

MTVA Board Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2006 5:00 p.m.

President Jeanette MacCallum called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. In attendance were Sandy Elliott, Valerie DeHoff, Lia Holland, Emily Jones, Lynn Jung, Karen Kenaston-French, Jeanette MacCallum, Brian Russell, David Spencer, and Brenda Williams.

Jeanette proposed changes to last month's minutes. The minutes were approved as revised.

David Spencer, Treasurer's report: Money in the credit union is available anytime we need it. Disbursements on the statement are for November. Report was approved as read.

Elementary Mass: This event went very well. Mary Jackson was commended for her efforts as event chair.

Elementary Honors: 110 students made the cut into the honor choir. The auditions went well. One piece is currently not available – *For the Beauty of the Earth*.

Lia Holland, Mid-State/All-State: A request was read from a director to substitute a student who was not previously registered for one who is registered but now not auditioning. The board voted to deny this request.

It was discussed and agreed upon that all Board members will remain at the conclusion of the auditions to assemble music audition packets. They will then be distributed, all with director's reports, to any directors who have remained at the site for results. This should save on postage and allow all directors to receive their music packets earlier.

A discussion ensued regarding whether or not students should be allowed to sing the German piece on a neutral syllable as this is allowed at All-State 2nd tier auditions. The consensus of the board was to require students to sing the German, but Lia will instruct the judges to be forgiving if it is not perfect. This is consistent with the practice in earlier years, and with MTVA's mission to promote the highest standards possible in teaching musicianship.

The question was raised as to whether the Appendix to the handbook (Appendix A in the 2003 revision) is incorporated as a part of the handbook, or whether it was intended only as a guidebook for the chairperson. A review of past minutes was undertaken and discussion ensued. There being no record of it being voted on in the minutes, the consensus of the board was that it should be placed in a guidebook for chairpersons with guides for our other events.

The board also discussed the possibility of revising the handbook language regarding director requests to change Mid-State audition times. A lengthy discussion ensued. It was decided that the board should defer discussion of this question until a later date, as it had no bearing on the Mid-State auditions for November 2006.

Lynn Jung, Solo and Ensemble Festival: A registration deadline was set for March 13. Lynn will ask that the membership inform her at least 24 hours in advance of any school's plans to cancel participation.

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