

MTVA Official Minutes February 4, 2003

Board Meeting

The executive board of MTVA met on Tuesday, February 04, 2003. President Robert King called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm. Those board members present were: Tiffany DePriest, Valerie DeHoff, Lewis Walling, Katie Oldham, Lia Holland, David Spencer, and Greg English. Those absent were: Angela Tipps, Jeremy Jones, Jj Ebelhar, Jerry Pierce, and Bobby Jean Frost.

The first item of business was Middle School Honors; bringing tapes to the audition did not work. Elementary Honors does this due to the deadline being just a few weeks into school.

The next item of business was the Mid-State dress code. There was some discussion about what the consequences should be for not following the dress code. The board will revisit this in the future.

The Mass event committee is still looking for a time to meet. Tiffany is looking into February 22.

President King brought up the issue of the All-State group fees. Lewis reported that several of our directors voiced some complaints about having to pay a 20.00 fee for each group in which they have students. President King is going to take something from the MTVA board to the TMEA board regarding this. Lewis is going to analyze this and figure out the fees that we are paying. Lewis reported that it is a problem across the state.

The next item was Mid-State:

1. President King expressed his embarrassment over the young lady in the Women's Chorale who seemed to have better ideas than David Childs. Several members of the board expressed their students' embarrassment also.
2. President King also thinks that directors should be assigned to sit with the non-performing students.
3. President King introduced himself to the pastor of Two Rivers Baptist Church at Mid-State in hopes of opening up the communication for that venue.
4. Katie suggested Brentwood United Methodist as a possible venue for Mid-State.
5. President King brought up the idea of having a (number) cap on Mid-State. Our current formula has no cap. This was further discussed as the board talked about ways to make Mid-State more important to the students. Some suggestions were: make it a two-day event, have sectional rehearsals the night before, fewer students in Mid-State, add a men's choir.
6. President King expressed the desire to have a contract in place with our clinicians to deal with unforeseen circumstances (like snow).
7. Katie expressed her compliments to the clinicians.

The next item brought up by Katie was the idea of compensation for Phil Sanders, who does all of our website work. Lewis moved that we give him a 500.00 honorarium (2nd-

Tiffany). After some discussion, Katie amended the motion to state that we would give him 400.00. After some more discussion including the fact that he does all of the work for free and is not a member of the association, Katie called for the question. The motion passed unanimously.

President King reported that Tim Pate retired from teaching and is now in the tax business. His replacement at school is Elyse Dumser. Greg English has agreed to replace him on the board for the remainder of his tenure.

Lewis reported on 2nd-Tier auditions, which will be Monday, February 10, at Riverdale High School in Murfreesboro. Everyone, directors and students, need to report at 5:30 pm. Regarding Mid-State, there are several students who have doctors' notes for missing Thursday. Tiffany moved that the board approve all absences due to sickness which resulted in a doctor's note (2nd-Katie). The motion passed without dissent. Regarding the e-discussion of the student in Ann Baldwin's group who requested to be absent from 2nd-Tier auditions due to a scholarship audition at Abilene, the board denied that request. Lewis knows in advance of a situation with a student who will be having throat surgery on Friday, February 7. The parents haven't decided whether to allow the student to try and participate in All-State if the 2nd-Tier audition is completed either before or after February 10. Lewis will talk to the director and e-mail the board. President King told the board that, overall, the absences from the rescheduled event (Mid-State) were dealt with in a more lenient fashion than those requests for absence from the 2nd-Tier auditions, which have been scheduled for months. He feels very positive about the effort and deliberation which the board gives to all situations.

David reported that the treasurer's report shows that the association spent slightly less in January than was received.

President King briefly gave an overview of the general meeting agenda. Also, he discussed the literature which is to be performed at the Choral Festival. Although it is discouraged, Mid-Sate/All-State music may be performed. The new question is if Middle School Mass selections can be performed at the festival. There is no ruling on that, yet.

President King adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.

General Meeting

President King called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Those members listed on the attendance sheet were: Connie Fuller, Stella McKnight, David Cassel, Sam Duggins, Terri Dickerson, Terry Zapp-Miller, Connie McCain, Susan Shirel, Greg English, Missy Cook, Georgette Atsedes, Sandra Elliot, Katie Oldham, Meghan Therrell, Lynn Jung, Judy Yeaworth, Lewis Walling, Jamey Kelley, Linda Towe, Felicia Barber, David Spencer, Tiffany DePriest, Valerie DeHoff, and Lia Holland.

President King announced Tim Pate's retirement from teaching. His replacement is Elyse Dumser at school, and on the board, Greg English will serve the remainder of his tenure as Middle School Mass chair.

President King reminded the members of the choral festival deadline (Wednesday, February 5 at midnight). He encouraged all members to participate.

Tiffany reported that Elementary Mass is 2 nights at the end of February. She has the letter prepared for all of those involved.

Valerie reported on Elementary Honors, which is combined with Middle School Honors on March 4. Registration begins at 8:30 at FRA; the concert is at 7:00 pm. Jerry has t-shirt order forms for this event for all those interested. Directors must make their own lunch plans for that day. Also, MTVA is very grateful to FRA for the use of their facility.

President King made a plea for venues where MTVA might have connections, and two day events could become one day. He also reported that the board decided that MTVA should send a proposal to the TMEA board regarding group fees for All-State (see board meeting).

Lewis reported on 2nd-Tier auditions, which will be this Monday, February 10, at Riverdale. All teachers and students should report at 5:30; students will register and directors will meet at this time. He had a hand-out available for anyone involved detailing everything. President King reminded everyone to be professional at all events. No one's student will fail the 2nd-Tier audition without getting a second chance by a different judge.

David reported on MTVA's financial status. There is a record membership this year with more schools participating. January's expenses were mainly due to Mid-State. The treasurer's report passed without dissent.

President King brought up the need for a contract which could be used when hiring clinicians. The snow date for Mid-State cost the association some extra money.

The minutes were approved as amended (the CD is for 8000.00, not 10,000.00).

New Business- Deen Entsminger spoke about a workshop which Belmont will be hosting on February 15. The cost is 10.00. The speaker is a middle school music specialist. For more information, members may contact him at 615-460-8207. The deadline for the Solo/Ensemble Festival is March 15. The manager of this event is Connie Fuller, and it will be held at Franklin High School. The Festival will be April 26. Regarding the Choral Festival, sight reading is required if choruses are to be eligible for the State ACDA Festival. Appreciation was expressed to all who worked to make Mid-State run smoothly. Recordings are available for all directors who had students involved.

This month's mini-clinic was conducted by David Childs, the director of choral activities at Blair. He discussed his compositions as they relate to choruses. He also discussed the merits of singing Latin texts a cappella. He brought some pieces to share as well as some performances to listen to. He will be writing TMEA-commissioned piece for the 2004 SATB All-State chorus.

Respectfully Submitted,

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