

## **MTVA General Membership Meeting**

August 14, 2007 7:00 p.m.  
St. Cecilia Academy

**Jeanette MacCallum, President** called the meeting to order at 7:20. In attendance were Susan Locke, Craig Zamer, Doug Parks, Branson Clark, Felicia Barber, Greg Herring, Gerald Patton, Eline Dunser, Karen Kenaston-French, Linda Towe, Will Lambert, Jeff Myrick, Jeanette Crosswhite, Karen Macke, Michael Choate, Cindy Freeman, Michael Meise, Maribeth Johnson, Greg Gunther, Sarah McDonald, Connie McCain, Pay Vunker, Jamey Kelly, Allynn Petrone, Laura Coppage, Katie Baker, Kali Shadday, Grace Guill, Melissa Collins, Alexis Yatuzis-Deybes, Jamila McWhirter, Missy Cook, Kathy Quarto, Brenda Williams, Suzanne Craig, Lisa Benton, Judy Yeaworth, Beth Kolwyck, Brenda Jewell, Brenda Gregory, Charlie Mason, Shawn Frazier, Matthew Johns, Ashley Smith, Gary Wilson, Mary Jackson, Connie Fuller, Lindsey Jackson, Jennifer Lantz, David Spencer, Sandy Elliott and Tyler Merideth.

**Jeanette MacCallum, President** welcomed everyone in attendance and proposed the big picture objective of MTVA and MENC and thanked Thomas Tours for the meal before the meeting. Every member in attendance had his or her picture taken for a possible future pictorial directory.

Jeanette then introduced the members of the board and introduced the vacancy of the Elementary Mass chair. Mary Jackson provided information about the benefits of chairing Elementary Mass. A plea was made for potential Elementary Mass chairs.

First time visitors to MTVA were recognized and all attendees introduced themselves.

### **Old Business:**

A motion was made to amend the Constitution Article 13 regarding the Solo and Ensemble Chairperson's Honorium. (Williams/ Fuller).

A motion was made to change the wording of Standing Rules Section VII regarding Choral Festival (Fuller/ Lantz). Section VII of standing rules amended as follows:

*Old Language: Only printed copies of copyrighted music will be accepted. Photocopies of copyrighted music are prohibited and will not be allowed to be performed. The use of illegal photocopies will result in an automatic letter grade reduction of the final score. (A director must produce proof from the publisher that copies are currently out of print before reproductions are allowed.*

**Proposed Language:** 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 minutes from the January 9, 2007 General Membership meeting were approved as read.

### **New Business:**

Jeanette reported from the TMEA Council Meeting that only 5 choral groups have submitted audition tapes to perform. The floor was opened to feedback from the general membership as to why the low numbers. Some of the general responses 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

Lauren Coppage suggested that the TMEA treble choir might perform on Saturday with all the other All-State Performances. She asked to email her with ideas and suggestions. The calendar is limited due to the fact that TMEA has a three year contract with the convention center.

Jeanette informed that TMEA that each regional association submits an emerging leader to the Southern Division Fall Leadership Conference. TMEA will fund up to \$1000 for an emerging leader.

Next year we will elect a new president-elect and state choral chair. Each association should submit at least one name for each by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Tennessee Arts Academy will be July 13-18 and involve K-12. September 1<sup>st</sup> is deadline for any submission to TN Musician.

TMEA is encouraging regional associations such as MTVA to help launch a more proactive mentoring program for new teachers. Jeanette will revise the membership form to indicate when the applicant entered the music education field, the schools at which they have taught, grade levels, etc. and whether or not they would like to serve as a mentor.

**Jamelia McWhirter-** MTSU reported that CMENC will help make contact with first and second year teachers to pair up with a mentor in their specific field.

Jeanette mentioned the importance to stay up-to-date with the ever changing MTVA calendar. Some important changes include:

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 addressed the issue of the order of special requests for the two days of Mid-State Auditions.

Jeanette announced that the Mid-State concert would be at Tennessee State University.

**Chris 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. Auditions will be held October 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. St. Cecilia Academy.

**Connie Fuller, Middle School Mass** 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.

**Jennifer Lantz- Solo/Ensemble Chair** Solo and Ensemble is to be held at Mt. Juliet High School on April 5<sup>th</sup>

**Lia Holland, Audition Chair 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.

**Sandy Elliott, Freshman Honors Chair** reported that two clinicians have been secured. Gar Wilson from David Lipscomb University will conduct the Freshman Treble and Dr. John Warren from Syracuse University will conduct the Freshman Mixed.

**Michael Choate, Choral Festival Chair**

First United Methodist Murfreesboro has been secured with more info about snow date to be announced in the September meeting.

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

**David Spencer, Treasurer** submitted a handout entitled "Some Helpful Hints From The Treasurer" to help avoid fines and late fees.

Jeanette reported that MTVA will provide music for All-State this year. A rotation between the purchasing of Elementary Honors/Middle School Honors and Mid-State

music will rotate every other year. This year MTVA will provide music for Elementary Honors and Middle School Honors. Next year they will provide Mid-State music.

A motion was made to adjourn to caucus meetings at 8:17 (Dehoff, Holland).