

## **MTVA Board Meeting Minutes**

August 14, 2007 5:30 p.m.

St. Cecilia Academy

**Jeanette MacCallum, President** called the meeting to order at 5:40 . In attendance were Lia Holland, Jeanette MacCallum, Chris Gregory, Sandy Elliott, Valerie DeHoff, David Spencer, Tyler Merideth, Michael Choate, Mary Jackson, Lewis Walling, Jennifer Lance, Karen Kenaston-French and Connie Fuller.

Jeanette discussed the recent revision to the 2007-2008 calendar and recommended to stay up to date on the recent changes:

1. Mid-State Audition Deadline moved to September 4<sup>th</sup>
2. Auditions for Mid-State/All-State are September 28 and 29.
3. Middle School Mass is now October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Jeanette reported that there is still a vacancy for Elementary Mass Chair. Due to the vacancy, the deadline of October 2<sup>nd</sup> is tentative and subject to change.

Jeanette went on to report that three clinicians lined up

Michael Choate- Treble Choir

Ken Hawkins-?

Craig Zaimer -?

Repertoire is being chosen.

Jeanette submitted a request from a member to be excused from Mid-State/ All-State Auditions. A motion was passed to excuse the member with a fee of \$50 per day (Elliott/Lance).

The minutes from the August 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting were approved as read (Holland/Elliott).

**Connie Fuller, Middle School Mass Chorus Chair** reported that the Middle School Mass event would take place on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is the same night as the general membership meeting. Due to the renovations at David Lipscomb, the three rehearsal sites to be utilized will be the Chapel, Swang, and Second Presbyterian Church on Belmont Blvd. Repertoire is almost finalized.

**David Spencer, Treasurer** submitted a profit/loss report for 2006-2007. Further examination of the report showed an error. There was a motion to table the profit/loss report until an addendum be made. (Walling) David submitted "Some Helpful hints" from the treasurer to help avoid fines and late fees.

**Jeanette MacCallum, President** submitted a report from the TMEA council meeting. Upon reading this report, the board discussed the lack of choir audition submissions to TMEA. The mentioned reasons for the low number of submissions included:

1. Less than appealing performance venues at the convention center
2. Miniscule audience size
3. Deadline during the middle of summer.
4. Elementary testing window discourages choirs to perform
5. Huge Expense

Sandy informed the board that the deadline for submissions for performances has now been set for June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

Jeanette further reported that TMEA would be sponsoring a Southern Division Fall Leadership conference Sept. 14-15. She encouraged the general membership to submit names within their regions.

Two major offices are coming open: TMEA President-Elect and State Choral Chair nominees are needed; each association should submit at least one name for each by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

TMEA is encouraging regional associations such as MTVA to help launch a more proactive mentoring program for new teachers.

The board decided in conjunction with TMEA guidelines to purchase music for All-State and rotate purchasing music for Mid-State and Elementary and Middle School Honors. Therefore, in 2007-2008, schools must provide their own Mid-State music.

Pepper sends music to those auditioned and billed MTVA for the music. All-State fees are due at Mid-State. The music for All-State is to be purchased at Mid-State. Mid-State music money will be collected at the Mid-State concert registration.

**Gregory, Elementary Honors Choir** has secured a clinician, Linda Singleton MacCallister-Huntsville Arts Academy Magnet School (Retired). Confirmation of the venue is still to be confirmed.

**Sandy Elliott- Freshman Honors** both clinicians are secured and repertoire lists are soon to be chosen.

**Lia Holland, Audition and Mid/State Chair**- reported that a Mid-State Women's Choir clinician is yet to be secured. Dr. Green has submitted repertoire for the Mid-State mixed choir.

**Karen Kenaston-French, College Chair** inquired about continuing education at MTVA general meetings and its effect on the attendance in general membership meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.