

MTVA Executive committee met at 5:30 pm 8/16/05. In attendance were: Lewis Walling, Robert King, Jeanette McCallum, David Spencer, Brenda Jewell, Sandy Elliott, Valerie DeHoff and Stella McKnight.

Discussed was: the calendar and a proposed extension of the Middle School Mass deadline to August 30, 2005; Elementary Mass Application Deadline is Sept 26, 2005; Elementary Mass Performance November 7-8, 2005 at David Lipscomb. Is January 21, 2006 is Forms that are on the website are going through a revision, they will be available after August 19, 2005. Policy question as relates to membership: At Mid State/All State auditions, a teacher who was not a vocal musician and placed in a judging position, which was changed to a door monitor when the assignment was discovered. This teacher has now become a member of MTVA, (because their choral director refuses to join the association) and has requested that even though they teach Band, that the choral students be allowed to audition under their sponsorship. Discussion among the committee ensued as to wording vs. intent of wording about membership. Policy stands as written. Advocacy to join MTVA is stressed through their principal and school board. Clarification of wording in the constitution is suggested. CD's for the audition selections will be available at the September meeting.

MTVA General Meeting began at 7:09 pm. Present were: Elise Dumser, Sara Marie Eichenberger, Will Lambert, Linda Towe, Branson Clark, Nancy Jolley, Brian Russell, Davis Parks, Chris Gregory, Felicia Barber, Ann Baldwin, Donna Martin, Gerald Patton, Allyn Petrone, Margie Chaney, Suzanne Craig, Judy Yeaworth, Anne Snider, Nita Smith, Connie McCain, Laura Coppage, Kirsan King, Jeannette Crosswhite, Lora Bornfield, Carol Poston, Melissa Collins, Lisa Adams, Matthew Johnson, Emily Jones, Connie Williams, Stacy Chandler, Joe Bullock, Randy Hooper, Michael Choate, Georgette Seay, Becky Young, Debbie Hollis, Grace Guill, Beth Kolwyck, Gail Merritt, Dick Karg, Emily Higinbotham, Jennifer Clanton, Lynn Jung, Lori Grace Adams, Brenda Williams, Susan Wilson, Don Jacobs, Brenda Gregory, Tiffany DePriest, Natalie Bingham. (If I have misspelled your name, I apologize- however there we some names that were difficult to read.)

Recognized by Lewis Walling was Mr. Thomas from Thomas tours for providing the opening year refreshments. All members (Elementary, Middle, and High) introduced themselves due to many new faces. WELCOME! Please be a mentor to any new members within your system and encourage membership. Please be aware that information for this organization is on the Web at WWW.MTVA.ORG. Due to venue availability, Middle School Mass deadline is earlier- August 30, 2005. Venues are still an issue. If you have access to venues for events, please pass the ideas along to Lewis Walling at walling1@k12.tn.net. David Spencer presented the treasurer's report and a list of helpful hints when applying for events. He also suggested that if you might miss the deadline and will be close to his house, you may drop it by his house. Tiffany DePriest moved to approve the report, Lynn Jung seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Changes in the Board were made over the summer due to several changes in employment. Lia Holland replaces Jeremy Jones as All-State Chair, Stella McKnight will move to the Secretary's position, and Sandy Elliott will come onto the Board as Freshmen Honors chair. Brian Russell has been appointed as the Choral Festival chair. Robert King moved to approve the changes in the board. Joe Bullock seconded this motion. Questions were raised as to the process of electing the board and the motion carried.

Valerie DeHoff is the chair for Elementary Mass. Instructions for the TAPED Auditions are on the Web site. Please follow these instructions. On the applications, do not change the numbers, just cross out any student not participating. All applications should go directly to David Spencer and copied to her. Hazel Summerville is the clinician for this event.

Information for Elementary Mass will be forth coming from Mary Jackson.

Brenda Jewell is the chair for Middle School Honors. The deadline is January 21, 2006. Please e-mail her to update personal information. The venue for auditions will be at Franklin Road Academy. The performance venue is TBD. MIDI files will be available after Aug. 19, 2006. Carol Krueger is the clinician for this event.

Middle school mass: E-mail Carol Poston with the numbers of your groups and in which group you are wanting to participate so that she can get in touch with the clinicians. A member said that the music for the SAB groups is back ordered, please check other vendors.

Sandy Elliott is the Freshmen Honors chair and spoke to the members re: Midstate. Pay attention to the deadlines. Auditions are held at Ezell-Harding. The board has agreed to order and pay the music for Mid State and All State. 2nd tier auditions for All State will be at Ezell-Harding. Please remember that All-State occurs in the middle of several system's spring breaks. While you are preparing your students for Mid State and All State, make them aware of the dates and the commitment to participate.

Choral Adjudication Festival has expanded (83 choirs) and because of this, Elementary and Middle School has been split from the High School. Middle School will be March 1, 2006. Venues may be split as well. This has allowed Judges to be sought that are more familiar with the voices involved in each area of schools. Robert King reminded us that the State Choral Festival is Thursday April 20, 2006.

Sarah Eichenberger for the Academy of the Arts spoke to the membership regarding their program. They offer in-home lessons for the students. She distributed flyers with a coupon at the bottom which will give money to your choral program. They have qualified music educators from the private sector.

Professional development opportunities for our membership will be presented by Karen Kenaston-French. Please pass along any ideas along to her, if you have not already done

so. Lewis Walling will offer a tutorial on how to burn cds from MIDI files off the computer.

This report is respectfully submitted by Stella McKnight on August 19, 2005.