

Board Meeting Minutes for 11/13/12

Those in attendance:

Craig Zamer, Sandy Elliott, Gerald Patton, Lorna Pyka, Crystal Juechter, Terri Godfrey, Jeannette MacCallum, Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry, Shawn Frazier, Ashlee Sexton, Beth Kolwyck, Lia Holland and Missy Cook

Jeanette gave the Treasurer's Report. Gerald had a question about the net income on the Balance Sheet in comparison to the Profit & Loss by Class. The balances didn't match due to writing Brenda Williams a check for the Honors Choir tracks.

Elementary and Middle School Honors auditions were a success! This was the first audition where both groups were auditioned on the same day. There is a request that these two auditions not be the same week as Mid-State Choir in the future. There was a suggestion made by Terry Sanford that there is a deadline for adding students. In order to accomplish this, there must be an amendment to the handbook. Jeanette mentioned that we should be consistent and make sure it would fit the criteria of the rest of our auditioned events. Terry was not also aware that students could audition for more than one part. This will be fixed for the next time. Crystal mentioned the idea of having the students say their ID number on their audition recording. Ashlee suggested that it would be helpful to have the pitch and a "tick" for the "My Country" portion of the audition. Also, there was discussion about having a limit on how many students each school could send to the audition. This would also need to be amended in the handbook and this would only affect Elementary Honors. Jeanette suggested that we word it so that you can register as many as you like but only a certain amount of students would be selected from each school. Jeanette mentioned there also might be some members not supportive of this proposed change. Ashlee will devise a motion to put before the membership for the January meeting. Lia suggested that the motion be sent to the board before the meeting in order to provide discussion before it were brought to the membership. Crystal also asked about how to obtain scores from the audition. It was decided that we should ask Terry Sanford for the scores but have him send them only by school. Directors would not receive other school's scores.

Alexis handed out the comments from the Mid-State survey. Alexis suggested that we purchase a membership through Survey Monkey for further surveys for our events. She said that several of the comments on the survey from Mid-State were very helpful.

Ashlee asked a question about those members who are private voice teachers and members of MTVA that want to have their students audition for events. It was stated that the handbook states that students should be in "good standing with their school's choir". Dian Eddleman from TMEA will be here to discuss this issue further and what East and West are doing at this time concerning this.

Gerald discussed the Freshman Honors Choir auditions. He and several others were concerned that no rehearsal tracks were provided this year. Lia mentioned that Mark Robertshaw would not make CD's for us because directors were just buying one CD and making copies for their students. Gerald mentioned that it might be helpful to have a sectional the day before the event. Crystal mentioned that we might want to do a survey concerning the interest in a 2 day event. Cost would certainly be a factor.

Terri discussed Mid-State Choir and the issues of inaccurate scores for some students who auditioned. Terri has spent many hours verifying all scores from the audition. She suggested that we need people to verify scores before the lists are posted. Lia suggested that maybe we alter our audition to fit the

computer program that we use for the audition. She suggested that we do Freshman Honors on Friday and Mid-State on Saturday since the program is a "one day" audition program. The errors happen when Terry Sanford tried to make the program fit our two day audition.

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Missy Cook, MTVA Secretary
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