

Lia called the meeting to order at 6:45. She introduced Dian Eddleman , president of TMEA. She discussed with us the upcoming NAFME In-Service/Workshop that will take place here in Nashville, TN. She said they hope to have groups from Middle TN to perform at this conference.

She discussed her email about sending correspondence to our legislatures concerning Governor's School and TN Arts Academy funding. Dian would like for us to forward this letter on to our state legislative representatives to show our support of these two important items for music education.

Jeanette MacCallum gave the Treasurer's Report. She discussed that our balance sheet looks really good due to membership dues, school fees and audition fees. She pointed out the class report which lists everything by event. She discussed that we have had over 3300 students participate in our events this year. 935 MS Mass, 544 MS Honors, 398 Elementary Honors, 1065 Mid state, 344 Freshman, 127 memberships and 124 schools. We are up in membership. She reminded us that the Mid-State profit will go down as we pay our music bill for that event.

Minutes from last month's meeting were distributed and approved.

Lorna Pyka gave her report on Middle School Mass. She stated it was the largest event to date. The event ended with a profit. The event went very well and all comments were positive.

Terri Godfrey and Gerald Patton gave a report on the Freshman Honors Choir and Mid-State Choir. Terri discussed that there were some students that did not have a score that auditioned. All the scores have been verified and mistakes were corrected. She also stated that after examining the rolls from Mid-State, she will send the schools a list in order for them to know what chair the students are placed, especially where alternates are concerned. Schools need to decide if they would prefer CDs or mp3s for their All-State 2nd Tier Audition and rehearsal tracks. Once that information is confirmed and Mark Robertshaw has made the tracks, he will supply the schools with a password to access these files. The cost will be \$6 for mp3s and \$9 for the CDs. You only have to pay for those students that are going to audition. There is an additional charge for shipping CDs of \$25. It is mandatory for those students who are auditioning to purchase the rehearsal tracks. If you tell Terri that someone is not auditioning, that will be final. That student will be removed from the list and all other alternates will move up a spot. Money for the rehearsal tracks will be due by 2nd Tier Auditions. Terry reminded everyone that they must order their own music for All-State. Brenda mentioned that she had already ordered hers and several were on back order and one piece was out of print. Lia stated that the State Choral Chair was aware of these issues and was working to resolve them. Terri mentioned that she had the Women's Commissioned piece with her tonight. She was handing it out tonight at the meeting and will mail copies to others that were not at the meeting. The piece is hand written and not on Finale.

Gerald thanked all the directors that helped at Mid-State.

Ashlee and Crystal gave the report for Elementary Honors and Middle School Honors and that the audition went very well. The event will take place on 1/29 at Brentwood United Methodist. Laura Coppage asked if she could make copies of one of the pieces that is in their textbook. It was decided that you could make copies of the number of textbooks you have.

Lia reminded us of the information regarding the Elementary Mass Choir which will be on 2/21/13 at The Christ Church. The repertoire list is on the website. Clinicians are Brenda Williams and Susan Wilson.

Lia also reminded us of the information for the Choral Festival which is on 2/25 – 2/28 at the First United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro. She also reminded us that there are afternoon and evening slots for Choral Festival this year. You will receive a discount if you request a time that is after 4pm. This also allows for parents to watch the event.

Shawn Frazier gave his report on the Solo and Ensemble Festival. The deadline to register is 4/5, the event is 5/4 at Middle TN Christian School for grades 4th – 12th. This is a positive event with constructive criticism and awards. Small Ensemble 2-9 and Large Ensemble 10-20. Choral Festival is for larger groups. However, if you have a small group at your school, this is a wonderful event for them.

Alexis talked about implementing our mentoring program. She has already paired teachers together with those that selected that on their registration. Jeanette discussed that she will be going to spend the day with her person that she is mentoring and that is exactly what this program is about.

Our next meeting will be 1/8 and it will be at the Great American Fundraising in their conference room. The plan is to have dinner. The location is off Briley Parkway.

Lia discussed that Alexis will be doing surveys for all events this year. Alexis stated that the feedback from the Mid-state audition was very helpful.

The sight reading committee gave their report. Brian Russell gave a report regarding the statistics of the sight reading audition. Only 23% scored about a 40. The All-State students scored a little higher on their sight reading. He gave the statistics on each sight reading example. The statistics did show that the sight reading did affect their final score. Only 7% of those auditioning were passing on their sightreading. The link for the full results as well as suggestions for improving this process is posted on our homepage at www.mtva.org

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 to Craig Zamer and his workshop, “You’re Going to Sing What?!?”
Appropriate Festival Repertoire from the Adjudicator’s Perspective

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