

Middle Tennessee Vocal Association  
Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, September 8, 2015  
Beth Delk, Secretary

Alexis called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Those present were Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry, Lorna Pyka, Wendy Payne, Beth Delk, Missy Cook, Gerald Patton, Candace Adams, Valerie DeHoff, Brenda Williams, Michael Petrone, JJ Norman, John Hylton, Lucy White, Kevin Salter, Terry Jolley, Madalyne Skelton, Kayla Cook, Lauren Ramey, Erin Whitford, Chelsey Preiser, Greg Herring, Lisa Benton, Charlie Mason, and Brenda Gregory.

Alexis introduced the new members who were present at the meeting.

She then asked for any corrections to the August meeting's minutes. It was suggested we update the MTSU Winter Conference's clinician to be Greg Gilpin. Brenda Gregory made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Lorna Pyka seconded the motion.

Alexis then informed the membership of updates regarding TMEA. The membership chair is Matthew Clark. The advocacy chair is Mrs. Sandy Elliott.

She also asked if anyone was interested in volunteering to be on a committee to revise the TN State Music Standards. Please contact her for more details.

She then thanked the membership for their cooperation with the mandated unified membership with NAFME/TMEA and MTVA.

Alexis then mentioned Upcoming deadlines and events which included:

September 18<sup>th</sup>: Mid-State/Freshman Honors Audition Fee/Registration Deadline

September 24<sup>th</sup>: Middle School Mass Event at Christ Church

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Elementary/Middle School Honors Audition Fee/Registration Deadline

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>: Mid-State/Freshman Honors Auditions at Seigel High School. Make sure you mail all payments to Michael Morrow.

The next meeting will be January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. It will tentatively be held in Nashville. More info to come on the specific location.

Mr. Michael Choate will be heading up the mentoring program. There may be a mentor meeting between now and the January meeting.

Alexis then asked for an update on Choral Festival. Wendy Payne mentioned that a survey will be emailed soon about dates for choral festival. Your input is critical to organizing this event. The survey will only be open for two weeks so start a conversation with your principal soon. We are looking at Saturday and afternoon options.

Alexis then asked for a report from each event chair.

Lorna gave the report for Middle School Mass Choir. We have good numbers this year. She will send a schedule for the day and teacher assignments for the event via email soon.

Missy and Candace gave the report for Elementary and Middle School Honors. We have secured a venue for the event this year. This year the Honors event will be held at First United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro, TN. The student registration is \$6 per student. You will need to print out the order of your

students and make sure the student's numbers match your registration sheet. If this is your first time auditioning your students please email them with any questions you may have. Please read through all the instructions on the website. Please make sure you have the correct starting pitch and there is no background noise on your audition recording.

Alexis gave the report for Elementary Mass for Jessica. The event will be at the same location with the same clinicians as last year. Please check your TNReady testing dates before you register.

Alexis gave the report for solo and ensemble for Jenna. The event will be held in May at Summit High School.

Gerald gave the report for Freshman Honors. The dates for auditions are October 22-24<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at First United Methodist Church here in Murfreesboro. The mistake on the alto track has been corrected.

Brenda Gregory gave the report for Mid-State. The deadline to register is September 18th. All the checks must be postmarked on or before that date. Please see your book keeper soon.

1. When you register please be accurate with names and voice parts. Have your students initial a list to confirm their voice parts. There is a fee to change voice parts after the deadline has past. The fees are non-refundable. Please let your students and administration know.
2. Your students may have a conflict if they audition on Saturday and are planning on taking the ACT test. If you have any students taking the ACT make sure you request for a Thursday or Friday audition time. We may have to go later on Saturday to make up for this.
3. The school activity fee needs to be paid before you register for Mid-State. Contact Michael Morrow for an invoice for this school activity fee. Alexis reminded the membership to mention to Morrow what the fees you submit are for when you mail them in.
4. Last year there were 670 special requests. Make sure requests are school related.
5. All directors must work the event. If you have a conflict with any of these dates please submit these request to the board as soon as you can.

She then referred to a packet for Mid-state that was distributed during the meeting. The sight reading will count as 5% of the audition score for freshman and 10% for the Mid-state scores this year. Expect the sight reading to reflect a Level 3 on [www.sightreadingfactory.com](http://www.sightreadingfactory.com).

Everyone will need to stay on Saturday evening to receive their folders. Please keep the audition result information quiet for two or three days so we can resolve issues and provide accurate results. Also, make sure you do not register students for more than one voice part. If you have any questions about the audition literature please email Brenda Gregory.

Question from membership regarding Mid-State: How many days will the students report for auditions?  
Answer: The students only be scheduled to audition one of the days.

Finally, directors will receive a schedule of auditions a week before the auditions. It will also be posted on the website.

Alexis then opened the floor for new business.

Volunteers are still needed for the NAFME Convention. Please email John Norman if you are interested at [john@nafme.org](mailto:john@nafme.org) or [JJNorman92@yahoo.com](mailto:JJNorman92@yahoo.com).

Also, the ACDA southern conference is in Chattanooga, TN this year. There will be service learning projects available to any area schools. If you are interested in hosting one of the conference choirs at your school for joint rehearsal learning opportunity please email Lauren at [Lauren.ramey@wcs.edu](mailto:Lauren.ramey@wcs.edu).

Next meeting will be in January.

Alexis closed the meeting at 7:17pm