

MTVA Board Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2006 5:00 p.m.

President Jeanette MacCallum called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. In attendance were Suzanne Craig, Valerie DeHoff, Mary Jackson, Emily Jones, Lynn Jung, Karen Kenaston-French, Jeanette MacCallum, Brian Russell, David Spencer, and Lewis Walling.

Jeanette reported that all clinicians have been selected and repertoire chosen for MTVA events.

Mary Jackson, Middle School Mass: Everything is set for this event. The total number of students participating is approximately 750 students, with a good distribution of singers in each choir. A piano will need to be rented from Shuff's or Steinway Gallery. Mary received an email from a teacher who now has more students in her choir and would like to add them and have the penalty fee waived. Brian moved that the fee be waived. Suzanne seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mary Jackson, Elementary Mass: The deadline is not until next week for Elementary Mass so numbers are not yet known.

Suzanne Craig, Elementary Honors: Brenda has composed a detailed letter with instructions on the audition process that will be posted on the website. Lunch details have now been confirmed.

David Spencer, Treasurer: All events last year made money or broke even. Bills have been paid for music and dues to TMEA. Mary moved to accept the report. Suzanne seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously.

Brian Russell, Choral Festival: Nancy Boone from MTSU, and Vincent Oakes from the Chattanooga Boys Choir will be judging the middle school festival. Richard Joiner from Union University in Jackson and Paul Hondorp from Western Kentucky will be the high school judges. Brian is still looking for a sight-reading adjudicator. A set of proposed guidelines for sight-reading at festival was distributed. Brian explained that participants in recent years have been frustrated with a lack of standards. Guidelines will give our membership teaching tools and the judge a set of standards to go by. Sight-reading at the elementary level is optional. It is required at the middle and high school level.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the sight-reading proposed guidelines and edits were suggested and made. Teachers will receive a sample packet written by the clinician. The guidelines and a sample packet will be posted on the website soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m..

