

August 31, 2004
MTVA

Board Meeting

President Lewis Walling called the executive board meeting to order at 5:48 pm. Those present were: Robert King, Jeremy Jones, David Spencer, Brenda Jewell, Stella McKnight, Valerie DeHoff, Lia Holland, Emily Jones, and Jeanette MacCallum.

President Walling began by going over the agenda for the general membership meeting. Caucuses will follow that meeting; Valerie and Emily will be in charge of the elementary and middle school caucus and Jeremy will be in charge of the high school caucus. Valerie was reminded that there is no chair for elementary mass. All part-learning CD's are available at the caucuses. All high school is on one CD; middle school honors is on one CD. The track lists will be posted on the website.

Valerie had received a request for an excuse from a portion of elementary honors auditions. The person who requested this is supposed to be at a TMEA board meeting (at TMEA's request). After some discussion, there was a motion to approve the request and waive the 50.00 fee. This motion passed without dissent.

Brenda discussed changing the middle school honors audition process to only include a prepared piece and leave out "My Country 'Tis of Thee". She will check on this. The middle school mass deadline will be delayed until September 20.

All special requests must be sent in with the original application on the special request form.

The State ACDA choral festival has not distributed recordings yet. The companies are having difficulties with those.

Jeremy's email address is: jonesje@mail.rcs.k12.tn.us

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

General Membership Meeting

President Lewis Walling called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Those members listed on the roll were: David Collins, Chad Witemeyer, Mary Jackson, Susan Wilson, Wayne Wilson, John Kimbrough, Greg Herring, Linda Towe, Jeff Pettit, Cyndie McGuire, Sandy Elliot, Joe Bullock, Brenda Jewell, Anne Snider, Heather Freeman, Martha Johnson, Kristen Swint, Johanne Hammer, Janet Barton, Karen Kenaston-French, Felicia Barber, Elise Dumser, Lisa Jernigan, Melissa Collins, Beth Hanson, Connie Williams, Carol Poston, Chanelle Collins, Grace Guill, Toni Barnes, Connie Fuller, Lisa Adams, Matthew Johnson, Becky Young, Jj Ebelhar, Judy Yeaworth, Mitch Fuller, Dawn Crunk, Gerald Patton, Laura Coppage, Allynn Petrone, Don Jacobs, Mary Anne Hunley, Kirsten King,

Jeanette Crosswhite, Susan Ramsey, Melanie Adriance, Beth Voltz, Kennda Ross, Audrey Bowie, Nita Smith, Connie McCain, Georgette Seay, Danny Chartrand, Debbie Wilson, Carolyn Riggins, Mondale Rogers, Natalie Piper, Alexis Matuzi-Derryberry, Brenda Gregory, Brian Russell, Jeremy Jones, Debbie Wilson, Cynthia King, Anna Marie Miller, Missy Cook, Ann Baldwin, Kim Clark, Valerie DeHoff, Lia Holland.

Lewis first welcomed everyone and introduced the board members (see www.mtva.org). He also made a plea for venues. He encouraged frequent checking of the website for information. He would like to see our organization become paperless. Also, each member should know his/her responsibilities in the handbook. MTVA is a part of both MENC and TMEA.

The minutes from the March meeting were approved. David presented the Treasurer's report. We are doing very well financially. We've had a surplus for the last 4 years. Our total assets are 25,077.58. MTVA has paid some fees and absorbed some costs over the past few years. The report was approved without dissent.

Thomas Tours provided a meal prior to the meeting. Their crew was introduced and thanked.

We had a legislative item from March, which needed to be finished. It was a change to the constitution, which would allow officers to be elected at the March meeting since there is no April meeting. The motion passed without dissent on the second reading. It is now changed in the handbook.

Lewis went to the TMEA council meeting this summer. He reported that all 3 affiliates' memberships were up. The TMEA president, Jeff Brewer, expressed a need for advocacy and for mentoring new teachers across the state. All-State 2005 is April 13-16, and All-State 2006 is April 5-8. The clinicians for 2005 are: SATB- Joe Miller, Women- Morna Edmundson, Men- Jerry Blackstone.

Jeannette Crosswhite from the TN State Department of Education reported on the "No Child Left Behind" act which includes the arts as a part of the core curriculum. There is a letter from the US Secretary of Education to all superintendents in the US, which addresses this issue. Copies are available to those who need them. The dates for the TN Arts Academy are: K-6- June 5-10 and 7-12- June 12-17. Also, new arts textbooks are to be adopted next year. K-5 has new revised visual arts standards.

Lewis reported that the board decided to take some of the surplus from the Freshman Honors and Mid-State auditions and return it to the membership. MTVA will be buying the music for all students in Mid-State (including Freshmen). MTVA will also purchase the All-State music, however, directors will be charged for it with their All-State fees at Mid-State. MTVA purchasing the music is on a year-to-year basis. MTVA will continue to furnish All-State part-learning CD's.

David Spencer offered himself as an aid to anyone who asks; he is in his 50th year of professional choral directing. His help is free to any MTVA member.

There are some leftover CD's from the past 2 Mid-State events which are available. Also, there is still no information regarding this year's ACDA State Choral Festival CD's and DVD's.

The meeting was adjourned to caucuses at 7:46 pm.