

Middle Tennessee Vocal Association Official Minutes

On Tuesday, August 20, 2002, the MTVA Executive Board met at the home of David Spencer. All members of the 2002-2003 board were in attendance with the exception of Jj Ebelhar. Following a meal, President Robert King called the meeting to order. An agenda was then given to the members for the evening's meeting. Officers were thanked for accepting the opportunity to serve.

Lewis Walling passed out copies of event forms and asked the members to look over them and submit any additions or corrections to him. President King requested copies of the forms be sent to him. Lewis Walling also gave an update on the sale of obsolete MTVA technological equipment. It will first be available to members to buy, and then he will put it on Ebay. The sales will be complete by the October meeting.

Katie Oldham and Lewis Walling (in the place of President King) attended the summer TMEA meeting. Katie Oldham reported that Governor's School and the Arts Academy are being reinstated. Also, TNMEA is beginning a Treble Honor's Choir. All information regarding these events is and will be available on the TNMEA website.

Next on the agenda was a status report from event chairs regarding venues.

Middle School Mass- Tim Pate reported that we have confirmation on War Memorial after investigating other possibilities.

Elementary Mass- Tiffany DePriest reported that she is in the process of confirming War Memorial.

Mid-State Auditions- Lewis Walling reported that auditions will be held at Greenbrier High School, and the performances will be held at Lipscomb. He asked Angela Tipps about the possibility of having the performances at MTSU's Tucker Theater next year.

Middle School Honors- Jerry Pierce reported that the auditions will be held at McMurray Middle School.

2nd Tier All-State Auditions- Lewis Walling reported that the most central location (to all participating MTVA schools) is Murfreesboro. Jeremy Jones said they could be held at Riverdale. After some discussion, it was decided to hold the auditions at Riverdale.

Elementary Honors- Valerie Dehoff reported that auditions will be held at Middle Tennessee Christian School. Both the Elementary Honors and Middle School Honors performances will be held at Franklin Road Academy.

Choral Festival- President King reported that there is not a chair for this event yet. However, he checked into Blair's offer to host the event, but our date will not work

with their schedule. The event will again be held at Lipscomb.

Solo/Ensemble Festival- President King reported that this event is in need of a Chair with some experience in this event. Also, it was discussed that perhaps this event should be held in Nashville to see if location has been a factor in the lack of participation. Some members who have experience in this event who were suggested as chairs were: Connie Fuller, Connie McCain. Angela Tipps will contact them to see if they are interested. Some suggested locations for this event are: Blair, Franklin High School, Overton High School.

David Spencer gave the Treasurer's Report. The profit/loss comparison of the past two years showed that the profit was greater in 2002. The Choral Festival was very profitable due to more advertisement of the event, thus creating a larger amount of participation. Also, the co-chairs were able to find less expensive trophies. President King then encouraged everyone to be frugal in their spending (hotels, copying, piano rental). All event chairs were asked by President King to send him a proposed budget for his/her event, which will be approved by the Board. David Spencer has past years' budgets available to help the chairpersons.

Katie Oldham then reported on handbook revisions. Most of these revisions are simply a matter of clearing up semantics or changing our handbook to agree with changes TMEA has made. After a lengthy discussion, Angela Tipps moved, second by Tiffany Depriest, that the Board accept the handbook revisions and present the document as a motion from the Board. It passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was meeting frequency and format. President King discussed the motion put forth by the Board at the May board meeting which suggested changing the frequency of meetings, which was done to possibly help increase attendance. He suggested that we should instead offer mini-clinics at the end of meetings, which will be beneficial to all members. Angela Tipps will be in charge of getting these together. After some discussion, Valerie Dehoff proposed that the statement (Article VI, Section I) in our handbook regarding meetings be changed to read that "*Regular meetings will be held during the traditional school year at the discretion of the Board.*" This was seconded by Lewis Walling. This motion rescinded the Board's previous proposal about meetings (from May). The Board passed this motion unanimously. President King then proposed that monthly Board meetings be held at 5:30, and general membership meetings be held at 7:00. Katie Oldham moved to accept this proposal, seconded by Lewis Walling. This proposal passed unanimously. However, the first meeting will be held at the previously published meeting time.

The next item on the agenda dealt with the issue of excused absence requests for audition events. President King proposed that the Board convey to the membership what the rule is, that anyone who has students auditioning in an event must be present to assist with the event. After some discussion, it was decided that the special request form will accompany each event form, which is available on the Internet. Also, this form will be given out in the membership packet with all of the other forms. This form, if used to request an

excused absence from the Board, must accompany the event application. The Board will then decide whether or not to grant the request. The Board is able to excuse or not excuse at its discretion. President King called for a show of hands as to who is on support of this policy. All voted in favor.

President King then discussed using surplus money from the sale of CD's and shirts at the Mid-State concert, along with some surplus money from the budget to help defray the cost of the learning CD's for the students who make All-State. Although All-State is not the only event that MTVA sponsors, it is certainly one of the most expensive for students. After some discussion, Tim Pate moved to "absorb the cost of All-State learning CD's for this school year" (2nd by Tipps). President King clarified "not to exceed the surplus from the previous school year", which Tim Pate agreed to. The movement was then "absorb the cost of the All-State learning CD for this school year, not to exceed the surplus from the previous school year". After some discussion, Katie Oldham called for the question. The motion passed without dissent.

President King called for new business from the floor. Tim Pate reminded the Board that all MTVA applications should include a statement about recording devices not be allowed at MTVA-sponsored events. Lewis Walling then went over the forms which will be available in membership packets and encouraged all event chairs to get him the repertoire for the event so it can be included in the packet. He already has Freshman Honors and All-State. Board members were encouraged to email him with anything else that should be included. Katie Oldham discussed the new All-State chairperson's guidebook. The bold items are suggested. She would like to try it out this year and see how it works. She would like to possibly make this a part of the MTVA handbook. Those involved are to report back to her about how it worked. Valerie Dehoff spoke regarding the clarification of group fees for All-State. It was agreed that MTVA would need to communicate with TMEA regarding this. David Spencer reminded the Board about ACDA, the fall ACDA conference, and the National ACDA conference.

Tiffany Depriest moved to adjourn the meeting (2nd – Oldham). President King adjourned the meeting.