

MTVA- September 2, 2003

Board Meeting

The executive board of MTVA was called to order at 5:34 pm by President Robert King. Those present were: Jj Ebelhar, Katie Baker, Valerie DeHoff, Lia Holland, Greg English, Jeremy Jones, Johnathan Vest, David Spencer, Jessica Mitchell, Lewis Walling, and Bobby Jean Frost

The following events were discussed as it pertained to clinicians and repertoire lists:

Elementary Honors- Brenda Jewel- no repertoire lists

Mid-State- all 4 are good- will have repertoire by October

Middle Mass- clinicians and repertoire are set

Middle Honors- none so far; those involved will discuss it after the meeting

Elementary Mass- needs a clinician; Johnathan will send his 3 names to Robert, Katie, and Jj by email tomorrow

Venues:

Mid-state- DLU secured for Feb. 5 and snow date of Feb. 12; Robert will take care of getting the piano

Middle Mass- War Memorial

Elem. Mass- right now, War Memorial is not an option; Johnathan suggested the Williamson County Agriculture Center; he will work on it

Middle Honors- FRA

Choral Festival- DLU and DLHS

Solo/Ensemble- dates only- no venue or chairs...

All-State Auditions- Greenbrier, 2nd tier at Riverdale

MS Honor Auditions- FRA

Elem. Honor Auditions- MTCS

Robert reported that the commission work is completed; payment for that will be born on the same percentage as apportionment for All-State. We're ending up paying about 800.00.

He also discussed voting eligibility. Tonight, if people are present who were paid members last year, they are eligible to vote; if there are new members who have already paid, they can vote. However, new members who haven't paid yet may not vote.

Lewis has a special request for Mid-State auditions- Georgette Atsedes is going to be married the weekend of Mid-State auditions; she requests to be absent. After some discussion regarding the proposed legislation, the board voted to excuse her from both Friday and Saturday auditions with no penalty or fee.

Legislative agenda- In the May/June board meeting, the board decided on the attached legislative proposals.

Agenda for the general meeting:

Welcome

Introduce the board

Bobby Jean- ask members to do clinics, presentations at TMEA conference

TN ACDA fall conference- Oct. 24-25 in Farragut; Feb. 26-28- Southern Division

ACDA conference in Nashville

TMEA report

Legislative #1

Treasurer report

Legislative #2

Caucus

Area Chairs Membership packets will be in your caucus

All-State alternates (80 preparatory CD's for alternates); Robert upped the order to 6 per part instead of 5 (we pay for 16 more prep. CD's); we've run out of alternates several times previously.

President King adjourned the meeting at 6:50.

GENERAL MEETING

Called to order at 7:03 by President Robert King. Those present were: Moose Smith, Rachel White, Brenda Williams, Maggie Mason, Grace Guill, Tiffany DePriest, Greg Herring, Linda Towe, Jamey Kelley, Andie Thomas, Georgette Atsedes, Tommy Johnson, Gerald Patton, Emily Higinbotham, Bret Bell, Alexis Page, Debbie Wilson, Stella McKnight, Sandy Elliot, Elise Dumser, Brenda Jewell, Lewis Walling, Greg English, Stephen Foster, Victor Davis, Chuck Elston, Kim Wonders, Donna Martin, Nancy Jolley, Connie McCain, Connie Fuller, Michael Choate, Johnny Kimbrough, Ann Baldwin, Terri Dickerson, Becky Young, Jeremy Jones, Lia Holland, Valerie DeHoff, Brenda Gregory, Ginny Boyd, Susan Wilson, Alexis Derryberry, Beth Kelwyck, Wayne Wilson, Gracie McKeana, Janet Weaver, Cyndie McGwire, Linda Boze, Bobby Jean Frost, Jessica Mitchell, Jj Ebelhar, Karen Kenaston-French, Allen Henderson, Mary T. Jackson, Darrick DanLashley, Suzanne Craig, Katie Baker.

President King welcomed everyone to the first membership meeting He encouraged everyone not to view MTVA as any kind of us v. them; we should view it as all about us as a whole.

