

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm. Those present were Shawn Frazier, Suzanne Craig, Elizabeth Harrell, Robert King, Chris Marks, Brenda Williams, Laura Coppage, Crystal Juechter, Jeanette MacCallum, Debbie Wilson, Stella McKnight, Cindy Fehrman, Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry, Brian Russell, Craig Zamer, Beth Kolwyck, Valerie DeHoff, Brenda Jewell, Jessica Morel, Lia Holland, Missy Cook, Terri Godfrey and Franklin Willis.

Next year's calendar was distributed to the membership.

Jeanette MacCallum gave the treasurer's report. The cash flow is really good but fees have not been paid to TMEA or expenses for Choral Festival. All events are in the black. She asked that everyone check with her before we leave the meeting to make sure our school is all squared away. Jeanette is still pursuing the federal non-profit exempt status.

There were no hard copies available of the minutes from last month's meeting. Members can look on-line at the MTVA website for the minutes and email Missy Cook at mcook@dcawildcats.org with any corrections.

Middle School Mass – One clinician secured and we are continuing to make plans.

All-State/Mid-State – Some schools are not allowed to travel on the weekend if school is cancelled on the Friday before and we had to cancel 2nd Tier. Only West had their audition. East also had to cancel. Terri Godfrey still needs forms from some schools. They sent their placed students but not their alternates. Some directors did not sign the student's forms and are incomplete. Some directors did not send their receipt where they registered with TMEA. Terri will be contacting schools that are not complete in their documentation. She needs to know if there are any other students that will not be participating in All-State. She will be sending out an updated list on rankings for alternates. There are only 4 Tenor II alternates left in the Men's Choir.

Lia discussed the possibility of scheduling 2nd Tier in the afternoon instead of in the morning to help with weather. This would also avoid conflicts with the ACT.

Freshman Honors and the Mid-State event will be on 11/7/13.

Elementary Honors and Middle School Honors was held on 1/29 and was very successful. There will be a new venue for next year due to the cost. We will be doing the auditions together again. The auditions for next year will be 10/26/13.

Beth Kolwyck informed the membership that Elementary Mass will be on 2/21 at 6:30 at Christ Church. 500 students have registered to participate. She encouraged upper level teachers to talk to their feeder schools about being a part of this next year.

Cindy Fehrman discussed Choral Festival – The schedule is completed. Tyler Meredith and Brian Russell will be the sight reading judges. They will have a rhythmic reading example and a melodic reading example. An email was sent with the schedule. The judges' bios are on the website. The judges' comments will be mp3 files this year and will be emailed to you.

Solo and Ensemble will be at Middle TN Christian School and is open to 4th – 12th grade students. Small Ensemble is 2-9 members and large ensemble is 10-20. Rules for acceptable literature are in the handbook. Traditional and musical theatre literature is accepted. Michael Choate and Laura Coppage are judges. Deadline is 4/5. Event is 5/4. No pop songs. A question was asked if the director should be there if student's performing. The handbook states that the director does need to be present. This is a positive event for all involved.

Craig Zamer discussed that he will be presenting another professional development in the fall of 2013. Right now it is projected as the September 10th meeting for next year.

The elementary honors proposal will be tabled until next year. This proposal involves the possibility of placing a cap on the number of students each school can place in the choir. Lia read Ashley's email regarding the thought process on this. Ashley was not able to be at the meeting because she had her baby on Sunday. Robert King questioned the philosophy of the proposal. He was concerned that this would work its way up to the upper level auditions. There was a question about how many students are selected. Suzanne asked why we

couldn't have more students make the choir. Instead of 120, there could be 130-135. Crystal mentioned that there is some discussion of having two rooms for the audition. There would be a part 1 and part 2 and have two rooms. Crystal mentioned that we are tabling the motion because we have realized that this might not be the best option as far as limiting the number of students a school can have to make the choir. Laura mentioned that it might be helpful to have a discussion at the first membership meeting next year about judging the various levels of auditions. There was discussion about the consistency of judges. Brenda Williams suggested that it might be good to have first year directors to sit in the room to hear the auditions.

MTVA is forming a Mid-State Committee to evaluate the event to see if there are some improvements that we can make. We hope to have some recommendations in the fall. If you have any suggestions, please email them to Brian Russell or Terri Godfrey.

The sight-reading committee presented a proposal to the membership. Brian Russell presented the committee's proposal. The board accepted this proposal. This proposal is on the MTVA website. Brian mentioned that there will be provisions for the visually impaired students. We want to check with other organizations and develop a provision for these students with the help of the All-State Chair and the board.

Lia commended all the chairs for a great year for MTVA.

Lia called for new business. Robert brought up the state choral festival in which you can participate if your group scores a superior in performance at the region level.

Laura Copping discussed that there are several hundred music teachers that are not members of TMEA. She encouraged our members to discuss becoming a member of TMEA.

Stella McKnight mentioned that she needs room for one young man at All-State.

Alexis mentioned the Jazz Festival at MTSU. The information for this is also on the MTVA website.

Lia told the membership that there will be a survey coming out regarding having different locations for our meetings versus having it at the same place every time. This will help us to plan for next year.

Stella motioned to adjourn and everyone 2nd!

Minutes submitted by Missy Cook, MTVA Secretary