

## **MTVA Board Meeting Minutes**

October 24, 2006 5:00 p.m.

**President Jeanette MacCallum** called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. In attendance were Suzanne Craig, Sandy Elliott, Valerie DeHoff, Mary Jackson, Emily Jones, Lia Holland, Jeanette MacCallum, Brian Russell, David Spencer, and Lewis Walling.

The minutes from the September meeting were approved as read.

**David Spencer, Treasurer's report:** Fifty-nine schools have signed up for mid-state auditions. A new savings account at the credit union has been opened. This money is available while it earns interest. The rest of the money from the matured CD has been put in a new 9-month CD.

**Mary Jackson, Middle School Mass chorus:** The board thanked Mary and Suzanne for organizing this event. The event went very well. It was agreed that the quality of the piano that was rented was not up to MTVA standards. The board will work on finding better places to rent pianos in the future.

**Mary Jackson, Elementary Mass chorus:** For the first time in many years more students are participating in elementary mass chorus than in middle school mass chorus. There will be 716 students from 17 schools participating. There will be two sessions, but one concert in the evening.

**Suzanne Craig, Elementary Honors:** There are 23 schools participating. Everything is ready for this event.

**Brenda Williams, Middle School Honors:** She is now working on airline tickets for the clinician. Volunteers will be needed to help with transportation of the clinician while she is here.

**Lia Holland, Mid-State/All-State:** There are 1504 students auditioning from 59 schools. Times have not yet been assigned. The auditions will take place at St. Cecilia's.

**Brian Russell, Choral Festival:** The sight-reading guidelines, sample packet, and bios of the adjudicators are on the website. The last high school adjudicator is Eleanor Nation from Alabama, and Mary Busman, R & S chairperson from Georgia, is the last middle school adjudicator.

The board discussed several requests from directors asking to be excused for auditions. The board voted not to excuse a director from mid-state auditions because of a conflict with a school fundraising event. The board vote to excuse a director with fee from mid-state auditions who is involved with band if he/she must attend football playoffs Friday night.

The board discussed the revisions to the handbook. The board appreciated the work that Valerie has done on this. It was agreed that the changes should be brought before the general membership for a vote. Emily will format the document for presentation to the membership.

The board approved the following changes to the handbook:

- increasing the honorarium for Solo & Ensemble chairperson from \$200 to \$250. Valerie moved to accept the change; Lia seconded the motion.
- the acceptance of the new language referring to illegal copies of music at choral festival. Brian moved to accept the change; Sandy seconded the motion.

The new language reads as follows:

Standing Rules  
VII – Choral Festival  
B. – Music

Illegal photocopies of music will not be accepted. If a director fails to provide three legal copies of a piece, the choir will not be able to perform that piece, resulting in the lowering of one letter grade in the final tabulation. If a director wishes to perform a piece which is out of print, he/she must notify the Choral Festival Chair at least one week prior to the beginning of the event and bring proof from the publisher that copies are out of print.

The board also voted to change the wording on the sight-reading standards regarding melodies outlining the tonic, dominant and sub-dominant triads.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.