

MTVA- March 9, 2004

Board Meeting

The executive board met. Those present were: Robert King, Katie Baker, Valerie DeHoff, Lia Holland, Lewis Walling, David Spencer, Jj Ebelhar, Johnathan Vest, and Bobby Jean Frost. Those not in attendance were: Jeremy Jones, Jessica Mitchell, Ed Scruggs, and Greg English.

President Robert King called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

The first item of business was to discuss the proposed change to the constitution. This is only changing the wording so that election of officers can take place at the last meeting, not just the April meeting. The proposed change is to Article VII, Sections 1 and 2.

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be President, Vice-President, President-Elect, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. The President-Elect, recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary shall be elected at the final scheduled (NOT April) meeting on even-numbered years and shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until

their successors have been elected. The term of office shall begin July 1, following the (OMIT April) election.

Section 2. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the executive committee at the final scheduled (NOT April) meeting on odd numbered years and shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until a successor has been appointed. The term of office shall begin July 1, following the (OMIT April) election. The honorarium for Treasurer shall be two hundred dollars (\$300.00) per month. Any salary adjustment will be recommended by the executive committee and approved by the membership.
(Deleted text is in parentheses through.)

Angela Batey is the scheduler for East TN's ACDA festival. Forms will be available tonight and at our regional festival for the state festival since there is only a week in between the two.

April 6 will be the calendar meeting for the outgoing and incoming boards. We need calendars from ALL systems; we need all board members at this meeting. April 13-16, 2005 is TMEA. If we plan ahead, maybe there will be more choice in venues. There will be an August meeting for the new board.

Robert briefly went over the general membership meeting agenda. Jessica Mitchell and Angela Tipps had their babies (a girl and boy, respectively). Bobby Jean would like to give a TMEA conference report. Katie's concert is Friday at 2:50.

David reported that although he thought he had misplaced some sol/ensemble festival applications, he believes that he actually didn't lose them.

Johnathan reported on Elementary Mass. There were no problems; everything went very well. He sent out a survey and will pass those on to Jennifer for next year. Most of the feedback was positive; if it stays this way, a clinician suggested it become a festival/mass choir (each would perform 1 additional selection).

David brought up the fact that elementary mass is a unique situation. It is 2 half day sessions; therefore, the clinicians only get a half day's pay.

However, it's more than a half day for 2 days. After some discussion, the board decided that clinicians should get paid 2/3 (instead of 300, pay them 200). There is no constitution change involved, since we have what we need to pay 300.00, to pay less isn't a problem. The board voted to make it retroactive for last week. The motion passed without dissent.

Robert mentioned that the judges at the adjudication festival will be choral directors from TN Tech, UT Memphis, and Belmont.

CD's from Mid-State will be available tonight, and the mid-state t-shirt company has already paid the 800.00 we're guaranteed.

Robert went over several things regarding the past two years, he wanted input on what we've learned the last 2 years (legislatively). This year, we began the year making changes. Some that have been mentioned recently are: Freshman Treble needs to be larger, Mid-State needs to be smaller and needs more preparation time. Katie suggested making it an overnight event; this

would make the concert more meaningful and elite. Robert agreed that Mid-State should be longer as well as Freshman Honors. The only way we can do this is ask directors how they feel. Another Mid-State issue is the size. This year Mid-State had 300 students and Treble had 180. After some discussion, the board decided to take the following to the membership tonight: Mid-State- 200, keep Treble at 180, Freshman SATB was already at 80 (it's capped right now), and Freshman women need to be at 60.

Another issue is music for All-state and Mid-State; Robert wants us to purchase the music through the association so we have the music in advance. Members would be required to purchase the music from MTVA. If any is left over, we would negotiate with Pepper (Ellen Fox) that leftovers could be

returned. All-state quality jumped a lot when 2nd-tier and the tutorial CD were introduced; could we do a tutorial CD for Mid-State? Licensing fees

would be a consideration. Katie mentioned that if it was a day event and the evening before could be sectionals done by directors and maybe a run-through by the clinician, it would jump in quality also. Robert intends to survey the members tonight and make a decision before the calendar meeting.

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

General Meeting

The general membership meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by President Robert King. Those listed on the roll were: Meghan Therrell, Greg Dingwall, Stella McKnight, Debbie Wilson, Lia Holland, Carolyn Riggins, David Collins, Matthew Johnson, Karen Kenaston-French, Cindy Fehrman, Doug Parks, Sandy Elliot, Beth Kolwyck, Jeanette MacCallum, Emily Jones, Jj Ebelhar, John Vout, Cyndie McGuire, Missy Cook, Georgette Seay, Booby Jean Frost, Katie Baker, Adam Womack, Felicia Barber, Greg Herring, Connie McCain, and Lewis Walling.

