

Middle Tennessee Vocal Association
Membership Meeting-Siegel High School
Tuesday, February 16, 2016
Beth Delk, Secretary

Alexis called the meeting to order at 6:40pm. Those present were Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry, Beth Delk, Charlie Mason, Seth Gregory, Terry Jolley, Laura Coppage, David Winton, Gerald Patten, Corynn Moore, Jessica Scruggs, Wendy Payne, Missy Cook, Candace Adams, Elizabeth Harrell, Lucy White, Jenna Elsberry, Lorna Pyke, Brenda Williams, Valerie DeHoff, Brenda Gregory, Michael Choate.

Alexis then asked for a report from Chairs.

Candace gave the report for Middle School and Elementary Honor Choir. There were some problems with student behavior at the event. She suggested in the future scheduling shifts for the directors to monitor student behavior. The clinicians were fantastic and the students really enjoyed them. The t-shirt vendors were (American Spirit Wear) easy to work with and she suggests using them in the future. Missy also mentioned that the clinician for the elementary group said the students were well prepared.

Gerald gave the report for Freshman Honors. He mentioned that the clinicians wanted more rehearsal time. He thanked the membership for their extra help.

Jessica gave the Elementary Mass Choir event report. The event will be this Thursday, February 18 at Christ Church with a snow date of February 23. The concert is free if anyone would like to attend.

Brenda gave the report for Choral Festival. She asked the membership to please check the schedule on the website and to let her know A.S.A.P. if there need to be any changes. As of the meeting 71 ensembles have registered. She also requested that directors have your measures on the judges' music copies numbered. She said to check the website for forms on sight reading and the judges' copies. Please let her know if you have any questions.

Brenda gave the report for All State. Please have your All-state dues postmarked by the 18th. We are back at the Opryland Hotel. If you mailed your fees and your meal cards fees together we need to know so we can contact TMEA. She asked that directors make sure you have your room reserved because if you are not in the block of reserved rooms you cannot get the discounted rates. There is a discount with the meal cards.

Question: How do you purchase the meal card if you are not a part of All-state? If you or your students do not use all of your meal card will you will still be able to use them? Answer: The meal cards have no expiration date, but also no refunds will be given.

Question: To meet the \$50,000 that TMEA pays Opryland Hotel can we buy meal cards to be used in the future?

All-State 2nd Tier went well. We will continue to look into how to judge the event. If you want a voice in this please sign up to go to the caucus. As a state we have concerns about this process. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about 2nd Tier please email her.

Jenna gave the report for Solo and Ensemble. The deadline to register is April 1 and the event will be May 7 at Summit High School in the Spring Hill area. The judges will be Josh Voiles, Mary Lee Atenhan, Margie Weinman-Chaney and Kyle Davis. The accompanists on hand will be Brenda Williams and Lauren Ramey. If you can bring an extra keyboard for the warm-up room please let her know.

Alexis then addressed old business. Everyone should have received their NAFME membership cards.

She also mentioned upcoming dates for the ACDA conference, All-State TMEA Professional Development Conference, ACDA State Adjudication Festival (if you make a superior at Choral Festival you qualify for this festival), and the Solo and Ensemble Festival.

Alexis then address new business to the membership. She asked everyone to look at the schedule for next year. She mentioned combining Freshman Honors and Mid-state. It will probably evolve as the new board begins.

Alexis then asked the membership to notice the 2016-2018 Board Nominations and let those voting by proxy know of some changes. Brenda Williams was nominated to chair Freshman Honors.

Alexis opened the floor for nominations. Gerald made the motion to accept the nominations as given and Lorna Pyka seconded the motion. All present and voting by proxy accepted the nominations as the following:

President: Michael Choate (Cookeville HS)

Past President: Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry (Lascassas Elementary)

President-Elect: Lia Holland (Middle TN Christian School)

Secretary: Elizabeth Harrell (Lipscomb Academy)

Middle School Mass: David Winton (Central Magnet School)

Elementary Honors: Trey Jacobs (Head Middle Magnet)

Middle School Honor: Megan Hester (Station Camp MS)

Freshman Honors: Brenda Williams (Riverdale HS)

Mid-State/All-State: Brenda Gregory (Siegel HS)
co-chair: Brian Russell (Stewarts Creek HS)

Choral Festival: Wendy Payne (Siegel HS)
co-chair: Brenda Williams (Riverdale HS)

Elementary Mass: Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry (Lascassas Elementary)

Collegiate Chair: Craig Zamer (TN Tech)

Alexis introduced her student teacher and then recognized Valeria DeHoff for her help on the board this year.

Question: Are voice teachers able to join MTVA? Valerie answered that they must be associated with an educational institution.

Alexis closed the meeting at 7:15pm.