

MTVA Executive committee met at 5:30 pm 9/6/05. In attendance were: Lewis Walling, Robert King, Jeanette McCallum, David Spencer, Brenda Jewell, Sandy Elliott, Valerie DeHoff, Lia Holland, Carol Poston, Mary Jackson and Stella McKnight.

Discussed: Did all members receive the minutes? Corrections have been made. Treasurer reported the CD matured and was moved to Regions bank for a higher percentage rate. Policy question referred to recent hurricane absences, the deadline to middle school mass being moved and checking deadlines on applications for the most current issue. Mt. Juliet has applied for a rendering on “late” applications in this instance. A motion to waive the late fee IF the director applies to the board was made, seconded, and passed. FYI--With school systems canceling due to gas prices, (notwithstanding directors using alternate transportation or) can these groups get a refund? The decision is to wait until the event is over to assess this situation. Middle school mass—Everything is proceeding as usual with Allen Arena and the event. Schedules will be forthcoming. 400 in Vincent Oakes group in Alumni Auditorium, 356 in David Child’s group in Acuff Chapel, 146 in Brenda Williams’ group in Swang Business Center; performances in the arena. Elementary Mass is proceeding as scheduled. Deadline is Sept 26. We are in the process of shoring up a venue for Middle School Honors. Elementary Honors is proceeding as planned. Clinicians for Midstate/Freshmen Honors are: Ed Scruggs- SATB; Fred Spano- Freshmen Women; Randy Hooper- Freshmen Mixed; Deborah Spurgeon -Midstate women’s.

Legislative issues: Choral Adjudication Festival was a position on the board in the past; this event needs to be restored so that a chair may be elected to the board, and not an appointment as it stands now to elicit quicker communication. The board passed this motion and will be carried to the floor of the general membership on which to vote. Also, David Spencer called for a motion to restore Solo & Ensemble Chair to the Board as well. After some discussion it will be taken to the membership for vote in likewise manner. Should the process of placing voices as in all state (odds vs. evens) be used for Midstate? The board tabled this discussion as no consensus could be reached for this year.

Dr. Karen Kenaston-French suggested Oct 4, Nov 1, and Feb 7, as dates for possible workshops. Topics will range from Choral warm ups, Rehearsal Techniques, and vocal placements for students. Time was discussed and 7:00 pm was given as a start time for the workshops. She raised a question as to whether we can we have college music education students come to these events and assist in a non-adjudication capacity; also are there student memberships for them? (CMENC and Associate membership in MTVA.) The form is on the website.

MTVA General Meeting began at 7:05pm. Present were: Lewis Walling, Robert King, Jeanette McCallum, Brenda Jewell, Sandy Elliott, Valerie DeHoff, Lia Holland, Carol Poston, Mary Jackson and Stella McKnight. Dr. Kenaston-French, Dean Entsminger, Jeff Pettit, Linda Towe, Lindsey Jackson, Wayne Wilson, Felicia Barber, Laura Coppage, Nancy Jolley, Chris Gregory, Bobby Jean Frost, Victor Davis, Matthew Johnson, Michael Choate, JJ Ebelhar, Sandy Elliott, Suzanne Craig, Lora Bornland, Connie McCain,

Brenda Jewell, Missy Cook, Brian Russell, Jerry Phelps, David Cassel, Jennifer Clanton, Lia Holland, Mary Jackson, Cyndie McGuire,

Minutes were read and a correction regarding Middle School Mass was discovered. The minutes were sent and problems were discovered with school system's security software. An attempt to resend these along with September's minutes will ensue. Wayne Wilson motioned to approve the minutes. Matt Johnson seconded the motion and it was approved by the members. Lewis Walling presented the treasurer's report for David Spencer. Alicia Barber motioned to accept them and Jennifer Clanton seconded the motion. The members approved the report.

New Business: The motion to restore Choral Adjudication Festival "chair" to a board position was brought from the board to the members. Rationale for this is a closer and quicker communication with the board. Brian Russell is the person in charge currently. By a show of 30 hands to zero, the motion carried. Solo & Ensemble is a similar motion from the board to the members. By a show of 29 hands to zero, the motion carries.

Old Business: Middle School Mass: the deadline has passed and scheduling is proceeding as planned. If you have not received any information, E-mail Lewis Walling (wallingl1@k12tn.net) or Carol Poston (carolp@comcast.net).

Elementary Mass: "Music Alone Shall Live" is permanently out of print, ask around to find copies.

Middle school honors: Clinicians are in line and we are still looking for a venue to host event.

Elementary school honors: Clinicians are in line and still looking for a venue to host event.

Midstate/Freshmen Honors: Please be aware: **October 4 is the deadline** for application. Clinicians are in place and repertoire lists are forthcoming. While some CD's are available at the meeting these CD's are missing "Os Justi" due to software having to separate voice parts. Lewis Walling will show the members interested in how to burn the midi files onto CD's from their computers.

TNMEA repertoire list is on the website. If you cannot access it, email Lewis Walling.

Dr. Kenaston-French reported on the ideas for Continuing Education: Choral Warm-ups will be offered at our Oct 4th meeting beginning at 7:00 pm please be prompt. These sessions should last thirty to forty-five minutes, with the business meeting beginning immediately thereafter. If you need professional development or in-service credit, see Lewis Walling for the "certifications."

Questions as to 7th graders who were in the ACDA honors were referred to Robert King, current ACDA President.

Dean Entsminger brought a piece of music that he wrote for 2 part treble women's chorus "Let Me Sow Love," based on the prayer of St. Francis. If you are interested email him at: EntsmingerD@mail.Belmont.edu and he may be able to send you a copy.

This concluded the meeting and Lewis Walling called the meeting adjourned. He then began the demonstration on how to burn midi files. The instructions for this process are on the website.

This report is respectfully submitted by Stella McKnight on September 7, 2005.