

MTVA-January 6, 2004

Board Meeting

President King called the executive board meeting to order at 5:40 pm. Those present were: Lia Holland, Valerie DeHoff, Greg English, Katie Baker, Lewis Walling, Jessica Mitchell, Johnathan Vest, Jeremy Jones, Jj Ebelhar, and David Spencer. Those not in attendance were: Bobby Jean Frost and Ed Scruggs.

The first item of business brought by President King was that Katie is having a baby and is not intending to work next year. Therefore, she will be ineligible to be President of MTVA according to our constitution. After going over several possibilities, the board agreed unanimously to present the following to the membership (in order to keep on schedule and have a President-elect to choose a new board for consideration by the members): Katie will step down as President-elect and assume the duties of the Freshman Honors chair, Jeremy will change from Freshman Honors chair to All-State chair, and Lewis will change from All-State chair to President-elect. With this solution, the President-elect will have the benefit of having served on the board and will know what has been and is going on.

President King thanked the board for their time spent discussing the letter from David Cassel and reaching agreement in that matter.

Jj reported that Pepper had made an error in the Women's Mid-State music. It is now resolved, and Pepper should replace the incorrect music with the correct piece.

Johnathan gave a report on the upcoming elementary mass event. He has had several positive comments regarding the change in the event to a Northern and Southern location. There should be no expenses other than riser transportation and clinicians' mileage.

President King then went over a list of behavioral incidents that happened at Mid-State/Freshman Honors auditions. These were from judges. He will be going over it further in the general membership meeting.

Lewis reported on 2nd-tier All-State auditions. Two schools have withdrawn entirely from the event. We will be able to move some students up and place more as alternates. The only time the students must sing in a language at the auditions is if the piece is in Latin or English. The rest of the time, they may sing on a neutral syllable. The judging will only be on notes and rhythms. Many students are still missing music. Directors will be able to obtain 1 copy of each piece they are missing tonight. Also, Lewis has additional copies of the commissioned piece by David Childs.

Jessica reported on MS Honors. The deadline is January 8. Jj is now the clinician for the event. She encouraged everyone to check the website for information. Auditions are January 31 at FRA.

Lewis reminded everyone that All-State checks should include money for the music that was sent by TMEA. All of the money is due at Mid-State.

Robert will appoint a committee of Lewis (chair), Katie, and two others to come up with a slate of officers. This should be ready for presentation at the February meeting. However, the board should have this at least one week prior to the meeting.

David presented the Treasurer's Report.

President King brought up the letter from Matt Johnson regarding Freshman Honors auditions. The board decided that no change to the rule is necessary since there was no special request.

New business- Greg will take Jessica's place at MS Honors if she is unable to be there.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

General Meeting

President King called the general membership meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Those listed on the roll were: Katie Baker, Greg English, Lewis Walling, Suzanne Craig, David Collins, Becky Young, Linda Towe, Matthew Johnson, Anna Maria Miller, Cyndie McGuire, Laura Coppage, Gerald Patton, David Cassel, Alexis Page, Greg Herring, Edward Freytag, Felicia Barber, Jessica

Mitchell, Jeremy Jones, Johnathan Vest, Gracie McKeana, Darrick Dan Lashley, Brenda Jewell, Missy Cook, Jj Ebelhar, Lynn Jung, Georgette Seay, Beth Volz, Meghan Therrell, and Valerie DeHoff.

Johnathan reported on Elementary Mass. There will be both northern and southern sites. The music is available from Pepper and all of the details are on the website (www.mtva.org).

Jessica reported on Middle School Honors. The deadline is January 8. All of the details are on the MTVA website. The clinician is Jj Ebelhar. Auditions will be on January 31 at FRA; the event is March 2 at FRA. Music, again, is available from Pepper.

David presented the Treasurer's Report. The organization is doing well financially. If anyone has any suggestions for saving money, they are welcome to bring them to the board.

President King announced that Katie Baker, current President-elect, is expecting her first child and will not be teaching next year, therefore, she is ineligible to serve as President. The board brought a motion that Katie change positions to Freshman Honors chair, Jeremy Jones change from Freshman Honors chair to All-State chair, and Lewis Walling change from All-State chair to President-elect. After some discussion, the question was called for. 28 voted in favor of this change, with none opposed, and 1 abstention. The motion passed.

The treasurer's report and minutes were voted on; the motion to approve them passed without dissent.

Lewis reported on All-State. Some directors (and students) are still without some of the pieces. Jj has made copies and one copy of each missing piece is available to them (if they have ordered it). Pepper assured Lewis that it will be sent out this week. He went over the All-State and Mid-State dress code. It can be found on TMEA's website (which is linked from www.mtva.org). He will also be e-mailing and sending information this week. 2nd-tier auditions are next Tuesday at Riverdale (directions are in the information he's sending out and on the website). Directors and students need to be there by 5:20; there will be a director's meeting at 5:30. The

languages that must be sung at the auditions are Latin and English. Any others may be sung on a neutral syllable. Notes and rhythms are all that's being judged. Lewis will be collecting all All-State fees, including the music from TMEA, at Mid-State (40.00 director fee and 40.00 per student plus the music- NO GROUP FEE). Checks need to be made out to MTVA. Lewis has additional copies of "Blessing" available at a reduced rate. He is going to be able to place several students due to 2 entire schools dropping out and other individuals dropping out of All-State. Several more students will move up to alternate status. It's very important that we do not run out of alternates; we need to fill our quota with TMEA so our numbers aren't reduced. Georgette brought up some concerns she had regarding 2nd-tier; Lewis had already taken care of them.

Jj reported on Mid-State. The freshman music is much more difficult than usual; she encouraged directors to spend more time on all of the music this year. The repertoire and clinicians are on the website. Pepper, who has the music list, had one piece incorrect. The women's piece "Kyrie" needs to be changed/swapped with "Regina Coeli". If you ordered from Pepper, they will make this exchange. The contact in Atlanta is Ellen Fox (efox@jwpepper.com). Jj will be contacting people to assist her in roll call at Mid-State, which will be at Lipscomb. Linda Towe will be in charge of the SATB roll call. There will be a director's meeting in Shamblin Theater at 10:00 that day (February 5). She also reminded directors of the dress code.

President King went over a list of things that happened at Mid-State/Freshman Honors auditions; these were all things that were done by directors and were embarrassing, unprofessional, and inappropriate. He encouraged everyone to help make this known. Also, he reminded everyone that MTVA deals with directors, not parents and students. He also announced that he has appointed a committee to come up with a slate of officers to present at the February meeting. Lewis (chair), Katie, Linda Towe, and Brenda Jewell will all serve on this committee.

President King adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.