President King began by announcing that copies of the state ACDA festival application are available. Since there is only a week in between our regional festival and the state one, he encouraged anyone who thinks they have a chance of making it to fill one out ahead of time.

The first item of business was a change to the constitution due to the board calendar meeting; This is so the voting in of officers can take place tonight (this requires a single 2/3 majority vote to change the wording). This is brought as a motion from the board and doesn't need a second. After some discussion on what constitutes a quorum and the difference between the executive committee and the executive board, there was a call for the question; the vote on the proposed change was 27 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

The slate of proposed officers for 2004-2006 term, which was brought by the nominating committee and from the board, is:

President: Lewis Walling

Vice-President: Robert King

President-Elect- Jeannette MacCallum

Secretary- Lia Holland

Treasurer- David Spencer

All-State Chair- Jeremy Jones

Freshman Honors- Stella McKnight

Middle School Mass- Emily Jones
Middle School Honors- Brenda Jewell
Elementary Mass- Jennifer Vannatta-Hall
Elementary Honors- Valerie DeHoff
College- Karen Kenaston-French

The membership may make additional nominations from the floor, and this may be voted on as a slate or separately. Those who were present were introduced. There were no nominations from the floor. The Secretary and President-Elect (executive committee) were voted on together and passed without dissent. The rest were voted on together and also passed without dissent.

The next deadline is today; this is for the adjudication festival. The event is April 20-21 (Tuesday/Wednesday.) and is co-chaired by David and Robert. Each choir will be performing 3 selections for 3 judges (see board minutes). These groups can be from all age levels. It also includes sight-reading with 1 judge (the director is not involved in the process; it includes rhythm (by

section), then a melody (by section), then an ensemble reading. Trophies are given for superior and excellent in performance and superior in sight-reading. The event is here at Lipscomb.

Elementary Mass- Johnathan reported that it went very well. It used to be at War Memorial, but this year, it was decided to try a north and a south location Both were for a half day. There were very positive comments from the director survey. One suggestion was to turn it into a mass choir/festival (each choir perform 1-2 selections) because the concerts were so short.

Valerie reported on the Elementary/Middle School honor choir event (Jj and Brenda were the clinicians). She thanked everyone, especially Greg who filled in for Jessica.

Jessica Mitchell had a baby girl, Annie Reese; Angela Tipps had a boy, Samuel Dale.

Bobby Jean, who is the TMEA state in-service conference manager reported on the upcoming conference. It starts Thursday with 45 workshops and 13

concerts. Thursday night is the college event when the colleges are feeding the kids and supervising them. Lewis reminded everyone of all of the MTVA members who are presenting or participating. The list is available tonight.

Lewis also reported on All-State. The rehearsal locations are in McKendree and Lifeway. Everyone needs to perform your assignment (stressed from TMEA).

There is a list of All-State rules and guidelines in the information which has been given. Maps are provided in your registration packet; registration is in the lower level of the convention center and is from 5:00-6:00 Wednesday evening. The TN ACDA luncheon is Friday at 12:30 at Spaghetti Factory; there will be a table set up at registration. The cost is 10.00. Robert encouraged everyone to have a region-less conference.

The minutes and Treasurer's Report were given. There was a motion to approve the minutes, and it passed without dissent. David reported that we rolled

over an 8,000.00 CD based on the board's decision. \$418.41 of interest was earned. There was a motion to approve the report, which passed without dissent.

Robert moved on to concerns which have been raised regarding the preparation/quality of the Mid-State experience. One idea is to have an evening/day, another is to have music packets available at auditions, which are bought by the association and then bought by the membership. Another concern is the size of the Mid-State groups. The board is bringing a motion to change the wording, which will just put a cap of 200 on the Mid-State SATB group, 180 on the Women's group, keep the Freshman SATB group the same, and raise the number in the Freshman Treble group (this requires a simple majority vote at 2 consecutive meetings). After some discussion, the membership voted unanimously in favor of the motion. The second vote will be at the September meeting. Regarding the pre-purchasing of music by the

association, most of the membership seemed in favor of it. There was about a 50/50 split regarding making the Mid-State event an evening and a day.

Robert announced that he has the Mid-State CD's tonight. He also reminded the members that calendars are needed by the April board meeting of any events and school systems that are available. Please send these to Lewis or Robert ASAP!

New Business- a band director is needed at Lebanon High School, David Lipscomb, and Independence High School. Independence also needs a choral director.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm