

MTVA General Membership Meeting

September 19, 2006 7:00 p.m.

President Jeanette MacCallum called meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. In attendance were Karen Kenaston-French, Nita Smith, Linda Towe, Kathy Lehman, Brenda Jewell, Doug Parks, Matthew Johnson, David Spencer, Alyson Haley, David Childs, Wayne Wilson, Kali Millen, Judy Yeaworth, Emily Jones, Brenda Williams, Lynn Jung, Suzanne Craig, Melissa Collins, Robert King, Mary Jackson, Valerie DeHoff, and Brian Russell.

New MTVA members introduced themselves. Jeanette mentioned that mentors are needed to help new teachers participate in the events. She thanked Johnny Thomas of Thomas Tours for the meal provided and he thanked the membership for their commitment to music education. Emily Jones reported on the Butterbraid fundraising product represented by Gary Heskje.

Jeanette encouraged the membership to refer to the website frequently. The handbook will be revised and put on the website soon. She requested that members become familiar with the handbook. Membership applications and fees are due with the member's first event application. MENC membership needs to be kept current.

Minutes from the August meeting were distributed and accepted.

David Spencer, Treasurer's Report: Every event in the past year made money. Bills have been paid for music and TMEA. Robert King moved to accept. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Brian Russell, Choral Festival: Nancy Boone and Vincent Oakes are the adjudicators for the middle school festival. He is still looking for a third judge. Richard Joiner from Union University in Jackson and Paul Hondorp from Western Kentucky will be judging the high school festival. The new guidelines for sight-reading approved by the MTVA board will be posted on the website. Clinicians will create a sample packet for teachers to use before festival.

Brian also announced that the ACDA national convention is in Miami March 7-10. One Tennessee choir will be singing – Memphis Central. It is the first year that there will be a 2-year community college honor choir. Information can be found on www.acda.org.

The Hendersonville Community Singers are sponsoring a vocal competition. Auditions are open to the first 35 students who sign up.

Mary Jackson, Middle School Mass: Information such as the schedule and menu have been sent via email. 750 students are participating and the groups are evenly voiced. Directors should bring a check to Sodexo for meals.

Mary Jackson, Elementary Mass: Applications and fees are due next week on the 28th. Directors should fax Mary a copy of the application or email her the number of students they are planning to bring. Meals will be \$6.

Suzanne Craig, Elementary Honors: The deadline for applications and fees is Thursday. Directors should send a copy of the application to Suzanne. A letter will be available on the website that explains the process.

Brenda Williams, Middle School Honors: The event will be held on March 13 at Forest Hills Baptist Church. Barbara Sletto from Des Moines, Iowa will be the clinician. The deadline for applications and fees is January 9 (postmarked). Music will be purchased by MTVA.

Lia Holland, Mid-State/All-State/Freshman Honors: The repertoire has been selected and will be available before Thanksgiving. In the Freshman audition piece, the chant at the beginning is not sung. All singers need to learn all of the audition music. The cuts for each voice part will be announced on the website prior to the audition weekend. MP3 files for the cuts will also be there.

All-state: The choral event concerts will take place on Saturday morning at the new Schermerhorn center. All-state repertoire is now posted on the TNMEA website.

Lynn Jung, Solo & Ensemble: Event will take place April 28 at Christ Presbyterian.

Jeanette announced that next month's meeting will include some sort of professional development session. This will occur at the beginning of the meeting. Karen Kenaston-French got positive responses on the survey from last month, so these mini-workshops will continue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.