

## MTVA General Meeting Minutes

8/15/06

**President Jeanette MacCallum** called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were Jeanette MacCallum, Lia Holland, Emily Jones, Brenda Williams, Mary Jackson, Lynn Jung, David Spencer, Linda Towe, Jeanette Crosswhite, Tyler Merideth, Nita Smith, Will Lambert, Grace Guill, Carol Poston, Rachel White, Melissa Collins, Robert King, Cindy Freeman, Sarah McDonald, Michael Meise, Jennifer Lantz, Greg Herring, Laura Coppage, Susan Wilson, Mary Margaret Moore, Doug Parks, Karen Kenaston-French, Sandy Elliott, Stacy Chandler, Elise Dumser, Natalie Piper Bingham, Felicia Barber, Doug MacCallum, Stella McKnight, Chris Gregory, Donna Martin, Angela Beale, Kali Miller, Matthew Johnson, Gary Wilson, Jj Ebelhar, Judy Yeaworth, Beth Voltz, Gerald Patton, Suzanne Craig, Brenda Jewell, and Brian Russell. Officers were introduced and the members were welcomed. Sandy Elliott introduced Dirk DeYoung, New Horizons sales consultant, who spoke about his company's tour services. New Horizons sponsored the All-State Women's choir commissioned piece last year and are sponsoring a commissioned piece for the All-State jazz band this year. They will also sponsor the 2008 All-State Men's choir commissioned piece.

Announcements were made regarding the following:

- **Mitzi Matlock** spoke regarding an upcoming Dickson Renaissance Center vocal performance of Romeo Cascarino's music by Dolores Ferraro, soprano. Brian Kilian will conduct the University Singers from Cumberland University along with a professional orchestra to accompany Ms. Ferraro. The concert will be Friday, September 29 at 7 p.m.
- **Karen Kenaston-French** encouraged members to pick up a list of upcoming college vocal events and to also fill out a survey regarding continuing the professional development sessions at MTVA meetings.
- **Jeanette** encouraged the membership to network with each other and to use the MTVA website. The handbook will soon be updated on the website. Members were encouraged to communicate proactively with event chairs and email them with concerns or questions. Membership applications are no longer officially due in October, but may be sent with your first event application. Members were reminded to turn in special request forms if needed for each event.

The following reports were then given:

- **David Spencer, Treasurer's report:** Copies of treasurer's report were distributed. \$20,000 is currently in a certificate of deposit that will mature in October, 2006. MTVA will pay for Mid-State, All-State and Honor choir music as well as All-State learning CD's. The membership was reminded to get the membership form and fee turned in with their first event paperwork or before, as

you must be a member of MTVA to participate in MTVA events. Lewis Walling moved to accept the report. Sandy Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

- **Lewis Walling, TMEA board meeting report:** Ron Meers led his first meeting as new TMEA President. He is encouraging member input and hopes to institute new levels of accountability to the membership. Members are encouraged to look at the TMEA website. The National Anthem project concludes on July 14, 2007. TMEA has bid to host the MENC national convention in 2012. Bobby Jean Frost, coordinator for the 2007 TMEA state convention needs more ideas for vocal sessions. Email her at BJfrost@aol.com if you would like to present or have a suggestion.
- **Jeanette Crosswhite, Director of Arts Education, Tennessee Department of Education:** Reminded members that she will need workers if the MENC national convention comes to Tennessee in 2012. Tennessee Arts Academy will be July 8-13, 2007, K-12. She thanked the membership for their hard work and for sparking student's interests in the arts.
- **Lia Holland, All-State/Mid-State Chair:** All-State vocal concerts will be held in the new symphony hall and will all be on Saturday morning. The 2008 commissioned piece will be composed and conducted by Rene Clausen. The board passed a motion to announce this year's auditions excerpts before Friday at 5:00 p.m. on the website. The list of clinicians and repertoire is now available. The deadline for application and fees for auditions is October 6 (postmarked). CD's from last year's concert are available for those directors who had students involved.
- **Mary Jackson, Middle School Mass Chair:** The event is October 3 and the deadline for applications and fees is August 29 (postmarked). Directors are asked not to bring more than 50 members in each choir. Applications will be considered in the order in which they are received.
- **Mary Jackson, Elementary School Mass Chair:** The event is November 9 and the deadline for applications and fees is September 28 (postmarked). Angela Tipps and Carol Poston are clinicians. There will be both morning and afternoon sessions.
- **Brenda Williams, Middle School Honor Choir Chair:** The event will be held on March 13 at Forest Hills Baptist Church. Barbara Sletto from Des Moines, Iowa will be the clinician. The deadline for applications and fees is January 9 (postmarked). Music will be purchased by MTVA.
- **Suzanne Craig, Elementary Honors Chair:** This event includes grades 4, 5 and 6. The event will be held on March 13 at Forest Hills Baptist church. James Wells will be the clinician. Information regarding t-shirt orders will be

forthcoming. The auditions will take place at David Lipscomb Campus School in the middle school room on October 28.

- **Lynn Jung, Solo and Ensemble Chair:** The event will take place April 28 at Christ Presbyterian Academy.
- **Brian Russell, Choral Festival Chair:** The performance date for elementary and middle school choirs is February 27. The high school performance dates are February 28 - March 2. The event will again be held in Murfreesboro at the same church as last year. The piano will be turned and moved to the other side of the sanctuary. He is working on a list of standards for sight-reading and will create a sample packet to distribute to directors. The ACDA state choral festival is April 11-13 with April 12 being the middle Tennessee date. He has information regarding the Da Capo vocal competition for scholarships sponsored by the Hendersonville Community Chorus. Please email for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. to caucus meetings.