

MTVA General Membership
August 12, 2008
7:00 p.m.
St Cecilia Academy, Nashville, TN

Valerie Dehoff, President called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. In attendance were Elise Dumser, Connie Fuller, Carol Poston, Linda Towe, Debbie Hollis, Rebecca May, Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry, Lauren Wallick, Cynthia Jolley, Diane Brand, Jennifer Russell, David Spencer, Charlie Mason, Doug Parks, Brenda Gregory, Dawn Crunk, Gary Wilson, Emily Moman, Hannah Swindle, Connie McCain, Brenda Jewell, Susan Wilson, Matthew Johnson, Brenda Williams, Suzanne Craig, Karen Macke, Grace Guill, James Kelley, Mary Jackson, Lia Holland, Shawn Frazier, David Collins, Gerald Patton, Stella McKnight, Michael Meise, Craig Zamer, Jenny Bastoky, Laura Coppage, Michael Choate, Todd Arnold, Kali Shadday, Megan Sisk, Greg Herring, Kristin Ray, Michael Graham, JJ Ebelhar, David Cassel, Melissa Collins, Jennifer Green, Greg gunther, Sarah McDonald, Katie Baker, Robert King, Tiffany DePriest, Anne Snider, Jeanette MacCallum, Sandy Elliott, Brenda Williams, Jamila McWhirter, Beth Kolwyck, Chris Gregory, Lia Holland and Mary Jackson.

I. Welcome

The dinner was provided by New Horizons travel company. New Horizon wanted to thank MTVA for educating in the fine arts. TMEA has elected to reinstate a seven year rotation for the commissioning of a new work. New Horizons will be the sole sponsor through 2015.

The Tennessee Arts Academy will be held July 12-17 2009. Look to the website for early bird registration.

Valerie wanted to remind members that MTVA is not providing music for any events.

II. Minutes

Tyler Merideth, Recording Secretary provided the minutes from the general meeting on February 5th. The minutes were read and approved.

III. Reports

David Spencer, Treasurer reminded the board that the deficit for 2007-2008 should have been less due to the additional expenses caused by inclement weather for choral festival.

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.

Jeanette Crosswhite 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.

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 adjudicators 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

The floor was opened for discussion for the amendments to the standing rules from the February 5th general membership meeting. A vote was taken after the second reading of the amendments. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed and the standing rules have been changed.

V. New Business

The board proposed the motion of raising the honorarium for the technologist from \$100 a month over ten months to \$200 a month over ten months. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The honorarium has been raised.

Jeanette MacCallum, Vice President showed the membership the new online registration process.

The meeting was adjourned to caucus by grade levels/events.

