

MTVA General Membership Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2009
St. Cecilia Academy

I. Call to Order

Valerie DeHoff, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05. In attendance were Valerie Trantum, Chris Gregory, Greg Herring, Beth Philemon, Susan Wilson, Alexis Derryberry, Craig Zamer, Gerald Patton, Beth Kolwyck, Cindy Fehrman, Shawn Frazier, Cynthia Jolley, Sarah McDonald, Jameson Staley, Brenda Bregory, Gary Wilson, Richard Smith, Kristen Rue, Grace Guill, Doug Parks, Branson Clark, Laura Coppage, Katie Baker, Brenda Williams, Kali Shadday, Todd Arnold, Carol Poston, Charlie Mason, Brenda Jewell, Lisa Benton, Margie Chaney, Mary Jackson, David Collins, Lia Holland, Jeanette MacCallum, Sandy Elliott, Jennifer Lantz, Beth Kolwyck, Mary Jackson, Melisa Collins, Brenda Williams, Brian Doherty, Stella McKnight, Becky May, Debbie Wilson, Jamey Kelley, and Tyler Merideth.

New Horizons tour and travel Dirk DeYoung provided dinner.

The membership went around and introduced themselves.

II. Minutes

The minutes stand approved from the February 10th General Membership Meeting.

III. Reports

President

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.

David Spencer, Past Treasurer Submitted his last report to a warm standing ovation from the General Membership.

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.

Brenda Williams, Choral Festival Co-Chair, reported that due to the fact that the event is a growing event, middle school and high schools will be separated into different days.

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 provided professional development at the next meetings. Details to be announced.

IV. New Business

A motion was presented to the General Membership from the board to amend Standing Rule VIII. B.1.b. to read:

The current school year's Mid-State, Honors, Mass Choir, All-State or Tennessee Treble Honor Choir repertoire will not be allowed to be performed at the choir's corresponding grade level.

The original wording:

The current school year's Mid-State, Honors, or Mass Choir repertoire will not be allowed to be performed at the choir's corresponding grade level.

The motion passed and a second reading will occur at the next general membership meeting.

A motion was presented to the General Membership from the board to amend Constitution Article XII. Section 3 to read:

\$ 3.00- Student fee for Choral Concert Festival

Original wording:

\$ 3.00- Student fee for Choral Concert Festival (Minimum of 21 students through 40 students; \$1.00 per student above 40 students per group)

A discussion took place on the motion.

A 2/3 vote of the membership present for the motion to carry. The motion carried.

A discussion took place as to how judges adjudicate choral festival.

Gary Wilson announced that there is an audition workshop at David Lipscomb University for Mid-State Auditions on September 19th.

The meeting was adjourned to caucus.