He introduced the board members to the membership: VP- Jj Ebelhar, President-Elect- Katie Baker, Secretary- Lia Holland, Treasurer- David Spencer, All-State Audition Chair- Lewis Walling, Freshmen Honors Chair- Jeremy Jones, Middle School Honors Chair- Jessica Mitchell, Middle Mass Chair- Greg English, Elementary Mass Chair- Johnathan Vest, Elementary Honors Chair- Valerie DeHoff. All of this information and more is available at www.mtva.org . MTVA has shifted to more a member- responsibility organization.

At end of joint session, we will have Elementary, Middle, and High School caucuses (information. packets and more detailed information on some specific events will be given). People who teach more than one level will be able to see the appropriate

person for more information.

Bobby Jean announced as TMEA conference manager that if any of MTVA's members are interested in being a clinician or presenter, contact her at bjfrost@aol.com.

Lewis reported on the TMEA summer council meeting. Again, much of this information is available on the TMEA website: area reports from advocacy, there is great CD for music advocacy with incredible information, which is free, and TMEA's focus is on CMENC chapters this year. They have asked members to contact the college chapters for assistance whenever it is needed (passing out programs, etc.). The vocal caucus that followed the council meeting informed everyone that Middle TN's all-state numbers are up, which will raise our average (we're a little over a third). Also, the commissioned work by David Childs (SATB choir) has been submitted. A precedent was set with the band group when regional associations picked up the cost. MTVA will pay about a third for that work. Recordings at All-State will be done by a different company. If anyone has any companies in mind, Terry Sanford would like that information ASAP. Also, concerning All-state fees, the board will look at the elimination of the group fee and just divide it equally among the students; there was a general acceptance, but it did not pass that day. TMEA's website is www.tnmea.org.

The MTVA handbook is available on our website (www.mtva.org). Robert encouraged everyone to read the pertinent sections. He announced that there are 2 legislative presentations which will be by president-elect/parliamentarian, Katie.

She has packets on the proposals. Any change to the by-laws must be voted on tonight and on October with a simple majority vote both times.

See attached sheet: 1st four brought from board (simple majority vote at 2 meetings). After some discussion, there was a motion to separate the proposals.

#1- 62 in favor, 2 opposed- passed for this meeting

#2- 64 in favor; passed without dissent- passed for this meeting

#3- 44 in favor; 16 opposed- passed for this meeting

#4- 62 in favor; 2 opposed- passed for this meeting

According to our handbook, those eligible to vote are members; those not allowed are those who are new this year and have not paid the membership fee. So far, this would not have changed the outcome of any of the votes.

Any change to the standing rules requires one 2/3 majority vote. This change refers to the trophy color at choral festival (see attached sheet). This passed without dissent.

#5 (deals with a change to the by-laws). The handbook says you must be at all audition events or your kids can't participate. It comes as a motion from the board, as a deterrent to frivolous requests, to charge those directors who receive an

excuse from the board, 50.00 (see attached sheet). After some discussion, an amendment was added. After some further discussion, this motion passed. It will be up for its second reading next month.

The next legislative item dealt with late fees (this required one 2/3 majority vote). After some discussion and clarification, this motion passed without dissent.

The next item of business was the Treasurer's Report. We had a record number of members last year. Middle Mass and Freshmen Honors are the only events which lost money; we had a surplus of 5539.81 for the year and a 3-year surplus of 10,073.94. The motion to approve the report passed without dissent.

President King announced that it is past time to re-appoint the treasurer (supposed to be in April). There is a motion from the board to raise the treasurer's salary to 300.00 from 200.00 per month. This requires 1 vote with a 2/3 majority; this passed without dissent.

President King announced that next month, there will be a discussion about adjustments to the honorariums. This will require a 2/3 majority vote at one meeting. Currently the president, vice-president, president-elect, and secretary do not receive honorariums. This motion also proposes an adjustment to clinician, accompanists, and adjudicators (bring up slightly). Also, venues are becoming a problem, so the board is proposing that event hosts get a 100.00 MTVA credit voucher.

Dates: Fall TN ACDA Conference- Oct. 24-25 in Knoxville; Southern Div. ACDA conference is in Nashville- Feb. 26-28

TMEA convention- March 10-13

Announcements: Funding for arts academy is secure (week of June 6- elementary, secondary- week of June 13); Governor's school is also looking promising for next year. Next month, Thomas Tours will be providing food from 6-7 in the band room. Angela Tipps has resigned from the board due because she and her husband are expecting a baby. There will be a German choir in our area at various places in October.

