

## MTVA General Membership Meeting

February 5, 2008 7:00 p.m.

St. Cecilia Academy

**Jeanette MacCallum, President** called the meeting to order at 7:05. In attendance were **David Spencer, Sandy Elliott, Beth Kolwyck, Lia Holland, Jennifer Lantz, Mary Jackson, Valerie DeHoff, Tyler Merideth, Jeanette MacCallum, Lewis Walling, Michael Choate, Jerry Monds, Chelsey Shelton, Brenda Williams, Kali Shadday, Jamey Kelley, Jj Ebelhar, Linda Towe, David Collins, Matthew Johnson, Gary Wilson, Grace Guill, Branson Clark, Gerald Patton, Susan Wilson, Amanda Rigsby, Suzanne Craig, Connie McCain, Judy Yeaworth, Lynn Jung, Karen Macke, Sarah McDonald, and Laura Gilson.**

Jeanette introduced guests from MTSU (student teachers) attending the meeting.

**David Spencer, Treasurer** submitted the Treasurer's Report (Ebelhar/Holland). The report stands approved.

Jeanette submitted the minutes from the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting (Choate, Jackson). The minutes stand approved.

Jeanette then informed the membership that MTVA might have difficulty meeting its quota for All-State choirs this spring due to a tremendous drop-out rate in our region. Prior to 2<sup>nd</sup> tier auditions, approximately 37 students dropped out for various reasons, approximately 29 did not show up on the day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> screening and approximately 17 students failed the screening audition. To date, approximately 83 students have fallen from the MTVA pool and notifications of such continue to come in. Jeanette explained that per TMEA rules, MTVA will fill all possible spots with alternates from its own choirs before going to ETVA and WTVA to fill vacancies from our region.

Jeanette emphasized the importance of students coming PREPARED, particularly alternates! Directors should also keep the Auditions Chair informed of any students (including alternates) who drop out. Per TMEA rules, MTVA must re-screen any student who is willing to fill a vacancy in another voice part and/or choir (on music different from their original screening audition).

**Judy Yeaworth** expressed concern over the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier audition process. A lengthy discussion took place and this concern will be placed on the agenda of the State Vocal Caucus in April.

Jeanette introduced the members of the Nominating Committee (Valerie DeHoff, Gerald Patton, Brenda Jewell, Jeanette MacCallum and Karen Kenaston-French). **Valerie**

**DeHoff, President-Elect** presented the report of this committee. The following slate of officers was proposed for a two-year term, beginning July 1, 2008:

Tyler Merideth, Secretary  
President-Elect, Sandy Elliott  
Lia Holland, Mid-State Auditions Chair  
Gerald Patton and Brenda Williams, Freshman Honors Choir co-chairs  
Mary Jackson, MS Honors Choir Chair  
Connie Fuller, MS Mass Choir Chair  
Beth Kolwyck, Elem. Mass Choir Chair  
Chris Gregory, Elem. Honors Choir Chair  
Jamila McWhirter, College Chair  
Jennifer Lantz, Solo & Ensemble Chair  
Michael Choate, Choral Festival Chair

A motion was made to accept this slate by affirmation from the Nominating Committee (Walling/Kelley).

**Lewis Walling, Vice-President** presented motions from the board involving proposed amendments to the MTVA Constitution. The motions would amend the Constitution (effective in the new school year) to read as follows:

#### **Article V: Dues**

Section 1. Active membership dues for MTVA shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25) per year, payable to the association Treasurer with the first event application of the year.

Section 4. Associate members shall pay dues of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per year as well as MENC and TMEA dues. Associate members shall make payment in like manner as active members.

#### **Article XII: Fees**

Section 1. The school activity fee is a fifty-dollar (\$50.00) assessment for each school.....(remainder of section to stay intact)

Mention is also made of the school activity fee in the Standing Rules, requiring rewording as follows:

#### **I. General Rules**

Section B. School Fees would read "A school fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) is payable to MTVA with the first event application of the year.

A vote was taken by a show of hands. The motions carried. The proposed amendment to the Standing Rules will require a ratification vote at our next general membership meeting in August, 2008.

Lewis then presented additional motions from the board involving amendments to Standing Rules. The Standing Rules would be amended to read as follows:

### **III. All Mid-State Chorus**

Section A.6.c. would read: “Mid-State Men – capped at forty (40) evenly distributed among four (4) parts.

Section A.6.d. would read: “Freshman Honors Choir – Maximum of twenty (20) singers per part” **(delete verbage regarding minimum score for tenors only)**

Section A.6.e. would read: “Freshman Treble Chorale – Maximum of forty (40) singers per part.”

### **New Section V. All Mid-State Men’s Choir**

This would become a new section of **General Rules**, outlining General Information and Rehearsal and Concert for the newly formed Men’s Choir. Verbage would be modeled after **Section IV. of the General Rules** with appropriate word substitutions. **Sections VI. through XI** would be renumbered accordingly.

A vote was taken by a show of hands. The motions carried. The proposed amendments to the Standing Rules will require a ratification vote at our next general membership meeting in August, 2008.

**Sandy Elliott, TMEA State Choral Chair** informed the membership that TMEA is providing insurance to any interested members.

**Michael Choate, Choral Festival Chair** reminded the membership that choirs with less than 21 members can participate in choral festival provided that they pay for 21 students at \$3/student.

**Jennifer Lantz, Solo & Ensemble Chair** reminded everyone that the deadline of the event is February 29. Ensembles of 20 or less are welcome. The event will be held at Mt. Juliet High School and the fee is \$5 per student. The festival is open to all students in grades 4 – 12.

Jeanette reminded members to turn in Mid-State surveys to her asap.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 (Walling/Ebelhar).