

MTVA Board Meeting Minutes  
August 12th 2008 5:00 p.m.  
St Cecilia Academy

I. Welcome and Announcements

**Valerie Dehoff, President** called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. In attendance were Connie Fuller, Jeanette MacCallum, Chris Gregory, Lia Holland, Mary Jackson, Gerald Patton, Brenda Williams, Valerie Dehoff, Jamila McWhirter, David Spencer, Sandy Elliott, Beth Kolwyck, Tyler Merideth, and Michael Choate.

II. Minutes

**Tyler Merideth, Recording Secretary** provided the minutes from the board meeting on June 3rd. The minutes were read and approved.

III. Reports

**David Spencer, Treasurer** reminded the board that the deficit for 2007-2008 should have been more due to the additional expenses caused by inclement weather for choral festival. David also continued to encourage the event chairs to compare bids to minimize expenditures.

**Valerie DeHoff, President and Jeanette MacCallum, Vice President** reported from the TMEA council. Gary Wilkes is the new president of TMEA. His goal is to erase the barriers between organizations of east, middle and west. This will be accomplished by a new website designed to foster communication between the regions. Another aspect of his platform is a push for one email list for all TMEA members.

A high school transition policy will start this year for eighth graders. This policy encourages students starting high school to choose a career path. Teachers are encouraged to help promote the music path for students.

The deadline to present at the 2009 TMEA Convention is September 15th. Contact Bobby Jean Frost if interested.

Dian Eddleman, newly elected state choral chair, is concerned with a

growing problem of kids not valuing the All-State experience. She is asking for ideas to rectify this problem and any ideas to improve the All-State experience.

There is now a separate instrumental and vocal chair for All-State. Terry Stanford is the All-State Vocal Chair.

**Jamila McWhirter, College Chair** informed the board that one of her graduate courses will be researching the history of TMEA and creating a traveling multimedia exhibit with their findings.

Sandy Elliott also reported that any student that makes an All-State ensemble will become a graduate with distinction at their commencement.

**Connie Fuller, Middle-School Mass** reported that the venue is secured. The event will take place on Sept. 30. at David Lipscomb University. The clinicians are Jamila McWhirter, Ken Burg, and Vincent Oaks. One piece by Ken Burg is not published. Connie reported that she will contact the publisher to see if directors can receive a full octavo after it is published. This will help appease the directors for spending \$2.10 for a copied PDF file.

**Lia Holland, Mid-State** reported that the clinicians are secured and the repertoire list is approved. A motion was made to continue purchasing part learning CD's for All-State. (Fuller/Jackson/MacCallum) The motion passed. Auditions will be held at St. Cecilia.

**Gerald Patton and Brenda Williams, Freshman Honors** reported that the clinicians are secured and repertoire has been approved.

**Chris Gregory, Elementary Honors** reported that he is still waiting for confirmation with clinician. Chris mentioned that he has another option if first clinician cannot commit. The event will be held at Forest Hills Baptist Church.

**Beth Kolwyck, Elementary Mass** reported that James Wells will be a clinician for one of the sessions. Beth is still looking for another clinician. The event will be held at Christ Church on Feb. 12. The deadline for applications is December 16th.

**Mary Jackson, Middle School Honors** reported that JJ Ebelhar will be the clinician and an accompanist has been secured. The repertoire list will soon be ready for approval. Auditions are in January.

**Michael Choate, Choral Festival** has confirmed with First United Methodist in Murfreesboro that the dates for the event are firm and a snow date is in place. A list of judicators for both high school and middle school will be available soon.

**Jamila McWhirter, College Chair** reported that TMEA will be establishing a memorial fund in honor of T. Earl Hinton. This scholarship is open for all TMEA members to donate to and will be started with a one time donation from TMEA of \$500. In the future, the fund will accumulate through donations from TMEA members to honor statewide music educators, organizations, and schools.

Jamila then reported that the TMEA board approved the proposed All-Collegiate Choir to perform at the 2009 Convention in the first session on Wednesday morning. The clinician will be David Rayl, Director of Choral Activities at Michigan State University. After the All-Collegiate Choir debuts in the 2009 convention, an All-Collegiate Band and All-Collegiate Orchestra will soon follow. These ensembles will be on a three year rotation. Jamila continues to ask for more ideas for professional development in the MTVA meetings.

#### IV. Unfinished Business

A motion was made to continue ordering music for freshman honors and Mid-State/All-State participants. The directors from each school will then reimburse MTVA for the music.  
(MacCallum, Holland). The motion carried.

#### V. New Business

A MTVA member requested that he/she be excused with fee for the Mid-State Auditions. The member had already booked a trip for a family member's graduation. A motion was made to excuse the member without fee. (Fuller/Choate) The motion passed.

A motion was made to include board e-voting in the handbook. (Dehoff,

Fuller) The motion passed.

The floor was opened for a discussion to form a finance committee. This committee would help oversee budgets for events. Each event chair would submit their budget to the committee. A motion was made to table discussion. (Fuller, Merideth) The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53.