findings of the sight-reading committee. He distributed a handout which will be available on the MTVA website. Examples will be on the MTVA website by Monday to allow students to practice. Thanks to him and Brian Russell for their work to finalize the details for this new addition to our Freshman Honors and Mid-State audition.

Lia had one item of new business. Dirk DeYoung is looking for a school to host a choir coming from Richland College in Dallas TX. They are looking for a school to host them on March 22nd. If anyone is interested, they should contact Dirk at dirkd@goworldpass.com.

She also encouraged members to visit our website where there is a wealth of information on MTVA as well as all our different events. The website is www.mtva.org

She asked if there was 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.

Alexis would like any suggestions for future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Missy Cook, MTVA Treasurer – Donelson Christian Academy