President King adjourned the members to caucuses at 8:27.

Proposed changes to the Constitution section of the handbook:

1. **Old wording:** will select trophies for superior (A=gold) and excellent (B=silver) grade in performance and trophy for superior (A=gold) in sight-reading.

New wording: will select trophies for superior and excellent grades in performance and a trophy for superior in sight-reading. (inserted under duties for

Choral Festival Host)

2. Late Fee Rewording:

1. All applications that are one day late will be assessed a late fee equal to half (50%) the original fee OR \$50.00 when the original fee is less than \$100.00.
2. For each additional day an application is late, the fee will increase by an amount equal to 10% of the original fee OR \$5.00 when the original fee is less than \$100.00.
3. No application will be accepted postmarked later than 2 weeks prior to the event.
4. Applications received on time will have scheduling priority over late applications.

Summary of fees:

On time: original registration fee.

1 day late: original fee + (half (50%) the original fee OR \$50.00, whichever is greater)

2 days late: original fee + (60% of the original fee OR \$55.00, whichever is greater)

3 days late: original fee + (70% of the original fee OR \$60.00, whichever is greater)

4 days late: original fee + (80% of the original fee OR \$65.00, whichever is greater) etc.

Proposed changes to the By-law section of the handbook:

1. **Old Wording:** No photocopies of copyrighted music may be submitted to the registration desk.
New Wording: No illegal photocopies of copyrighted music may be submitted to the registration desk or used by accompanists. (Insert in solo/ensemble AND choral festival)

2. **Old Wording:** Members are encouraged to choose music for the festival other than that used in the All Mid-State Honor Choirs that year.
New Wording: The current school years' Mid-State, Honors, or Mass Choir repertoires will not be allowed to be performed at the choir's corresponding grade level. (insert in choral festival)

3. **Addition:** No tracks or CD accompaniment will be allowed. (insert in solo/ensemble)

4. **Addition:** An accompanist can be provided for you at a cost of \$10.00 per song. Original music for the accompanist must be submitted to the event manager one week prior to the event. (insert in solo/.ensemble only)

5. **Addition:** To be considered for excuse, any request must be submitted along with the event application, except in the case of illness or family emergency. The board will then make a determination as to whether the request will be approved or disapproved. If the request is approved, a fee of \$50.00 will be assessed per day missed, except in the case of illness or family emergency. This fee is designed to serve as a deterrent to unnecessary absences, in fairness to those members who also have legitimate conflicts but choose to be present to perform their responsibilities. The money may be used, at the discretion of the board and recommendation of the event chair to hire a qualified director not involved in the

event to work in the place of the excused director.

Article XIII. Honorariums

Section 1. Honorariums shall be paid to the following chairpersons and hosts in lieu of any per diem (travel and food). Payment shall be made at the last spring board meeting with possible suspension of the honorarium in case of financial insolvency of the association.

Technologist	\$700.00	\$1,000.00
Membership	\$200.00	eliminate
All State Chairperson	\$300.00	\$250.00
Choral Festival Host	\$200.00	\$250.00
Freshman Honors Chairperson	\$200.00	\$250.00
Jr. High/Middle School Mass Chorus Chairperson	\$200.00	\$250.00
Jr. High/Middle School Honors Chairperson	\$200.00	\$250.00
Elementary Mass Chorus Chairperson	\$200.00	\$250.00
Elementary Honors Chairperson	\$200.00	\$250.00
Solo and Ensemble Host	\$200.00	no change
President	\$0	\$250.00
Vice-President	\$0	\$250.00
President-Elect	\$0	\$250.00
Secretary	\$0	\$250.00

Section 2. Clinicians and judges shall be paid according to the following schedule:

Solo and Ensemble Judges	\$125.00 (for the first three hours)	No Change
	\$25.00 (for any remaining hours)	No Change
Choral Festival Judges	\$200.00 per day	\$250.00
Clinicians	\$300.00 per day for choirs with 300+ members	No Change
	\$250.00 per day for choirs with <300 members	\$300.00
Accompanists	\$150.00 per day	\$175.00

Site-hosts for performances or auditions where students are present, will receive \$100.00 school credit to any MTVA event and a \$50.00 personal honorarium (board members are excluded). This credit will carry over 1 year, but will not be retroactive. A credit voucher will be given which expires 12 months from issue date.