

October 5, 2004

## Board Meeting

The executive board meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm by President Lewis Walling.

Those present were: Lewis Walling, Valerie DeHoff, Robert King, David Spencer, Lia Holland, Karen Kenaston-French Jeanette MacCallum, Emily Jones, and Brenda Jewell. Those not present were: Jeremy Jones and Stella McKnight.

Lewis asked everyone to look over the minutes from the August 31 meeting and see if there are any corrections or changes that need to be made.

Treasurer's Report- This was presented by David Spencer. MTVA has 21,418.41 in reserve, and we have 6,196.67 in our operating account. MTVA's total assets are over 27,000.00. So far, we've gotten 66 membership applications this year.

## Area Reports-

Middle Mass- Emily; there are 19 schools participating, and we are down about 150 students from last year. There are 445 kids in one SAB group, 335 in another, and 159 in SSA. Everyone seems to like the music; she and Robert are working on the details of the arena. Meals are very economical (lunch and dinner on campus are each 5.00). She has information to give out tonight, and she will e-mail it to the participating directors.

\*\*Each area chair should give a copy of whatever they are handing out to Lewis in case directors contact him with questions.

Elementary Honors- Valerie; Auditions are Nov. 6, with the deadline on October 19. the auditions will be at MTCS. She has sent the repertoire to Lewis, and it should be on the website soon. The music is on Pepper's site.

Freshman and Mid-State Auditions- deadline is Friday, October 8. The auditions will be at Ezell Harding on Nov. 19-20.

Elementary Mass- As there is still not a chair, there is not much going on. Lewis will continue working on it.

## Old Business

Computers and software- Lewis still working on these; he has several bids all below the budget of 1400.00.

Middle Honors Audition- Brenda; after soliciting feedback, she doesn't have enough to go on to change the audition. There will still be the audition piece and the other will be "My Country 'Tis

of Thee". She is open to feedback at any time. Ken Hawkins will be the clinician for the event. She will have his repertoire list soon.

### New Business

Solo/Ensemble date- members wanted to know why we chose the date we chose, which is Tuesday, February 22. Since there were no free weekends until May, the board decided it could be in the evening. Also, this event does not have a large amount of participation. Lewis will clarify that at the meeting tonight. Lynn Jung and Toni Barnes volunteered to co-chair that at CPA.

There was a Special Request to the board from Rachel White at Creekwood. Due to problems with the feeding of her infant daughter, she is asking to be excused from both audition days of the Mid-State/Freshman event. She is aware of the fee (50.00 per day). Robert moved that we excuse her with the fee. She has the option to step back in, and there will be a 100.00 fee. (2<sup>nd</sup>- Lia) There was no further discussion, and the motion passed without dissent.

MENC emerging leaders' symposium in FL- Lewis will announce this tonight; if any are interested, they can call Jeff Brewer, the TMEA president. MTVA will not be paying anything toward it.

TN ACDA fall conference- October 29-30 in Farragut, TN; Jj is doing an interest session with her choir there. There is still no further information regarding CD's and videos from the state festival last spring.

Next month, Robert will lead our membership in a discussion of appropriate behavior from judges in our auditions. He will also clarify what we should look for in these auditions. He will address all age levels. Karen will provide an in-service activity in the spring months for professional growth opportunities. If you have any suggestions, topic ideas, or comments, please forward those to Karen.

Valerie mentioned the quality of the DVD from All-State and wondered if we have control over who does it. It was done in a bizarre way; they spliced the concert and rehearsals were recorded. TMEA is aware of that and it has been addressed.

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.

### General Meeting

The general membership meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm.

President Lewis Walling welcomed everyone. Those included on the roll were: David Spencer, LeNaye Pearson, Suzanne Craig, Brenda Jewell, Jeanette MacCallum, Emily Jones, Erin Oliver, David Collins, Grace Guill, Melissa Collins, Georgette Seay, Stella McKnight, Connie McCain, Matt Johnson, Lynn Jung, Felicia Barber, Judith Yeaworth, David Cassel, Gerald Patton, Lia Holland, Robert King, and Valerie DeHoff.

The first item of business was the minutes from the August 31 meeting. Matt made a motion to approve them (2<sup>nd</sup>-Stella). The motion passed without dissent.

Next, David presented the Treasurer's Report (see board minutes). There was a motion to approve it by Robert (2<sup>nd</sup>-Stella). It passed without dissent.

There are several deadlines which are soon (see board minutes or [www.mtva.org](http://www.mtva.org))

#### Area Reports-

Emily- Middle Mass- She has already sent a schedule. She asks that directors make sure kids have 5.00 in cash for lunch; dinner must be ordered by October 18. She also has a map, and she will be e-mailing that to those participating. She will also send Connie's e-mail regarding food to all participants.

Elementary Honors- Valerie- Applications are due Oct. 19, and auditions are Nov. 6, beginning at 8:30 at MTCS. James Wells is the clinician. She will send a packet to all who participate.

Mid-State/Freshman Honors- deadline is Oct. 8. Any special requests must be included with the application. A sheet per student is not needed; one per school is fine (just separate Freshman Honors from Mid-State). Auditions will be held at Ezell Harding on November 19-20. Directions will be on the website.

Middle Honors- Brenda- The clinician is Ken Hawkins, and she hopes to have the repertoire in the next couple of weeks. Students will still audition on both the audition piece and "My Country 'Tis of Thee"; she would still love feedback regarding this process.

#### New Business

TMEA is participating in an emerging leaders' symposium along with MENC National convention in FL; Lewis has more information and will direct you to Jeff Brewer.

Connie McCain- No Child Left Behind is available to music teachers for professional development.

Robert- TN ACDA Fall Conference- Oct. 29-30 in Farragut, TN (Jj is presenting a session there with her choir); National Conference- February 2-5 in LA; you can link to both sites from [www.mtva.org](http://www.mtva.org).

Solo/Ensemble is on a Tuesday in February. As the event is very small, it only needs an afternoon/evening; there is not a weekend available in the spring.

Upcoming Events- Next month, Robert will be discussing how judges should behave in auditions and what they should be looking for. In the spring, Karen will be putting together in-service opportunities for choral professional development.

Stella had a question regarding the men-only audition piece for Mid-State. That will be discussed next month. Really, it's up to the judges in that particular room.

David Collins brought up judge behavior last year. Robert will be discussing that next month. Judging assignments are generally available 2 weeks prior to the event. All-State music will be distributed after the Mid-State auditions.

Suzanne thinks that the audition piece for 7-8 Honors is very difficult. She commented on how the auditions jump in difficulty between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades. Middle school students may audition on more than one part. However, if they place on both parts, they must take the part on which they had the highest rank. Middle school guys may audition on female parts. High school students may not.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.