

Middle Tennessee Vocal Association

Board Meeting- August 12, 2014

Present: Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry, Shawn Frazier, Beth Delk, Michael Choate, Dr. Craig Zamer, Brian Russell, Gerald Patton, Lorna Pyka, Jessica Scruggs, and Grant Farmer.

Alexis called the meeting to order at 5:07pm and presented the order of the membership meeting and introduced new business. There are two new chairs: TMEA/MTVA Advocacy Chair (Brenda Gregory) and the TMEA/MTVA Membership chair which needs to be filled.

Lori Busbey has resigned as treasurer of MTVA. A letter of resignation was read and a candidate was introduced. The resume of Michael Morrow was discussed. He is a finance teacher at Stewart's Creek High School who is familiar with the Quick books software that we use. He will be available immediately if chosen. Checks can go to Lori until the transition is complete. Alexis asked for a motion to be made to vote and approve the appointment of a new treasurer. Shawn made a motion to vote and Grant seconded the motion. Members of the board voted to appoint Michael Morrow as treasurer of MTVA pending a vote by the membership.

Alexis then presented a letter of resignation from Lia Holland to stand down as Vice President. She is no longer teaching choir and is not qualified for the position. Alexis proposed Valerie DeHoff as a candidate for vice president and asked for a motion to be made to vote on this as a board. Gerald made a motion and Shawn seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the board voted unanimously to appoint Valerie DeHoff as vice-president of MTVA.

Alexis then asked for reports from the chairs.

Lorna Pyka mentioned that clinicians have been chosen for Middle School Mass. There was some discussion on the cost of travel for Dr. Patrick Freer and how to handle that during the transition of the treasurers. Registration is open now through Sept. 5th. Instrumentalists are needed for Dr. Freer's ensemble. (Flute, oboe, and cello)

Alexis will present the information about Middle School and Elementary Honors Choir at the membership meeting.

Jessica Scruggs gave a report on Elementary Mass. Clinicians for the event include Chris Gregory and Carol Poston and will tentatively be held at Christ Church.

Grant Farmer presented a report on Choral Festival. The approval of judges is pending the treasurer appointment. There are no concerns about securing the venue of First United Methodist in Murfreesboro.

Michael Choate gave a report on the Solo and Ensemble event. Adjudicators are in the works and a Master class as a possibility. Small choirs are encouraged to attend. He is determined to keep this event a positive experience for all students involved.

Gerald Patton presented the report on Freshman Honors. The auditions will be at Stewart's Creek High School. The sound files of the audition pieces are on the website. Clinicians have been selected and the venue will be Mt. Juliet High School.

Brian Russell gave a report on Mid-State. He stated that clinicians, files, sight-reading examples from last year are on the website. Two of the clinicians are traveling together which will save on cost. The All-State concerts will be Friday night.

Valerie DeHoff arrived at 5:50pm to much applause and thanks.

There was a discussion on voting to excuse, excuse with fee, or not excuse a member from various auditions. There is a concern that there won't be enough judges for certain days of Mid-State auditions. All written requests to be excused from auditions must be submitted with application fees. Judges must be teachers of the students auditioning. Brian will choose judges carefully. Judges must work with students on that level. The criterion for excusing a director from judging was discussed. If a director has a professional obligation then it was suggested that they should be excused. It was suggested that after the deadline we excuse with fee no matter what to fill the judge positions.

Alexis presented the TMEA Report. She discussed the NAFME convention work opportunity. October 26-29th. Also, TMEA will once again be in Memphis.

Dr. Craig Zamer presented the Collegiate Chair report. He provided information on a Mid-State prep-clinic Saturday, August 30th at TTU. Also, The American Spiritual Ensemble will perform a concert in February at TTU.

Alexis gave the treasurer report. The Balance Sheet showed \$2,000 more for Choral Festival. She also pointed out the Middle School Mass event received less money last year.

Before ended the meeting Alexis suggested that following the membership meeting the high school directors and middle/elementary directors separate into two different caucuses to discuss in more detail about the events that pertain to them. High school directors will stay in the choir room and Elementary and Middle School directors will move to the theatric arts room. The meeting will adjourn from the caucuses.

Alexis called the board meeting to a close at 6:19pm