

MTVA Board Meeting Minutes
January 13th 2009 5:15 p.m.
St Cecilia Academy

I. Call to Order

Valerie DeHoff, President, called the meeting to order at 5:20. In attendance were Brenda Williams, Gerald Patton, Mary Jackson, Jeanette MacCallum, Tyler Merideth, David Spencer, Jamila McWhirter, Beth Kolwyck and Jennifer Lantz.

II. Minutes

The minutes were approved as corrected.

III. Reports

Valerie DeHoff, President, asked the event chairs to check their event so that no specific dates or wrong information is under their event. There has been confusion regarding old information on the website.

Valerie reported that no conference call was made between the three regions. Dian Eddelman sent an email to all three presidents regarding 2nd tier. The audition is to call for a 80% accuracy rate for the auditioning student. Not perfection. This is to be emphasized to all directors with students in 2nd tier auditions. Dian also expressed concern that the interest sessions at the TMEA conference are not being well attended due to directors skipping out or double bookings with supervision responsibilities.

Jamila McWhirter, College Chair, suggested that there should be more choral performances and better quality interest sessions to draw better attendance.

Ron Meers, TMEA president, is asking for nominations for the following awards: TMEA Hall of Fame Award, Outstanding Administrator Award, Friend of Music Education Award, Outstanding Service Award 25 years and 40 years Outstanding Young Music Educator Award. Email Jeanette MacCallum with your nomination

There is a request asking to be excused without fee for Middle School Honors audition. The director is also contracted to assist Band at UT Martin concerning Middle School Honors audition. There is a motion to excuse

without fee. (lantz williams) The motion passed.

David Spencer, Treasurer, submitted the treasurer's report. David stressed the importance of having deadlines for All-State alternates. MTVA personnel need to be at TMEA registration to hold students and directors accountable. This would require a tight coordination between technologist and TMEA.

Beth Kolwyck, Elementary Mass Chair, reports that there are 337 students for the afternoon session and 317 in the morning.

Valerie DeHoff, President, asked the board about the policy on snow. The board decided that in the event of inclement weather, the board will vote by email a decision to cancel and put the information on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.