

Board Meeting, 1/8/13

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:20pm by Lia Holland. Those present were Jeanette MacCallum, Sandy Elliott, Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry, Gerald Patton, Shawn Frazier, Lorna Pyka, Missy Cook, Terri Godfrey, Ashlee Sexton and Beth Kolwyck.

The minutes of last month's meeting were approved by the board.

Jeanette gave her Treasurer's report. Our cash flow is still good. The music for Mid-State and the rehearsal tracks for All-State need to be paid. We are also still waiting for a check from the photographer from last year's Choral Festival. They have informed Jeanette that the check is on it's way. We have received payment from the t-shirt vendor from Mid-State. Her report was accepted.

Beth gave her report on Elementary Mass. She mentioned that she does not get a confirmation from the registration of those registered for the event. This has created a small problem because most have registered for the afternoon and not the morning. Everything is on schedule. It is February 21st. The deadline to register is 1/24.

Jeanette interjected she had contacted Ron Meers and TMEA and that there was no insurance to cover our events. Alexis said that TMEA does have insurance and she had a copy. This would be sufficient for our venues that need proof of insurance to host our events. Alexis will send to Jeanette.

We will be talking about the Elementary and Middle School Honors auditions at our general meeting. It was mentioned that according to the survey, everyone was very favorable about having both auditions on the same day. Ashlee has a proposal about having a cap on how many students from one school can make the elementary and middle school honors school.

Terri gave her report on All-State. 2nd Tier will be at Ravenwood HS. There will be a director's meeting at 8am and auditions start at 9am. Registration for All-State this year is \$50 for students and \$75 for directors. Directors coming to the audition will need to pay for registration, (student and director) not alternates and for the mp3s. Terri will give us an invoice for how much each school owes. Lia mentioned that sometimes this is difficult for directors because they don't necessarily know if their student will pass. There is a policy that TMEA does not refund money. A suggestion was made that only the mp3 cost would need to be paid at the 2nd Tier. Another suggestion was made that there be a director meeting before the audition and at that meeting, directors would have to pay for their mp3 files. Directors would have 10 days after the audition to pay for those that passed. Alternates must be paid within 10 days after they are placed. Lia encouraged Terri to look over the handbook as far as the audition process for this day.

Shawn gave his report on the Solo and Ensemble Festival. The deadline is April 5th, the event is the first Saturday in May (5/4) at MTCS.

Ashlee gave the report on Elementary and Middle School Honors. The event is 1/29 and will be at Brentwood United Methodist. Dr. Vanetta Hall will be clinician for Elementary Honors.

Jeanette has some new business to bring before the membership tonight. She brought to our attention that we have never been registered as a non-profit organization even though we have been in existence since the 40's. MTSBOA has started this process and the president there was very helpful in giving her information on how to help MTVA to obtain this identification. She was given the name of Laurie Ford who is a CPA and has some experience with helping McGavock High School in this area. Mrs. Ford was able to help Jeanette register with the state of TN. From there, we will begin the process of obtaining our non-profit status. This will create more paperwork because various tax documents will need to be filed. Mrs. Ford will help us with this process and will charge of fee of \$75 an hour. We have to send the state of TN our constitution. Particularly dealing with what happens to our funds if our organization dissolves. She drafted a new wording for our constitution Article 3 Section 5. This wording would include that if our organization dissolves, our funds would be turned over to TMEA. They are looking to see that our assets would be turned over to another non-profit organization. Sandy suggested that the verbage should be TN Music Education Association. Sandy made a motion to present this to our membership for amendment to our constitution. Shawn seconded the motion. The motion passed and will be presented to the body.

Alexis presented the survey on the Elementary/Middle School Honors auditions. 33% very satisfied. There were some comments about the technical issues. Crystal mentioned that the kids having their own ID numbers would fix these technical issues. 100% were satisfied that it was great to have both on the same day. A suggestion was made to possibly have two rooms for elementary honors. Terry Sanford said there would be a way to have that with consistency.

Mid-State Survey – Sufficient time to prepare was a glaring negative. 77% said they would attend a clinic the Saturday the day before. Suggestions were given about rehearsal tracks, screening repertoire, increasing Mid-State to a day and a half.

Ashlee discussed the idea of amending the handbook to cap how many students can make the choir from each school for Elementary Honors Choir. Schools can have as many students addition as they would like, but if you have more than 15 students make the choir, only the top scoring 15 students will make the honor choir. Lia would like for us to process this. Ashlee will send an email with the motion and the board will discuss via email. Lia would like for the membership to vote on this motion at the February meeting.

The date of MS Honors and Elementary Honors auditions for 2013 will be 10/26, the weekend before Mid-State.

Lia would like to have the calendar ready to give in February. She asked that everyone secure venues for their events so that we could present the calendar to the membership in February.

The board meeting adjourned at 6:30pm for the general membership meeting.

Submitted by Missy Cook