

Board Meeting 2/12/13 5:00pm

Lia Holland called the meeting to order at 5:15pm. Thanks to Alexis Derryberry for helping to secure Belmont Heights for our meeting. There was some discussion about whether to have the meeting move around to different locations or to keep it with the same location each time. Alexis will conduct a survey to get feedback from the members.

Jeannette MacCallum gave the Treasurer's report. The balance is 32K but we have not paid TMEA for All-State. The late fees and penalties are up this year. All events this year are in the black. Jeanette also gave us an update on our tax exempt status. Jeanette is currently working on the list of items that the CPA requested in order to submit paperwork for the federal exempt status.

Missy Cook did not have copies of the minutes. Everyone can look at the minutes on the website and email any corrections.

Middle School Mass has been scheduled for next year. We are still working on a venue. Beth Kolwyck stated that the event has been penciled in for Christ Church and it seems as if this date will work for them.

Terri Godfrey gave the report on Mid-State/All-State. Terri made the suggestion that we possibly move the audition time to the afternoon. There was discussion concerning the reasoning for cancelling. Some schools could not have come to the audition because their school system would not have allowed them to participate due to school being cancelled on Friday. There would have been a great amount of students who would not have been able to audition. The make-up audition is also much harder than the original audition. There was also discussion that director's should communicate the possibility that the audition might be cancelled because of snow and alternates would not get to audition. Alternates would be informed in advance that they may learn all the music without actually getting to audition. Lia suggested that there should be an allowance for students that can't come to the audition because their school system would not let them come. The logistics of listening to almost 50 students do a makeup audition would be really difficult. Jeanette suggested that there might need to be a financial incentive for directors to call in their students that would not be coming to 2nd Tier. Terri will be sending another list to everyone with new list rankings for alternates and those placed in the choir.

Crystal Juechter gave her report on Middle School Honors. She mentioned that it would be helpful to have name tags for interaction with the clinician and behavior of students. The event went very well and the performance was wonderful.

Beth Kolwyck gave her report on Elementary Mass. Everything is ready and the numbers are great. The date for Elementary Mass is 2/21 at Christ Church.

Choral Festival schedule is out and everything is ready to go. Digital recorders are on the way and we will not have cassette players for adjudicator feedback. Her plan is to send the feedback to the director's email. A suggestion was made that director's would specify which email address would accept the audio file. A suggestion was made that for next year we let the collegiate NAFME members know that we need help to work the choral festival.

Solo and Ensemble report by Shawn Frazier was given. Everything is on schedule for this event. There was some discussion concerning the literature that is appropriate for this event. It can be musical theatre but no "pop" music.

Craig Zamer discussed the possibility for the next professional development for the MTVA meeting. He mentioned the idea of meaningful warm-ups that fit the rehearsal and engage the mind and body. It was decided that he would do this at the September meeting for 2013.

The Elementary Honors proposal will be brought to the membership this evening. This proposal was approved by the board and we do support it. There was some discussion regarding opposition from some directors. There was some discussion with having two rooms for this audition. You would have one room for Part 1 and there will be another room for Part 2. There was some discussion if the proposal should be amended so that you can only audition a certain number.

Alexis made the motion to table the proposal and Shawn 2nd the motion. We will bring up again in August and September meeting. This would provide more time for discussion as well as give Ashley the opportunity to present to the body.

Sight reading committee through Brian Russell presented a proposal for next year's Mid-State and Freshman Honors Audition. Please see the handout that is

on the MTVA website for the details of this report. There was discussion whether this proposal would need to be voted on by the board and membership. After consulting the handbook, it does not require a vote. There was some discussion about how to handle this for visually impaired students. The committee will be developing an option for those students and present in the fall. Shawn made a motion to accept the Sight Reading Committee's recommendation for the sight reading portion of the mid-state audition.

Lia said that there would be a board meeting scheduled to discuss venues and audition literature for next year.

The board meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.