

**November 4, 2003**  
**MTVA Minutes**

**Board Meeting**

The executive board meeting was called to order at 5:46 pm by President King. Those present were: Jessica Mitchell, Katie Baker, Lia Holland, Greg English, David Spencer, and Jj Ebelhar. Those not in attendance were: Bobby Jean Frost, Jeremy Jones, Ed Scruggs, Valerie DeHoff, Lewis Walling, and Johnathan Vest.

The first item of business was a report from Greg on Middle School Mass. Everything went well, "except from a few problems at TPAC - ie. piano not picked up by Shuff's on time, some students and parents not following the guidelines given us by TPAC, etc. However, things were generally more smooth with them this year as compared to last year."

Next, there was a discussion regarding Elementary Mass. Currently, there is no venue. After some discussion, the board decided to maybe change the format to 2-3 days, but each day could be at a different venue in a different area. Some potential venues are: Station Camp HS, JPII, Austin Paey, and Blackman MS. President King will enlist the help of the elementary teachers at the general meeting about this.

There were several requests for excuse from Mid-State/Freshman Honors auditions:

1. Felicia Barber- family illness in NY; the board decided that more information is needed.
2. David Cassel- (e-mail) he will be judging.
3. Edward Freytag- (e-mail) he has paid his fee for missing the auditions.

Last, there was some discussion about Solo/Ensemble. Connie Fuller will be chairing this event. She has 2 possible sites for the 3/27 date. She has no possibilities yet for the 4/3 date. Jj (me) will check the availability of JPII hosting Solo/Ensemble on this date.

The meeting was adjourned by President King at 6:43 pm.

**General Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by President King at 7:00 pm. Those listed on the roll were: David Collins, Georgette Atsedes, Don Parks, Stella

McKnight, Connie McCain, Greg Herring, Greg English, Katie Baker, Anne Snider, Jj Ebelhar, Darrick Lashley, Missy Cook, David Cassel, Judy Yeaworth, Debbie Wilson, Danny Chantrand, Victor Davis, Beth Kolwyck, Karen Kingston-French, Felicia Barber, Brenda Jewell, David Spencer, and Jessica Mitchell.

President King extended congratulations to Lewis and Julie Walling on the birth of their second child, Katie Walling. She is still in the hospital, but should be going home soon (she's home now!).

There was a report on MS Honors by Jessica Mitchell. The deadline for applications is January 8, and auditions are January 31 at FRA. Auditions may be taped or recorded onto a CD. "My Country 'Tis of Thee" must be sung acappella on the designated pitches. "Cantate Domino" must be sung with the practice CD. The MS Honors event is March 2 at FRA. Please contact Jessica with your e-mail or snail mail address so you can receive more information.

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Next, Greg English gave a report on Middle School Mass. It was a successful event with everything running smoothly. Judy Yeaworth congratulated Greg on running a well-organized event. Greg reminded the directors that parent concerns should be directed to their child's director, then that director should bring that complaint to MTVA in a professional and timely manner.

Lewis Walling should have Mid-State/Freshman Honors audition times and assignments out by the end of the week.

David Spencer presented the treasurer's report. Judy Yeaworth suggested that a receipt system be instituted which notifies directors that David has received applications and fees. The suggestion will go to the board for discussion. In the mean time, Robert suggested certified mail or contacting David. The treasurer's report and minutes were approved (motion by Stella McKnight, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katie Baker). Clarification came after the vote to approve by Brenda Jewell that the state ACDA festival would be on April 28 in Jackson, April 29 in Nashville, and April 30 in Knoxville.

Robert sent this notice to all members: We need venues for all of our events for the next school year (2004-2005). If you know of a site (school, church, civic center, etc.) that would fit any of our events, please contact someone on the board! It's not too soon to plan a venue!

The general meeting was dismissed to allow an elementary caucus to meet concerning the elementary mass event.

Elementary Caucus: Due to a lack of venue large enough to house the entire event in one location as in years past, the board brought some alternatives to the members. After discussion, the board (using the suggestions from the members) reworked the two-day event:

The Elementary Mass Choirs will still be offered on Thursday, February 19 and Friday, February 20. However, the event will occur at two different locations: Blackman Middle School in Murfreesboro and Station Camp High School in Hendersonville. Due to a lack of seating, the schedule will be as follows:

**On Thursday at Station Camp:**

Rehearsal from 9AM-12PM                      Concert at 7:00PM

**On Thursday at Blackman:**

Rehearsal from 1PM-4PM                      Concert at 7:00PM

**On Friday at Station Camp:**

Rehearsal from 1PM-4PM                      Concert at 7:00PM

**On Friday at Blackman:**

Rehearsal from 9AM-12PM                      Concert at 7:00PM

Please indicate on your application form your first and second choice of venues and days.