

MTVA Board Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2009
St. Cecilia Academy

I. Call to Order

Valerie DeHoff, President, called the meeting to order at 5:12. In attendance were David Spencer, Jeanette MacCallum, Melissa Collins, Jamila McWhirter, Lia Holland, Gerald Patton, Jennifer Lantz, Mary Jackson, Sandy Elliott, Beth Kolwyck, Brenda Williams, Jeanette MacCallum, and Tyler Merideth.

II. Minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed from the February 10 board meeting.

III. Reports

Valerie DeHoff, President, shared information from the TMEA Leadership Conference. Items discussed at this meeting include:

All State Registration will now be online. Directors are asked to make sure that all names are spelled correctly.

TMEA rehearsals will begin Thursday for all ensembles. Registration will occur at the rehearsal sites.

There is no contract from the Convention Center/Renaissance Hotel for after 2010.

There is a committee looking at Memphis and Chattanooga for 2011 or other hotels in downtown Nashville.

If you know of helpful hints for new teachers to be included in the TN Musician or if you are a beginning teacher, please send suggestions to Dian Eddelman.

The commission rotation for the next three installments have been approved. James Mulholland will compose a piece for the 2011 SATB Choir, Eleanor Daley will compose a piece for the 2013 SSAA Choir, and Paul Carey will compose a piece for the 2015 TTBB Choir. All three composers will also serve as clinicians of those choirs respectively.

There is a call-out for future TMEA leadership. Email Valerie DeHoff if you are interested in serving.

A request from a teacher to be excused for Mid-State/All-State Auditions due to a conflict due to contract as a wedding coordinator. Jeannette MacCallum made a motion to excuse with fee for \$50 for each day missed. (Valerie) The motion is taken.

Connie Fuller resigned as Middle School Mass Chair. A replacement will soon be announced. There is a need to jump in, the venue is secured and the clinician is secured.

Jeanette MacCallum, Vice President, reminded the board that registration will be online following the same procedure as last year. To submit a new application, one must renew the old information already stored in the system. If there are any questions, please email Lia Holland or Jeanette MacCallum.

David Spencer, Past Treasurer, submitted the Treasurer's Report.

Lia Holland, Mid-State/All-State Chair, reported that the following clinicians have been secured:

SSAA-Jane Warren, Belmont University

TTBB-Randy Hooper, Texas A&M University

SATB- Constantina Tsolainou, Columbia State University

Gerald Patton, Freshman Honors Choir, reported that the following clinicians have been secured:

SATB Freshman, Brian Russell, Illinois Wesleyan University

SSA Freshman, Vincent Oaks, Chattanooga Boys Choir

Melissa Collins, Elementary Honors Chair reported that Brenda Jewell is the clinician, however a venue still needs to be secured.

Jennifer Lantz, Solo/Ensemble reported that this year's Solo and Ensemble Festival will take place on May 1st, 2010 at Mt. Juliet High School.

Jamila McWhirter, College Chair, announced the dates of several up and coming events: CEMC event on September 26th at Tennessee Tech. This event asks for helpful hints for new teachers. She also mentioned that MENC will have a conference March 25th and 26th in Anaheim California. She also mentioned that she will be providing professional development at the next meetings. Details to be announced.

The board looked into the matter of clearly defining the terms choir and school in the handbook.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52.