

MTVA- November 9, 2004

### Board Meeting

The executive board of the MTVA met in Harding Hall at David Lipscomb High School; the meeting was called to order at 5:42 pm. Those present were: Lewis Walling, Robert King, Brenda Jewel, Jeannette MacCallum, Emily Jones, Lia Holland, Stella McKnight, David Spencer, and Jeremy Jones. Those not in attendance were Valerie DeHoff and Karen Kenaston-French.

President Walling asked everyone to review the minutes from the October meeting. The Treasurer's Report was presented at the end of the meeting; we have over \$40,000.00 in total assets (over \$21,000.00 in reserve and over \$19,000.00 in our operating account).

### Area Reports-

The MS Mass event was held October 25 at Lipscomb University; the chair is Emily Jones. She reported that everything went very well. The only problem she encountered was directors not helping monitor rehearsals. David Spencer suggested giving specific assignments to each director. This is something that is suggested for all events. President Walling asked Stella McKnight to make these assignments for Mid-State this year.

Brenda Jewell is still dealing with repertoire for MS Honors; she and the clinician (Ken Hawkins) are very close to having it set. She has received a couple of requests from folks involved with MTSBOA Mid-State orchestra event, which is the day of auditions. After some discussion, the board agreed that any directors who choose to miss the auditions because of this will have to pay the fine of \$50.00.

Robert King reminded Lewis Walling and Jeannette MacCallum that our handbook says one of the three of them must be at all events.

President Walling gave an update regarding last month's special request from Rachel White. She was excused with the fine, but she will be working on Saturday at the Mid-State auditions.

President Walling also discussed the proposed policy change which was presented in March (this was a change to the standing rules, which requires a simple majority vote at 2 consecutive meetings). This passed in March, but was not presented at the next meeting in August. Therefore, we either need to drop it or suspend the rule for one night. Lewis explained this would simply omit the word consecutive, therefore, it could be voted on tonight. This proposal deals with capping Mid-State choirs. The SATB would be 180, Women's Mid-State would be 180, no change to Freshman SATB, and adding to the Freshman Treble to bring it up to 60. This cap helps with venue size, audience size, and rehearsal quality. It will be presented as a motion from the board to suspend the rule and vote on it tonight; Stella McKnight made the motion with a second by Jeannette MacCallum.

Stella McKnight has been in contact with a Freshman Honors director, John Semington, who has requested Polly Brecht for his accompanist. That is fine as long as she will accept our pay of \$175.00.

Jeremy Jones reported on the upcoming Mid-State auditions. He has gotten several e-mails requesting changes in voice parts and time changes. The board discussed several different situations. The only reason that a change should be made is if we are at fault. Regarding assignments, directors will be assigned to watch the hallways.

Lewis Walling has not upgraded the computer or software yet. He hopes to have it done this week.

New Business-

New chairs and venues- Solo/Ensemble will be at CPA; Toni Barnes will chair that event (this is not a board position). Lewis toured Antioch HS; we will have concert festival there, and Connie Hodge-McCain will chair that event (not a board position). Lewis has asked Robert to still be involved in that event.

Many have requested that Elementary Mass be held. However, no one has been willing to chair that event. Mary Jackson has agreed to chair that event pending her election at tonight's meeting. There must be a 2/3-majority vote.

MLK Student Request- MLK has no chorus program, but there is a student who would like to audition for Mid-State. She is a member of a Blair choir; Pam Schneller has agreed to sponsor her. After some discussion it was moved that we deny the request to suspend our rules and study any possible rule change/recommendation to address students whose schools do not provide a choral experience (motion- Robert King, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Jeremy Jones). This was passed without dissent. Lewis will appoint a committee to research this.

Robert King will be presenting a judging clinic at the general meeting tonight.

President Walling adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm.

General Meeting

President Walling called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Those listed on the roll were: Emily Jones, Brenda Jewell, Toni Barnes, Gerald Patton, Jeanette MacCallum, Judy Yeaworth, Matt Johnson, Nancy Turner, Jj Ebelhar, Cindy Freeman, Jean McMahan, Michael Meise, Ann hunley, Grace Guill, Erin oliver, JR Baker, Danny Chartrand, Jeremy Jones, Connie McCain, Felicia Barber, Missy cook, Moose Smith, David Spencer, and Debbie Wilson.

After welcoming everyone, President Walling asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Missy Cook made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second by Jj Ebelhar. The motion was passed without dissent.

Treasurer's Report- David Spencer presented this report. MTVA has over \$19,000.00 in the operating account and over \$21,000.00 in reserve. However, there are many large bills which are still unpaid including the purchase of the Mid-State music for all students. We have a record number of members this year- 119. Judy Yeaworth moved to approve the report with a second by Debbie Wilson. The motion passed without dissent.

#### Area Reports-

Jeremy Jones reported on Mid-State Auditions. The schedules are available after meeting tonight (done by school code). He also has a packet including a director letter, directions to Ezell Harding, and assignments. This information is available on our website [www.mtva.org](http://www.mtva.org). There are about 1600 students registered to audition this year. If anyone has any questions, they should e-mail or call Jeremy. The results from the auditions will be posted as soon as possible.

MS Mass- Emily Jones chaired this event which occurred October 25. It went very well. It was held at Allen Arena with 3 different rehearsal sites during the day.

MS Honors- Brenda Jewell is still struggling with repertoire; it should be available very soon. She knows the audition piece is difficult and will help anyone who needs it. The clinician is Ken Hawkins. The deadline for fees and applications is January 6. Directors should bring tapes/CD's with them the day of auditions. Lewis reminded everyone that the purpose of the tapes is to maintain anonymity; directors should not speak on the tapes. Brenda encouraged anyone to call with any questions. Some information regarding free recording software will be available on the website.

President Walling has filled 3 event chairs, which were vacant:

Solo/Ensemble- Toni Barnes will chair and host this event at CPA.

Choral Festival- Connie Hodge-McCain will chair and host this event at Antioch High School.

Elementary Mass- Mary Jackson from Blackman Middle School has agreed to chair this event. As it is a board position, it must be approved by the membership. Debbie Wilson made this motion with a second by Cindy Freeman. It passed without dissent.

Robert King presented some thought regarding judging and audition procedures.

Policy Change-SEE BOARD MINUTES FOR EXPLANATION- A motion to approve the suspension of the word "consecutive" for tonight was made by Jean MacMahon with a second by Dawn Crunk. The motion passed. The proposed change is a motion from the Board and requires no second. The motion passed. Those changes will be in place for auditions next week.

President Walling adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.