

The general meeting was called to order at 6:45pm by Lia Holland on 1/8/13. Those in attendance were Wendy Payne, Laura Coppage, Lauren Wallick, Grace Guill, Lauren Sims, Brian Russell, Brenda Williams, Jessica Morel, Valerie DeHoff, Warren, Beth Delk, Todd Arnold, Melissa Hinds, Matthew Johnson, Greg Herring, Debbie Wilson, Gerald Patton, Lorna Pyka, Terri Godfrey, David Collins, Sandy Elliott, Kimberly McLemore, Franklin Willis, Shawn Frazier, Alexis Derryberry, Julie Cox, Beth Kolwyck, Jameson Staley, Ashlee Sexton, Grant Farmer, Jeanette MacCallum and Missy Cook.

The minutes were presented to the body. There was one correction on the sight reading report. Brian Russell will confirm the stats and give those back. The rest of the minutes were approved with that one correction.

Jeanette gave her Treasurer's report. Cash flow is still very good. However, the bill for Mid-State music has not been paid as well as the mp3 files for All-State. Collecting membership dues at the beginning of the school year has helped with our cash flow. She is still waiting for the photographer check from last year's Choral Festival. There were no questions and the report was approved as submitted.

Laura Coppage, who is the membership chair for the TMEA, is working with the NAFME to increase membership. TN is one of the pilot states for this program. She is working to finalize a current list of directors who are TMEA members. They are trying to delete persons who should no longer be receiving communication from NAFME because they are retired or are no longer teaching. She asked if the membership would help by looking at a list and crossing off those that should not be on there.

Beth Kolwyck gave her report on Elementary Mass which is on 2/21. Brenda Williams is the clinician for the morning and Susan Wilson is the clinician for the afternoon. There is still room to register for this event. The deadline is 1/24. Afternoon is filling up but there are plenty of morning spots.

Ashlee Sexton gave her report on Elementary and Middle School Honors – The event is on 1/29 – Items have been added to the website, t-shirt deadline. The event will take place Brentwood United Methodist. Dr. Pace will not be able to do the elementary choir; Dr. Vanetta Hall will be the clinician for Elementary Honors.

Terri Godfrey gave her report on All-State. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier Auditions will be on 1/26 at Ravenwood High School. She will send an email this evening about how much each school will owe for their students to be in All-State as well as their mp3 rehearsal tracks. Alternates do not pay the registration fee until they are placed. Student fees are \$50 each and the director's fee is \$75. There was an email sent this week about voicing for a few particular songs. There was a separate email sent with student's rankings as well. Registration begins at 8am at Ravenwood High School. Director assignments will be sent soon for this event. Lia suggested that we hold off on registering on-line until after this audition. The fees are all paid through MTVA.

Shawn Frazier gave his report on Solo and Ensemble Festival The deadline is 4/5 and the event is 5/4. It will be at Middle TN Christian School in Murfreesboro. Open to 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Accompanists are provided for those schools that need that for a small fee. Traditional literature and musical theatre are acceptable repertoire.

Craig Zamer was unable to be here tonight but all of his information for the professional development is now on our website.

Jeanette brought some new business to the membership. We have never been officially registered with the state of TN or with the federal government as a non-profit organization. The process has begun to ask for a charter with the state. A CPA is helping us with this process for \$75 an hour. This will prevent MTVA from being assessed a penalty due to failing to pay sales tax. In order to complete this process, there needs to be an amendment to our constitution that states what happens to the assets of MTVA should we dissolve as an association. They want to know that our funds would go to another non-profit organization. We would add a new section to Article III, section 5. It would read that if our organization dissolves, our assets would be turned over to TMEA which is a non-profit organization as described by the Internal Revenue Code, or to a federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purpose. Jeanette obtained this wording from the TMEA constitution.

Lia called for discussion. Matthew Johnson made a motion to call for a vote on this amendment to our constitution. The motion passed unanimously by the membership.

Alexis distributed surveys that were taken about Mid-State and MS/Elementary Honors auditions. There was 100% satisfaction on having the MS/Elementary Honors auditions on the same day. There were some technical issues that we are working to resolve. There is some talk in having two rooms for the elementary auditions. There were also some questions regarding our membership meetings. There were several that expressed the inability to come prepared to Mid-State.

Lia informed the membership that we have approved our calendar of 2013-2014. We hope to present this calendar at the February meeting on 2/12. The February meeting will take place at Belmont University. There will be some new information regarding the Elementary Honors Choir as well as Choral Festival.

Lia called for new business. Jeanette announced that she has formed a new community women's choir in the Nashville area. If anyone is interested or if you might know of someone that is interested, you can contact Jeanette. The concert is on 1/27 at 4pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville.

A motion to adjourn was made by Laura Coppage at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Missy Cook

