

MTVA- February 3, 2004

Board Meeting

The executive board met and was called to order by President Robert King at 5:37 pm. Those in attendance were: Katie Baker, Lia Holland, Lewis Walling, Valerie DeHoff, Ed Scruggs, Jessica Mitchell, Jeremy Jones, and David Spencer. Those not in attendance were: Greg English, Jj Ebelhar, Bobby Jean Frost, and Johnathan Vest.

First, the board voted to allow Siegel Middle School “comments only” at the adjudication festival.

Lewis, president-elect, has an incomplete slate of officers. The completed slate will be e-mailed and mailed to all members by two weeks prior to the March meeting.

The board discussed the letter from Carolyn Riggins and Connie Fuller. The board agreed that a constitutionally correct decision had been made, and the January vote was constitutionally sound.

Jessica reported on the Middle School Honors auditions. Some things went well and others didn't. Some of the issues that came up were: a director violated the guidelines on his/her tape and caused a judging room to be late, and directors looking at judging sheets (before the scores were made public). The numbers were doubled from last year. The group size is 141 this year. Robert asked Jessica to collect all of the feedback and send it to the board.

Mid-State- All-State money and forms are due Thursday. Some will not have the money for their music; that can be collected on Thursday or after since no invoices were given.

Treasurer's Report: David reported that we have over 26,000.00 in the bank; several large checks haven't been written yet. He mentioned that we might need to put some extra money into our CD, which renew at the end of February. Robert asked him to look into it and e-mail the board with what he finds. Also, MTVA does not have tax-exempt status. However, we do have a federal tax ID number.

Phil Griffin came to the meeting at 6:15 at his request. He briefly went over what happened at Mid-State auditions. He wanted to state that what happened between his parent and Lewis was a consequence of his mistake (on the form), and that he took the parent to Lewis as a way of trying to get rid of the parent. Lewis and Robert re-stated that students may not change parts the day of auditions, partially due to the risk of opening up the opportunity for “part-shopping”. Phil requested that we try harder to keep parents out of the audition halls.

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

The general membership meeting was not official since there were not enough members for a quorum (20% of the total membership as described in the handbook)

Some items of discussion by the group that gathered were:

Middle School Honors- Jessica thanked everyone who participated and helped at the auditions. If she's not able to be at the event, Greg English will take over for her. The kids should wear black pants/skirts and white shirts/blouses. Jessica reminded directors to CHECK the spelling of the students' names (that made it into MS Honors) and turn in T-shirt orders by Monday, Feb. 9th. These orders can be emailed to Jessica at mitchellj@frapanthers.com. Also, Jj would like all participants to number their measures. This is combined with Elementary Honors. The event is March 2 at FRA. The concert is at 7:00 pm.

Solo/Ensemble Festival deadline is February 14. Connie Fuller is the manager of that event.

Johnathan reported that everything is on schedule with Elementary Mass. He will be sending an e-mail this week.

Choral Festival- the deadline is March 9; the event is April 20-21 at DLU; questions can be sent to David or Robert (co-chairs of the event). The state festival is April 28-30 (Middle TN is April 29, though you may go to east or west if you choose).

Mid-State- February 5 at DLU. Roll call will be at 8:45. Jeremy reminded everyone that there will not be a place for students to store their concert attire. Also, if students are late, that could jeopardize their Mid-State participation, which will, in turn, jeopardize All-State. There will be a directors' meeting in Shamblin theater at 10:00 Thursday. All-State forms and fees will be due at this time. Also, forms will be due for alternates (no fees, though, until they are placed, which could happen up to 24 hours prior to the first All-State rehearsal). Plaques, t-shirts, and recordings will be available that evening (not done by MTVA). Lewis went over the prices for All-State music which was sent by TMEA. Robert went over eating choices for lunch and dinner.

Riggins/Fuller letter- Robert briefly went over the letter which was sent by Carolyn Riggins and Connie Fuller about the events that happened at the January meeting (the change of President-Elect due to Katie having a baby). The vote at that meeting of those in favor of the motion was 28-0-1. After a lengthy explanation and very little discussion, Robert stated that the board did not feel that there were any grounds for undoing what had been done.

President King then brought up the fact that the last scheduled meeting for the year is in March, when we will vote on officers. However, the constitution says that officers will be elected at the April meeting. After some discussion, a straw poll indicated that the members present would vote in favor of making March the last scheduled meeting (by changing the constitution to say "...vote on officers at the last scheduled meeting of the year."). **NO OFFICIAL VOTE WAS TAKEN.** The proposed slate of officers will be e-mailed and mailed to all members by two weeks prior to the March meeting. If not, we will have an April meeting. **REMINDER-** all should come to the March meeting!

New Business:

Suzanne Craig requested that all new members and those wanting to should have some sort of judging clinic before they are asked to judge at an audition.

Carol Poston explained a proposed constitutional change sent by Connie Fuller and Carolyn Riggins. A short discussion followed, but no action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.