

## **MTVA Board Meeting Minutes**

November 6, 2007 5:30 p.m.

St. Cecilia Academy

**Jeanette MacCallum, President** called the meeting to order at 6:17. In attendance were Valerie DeHoff, Tyler Merideth, David Spencer, Sandy Elliott, Chris Gregory, Beth Kolwyck, Karen Kenaston-French and Michael Choate.

**David Spencer, Treasurer**, submitted the Treasurer's report for September and October. The treasurer's report stands approved. (Elliott/Beth)

**Chris Gregory- Elementary Honors Chair** reported that Elementary Honors Auditions have just finished and that over 500 children had submitted applications and 361 actually showed up. This number in attendance is higher than MTVA has ever had before. He went on to report that a large number of directors did not screen their applicants before auditions and a large portion of all the participants rely on the Internet for their information regarding auditions. Chris then began a discussion regarding suggestions to improving the audition process. Some of the suggestions included:

1. Require members to come to one meeting before the audition to review audition expectations of the student.
2. Setting a cap on the number of students auditioning to 15 per school.
3. Holding Elementary and Middle School Honors auditions on the same day. This will create enough persons to staff the audition day.
4. Holding a clinic for those MTVA members that are judging. This will create a more uniform outlook towards the audition.
5. Creating a set amount for the choir. The number suggested was 120.

All discussions will be tabled until next meeting to suggest as a motion from the board to the general membership.

**Michael Choate, Choral Festival Chair** made a plea to the board for suggestions for clinicians for festival. He also reported that the snow date for the facility is no longer a problem. He is asking for suggestions from the board for general improvements to Festival.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58.