

MTVA General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 9th 2008 7:00 p.m.
St Cecilia Academy

I. Call to Order

Valerie Dehoff, President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Jamey Kelley, John Hylton, Kristen Rue, Emily Jones, Dennis Van Dyer, Matthew Johnson, Linda Towe, Greg Herring, Kathy Lehman, Connie McCain, Doug Parks, Beth Kolwyck, Nita Smith, Todd Arnold, Kali Shadday, Megan Sisk, Brenda Williams, Gary Wilson, Gerald Patton, Judy Yeaworth, T.J. McLaughlin, Robert King, Jennifer Lantz, Charles Mason, Brenda Jewell, Katie Baker, Grace Guill, Melissa Collins, Lia Holland, Tyler Merideth, Gerald Patton, Jamila McWhirter, Sandy Elliott, Jeanette MacCullum, Chris Gregory, Michael Choate and David Spencer.

II. Minutes

The minutes from the August 12th General Membership meeting were approved as read (King/Lantz).

III. Unfinished Business

After lengthy discussion, the board brought to the general membership a position on a standing rule regarding incomplete and incorrect event application. The handbook reads "An incomplete and /or incorrect application form (lack of information or fees) will result in the assessment of a \$25.00 penalty."

The board moved to define "incomplete and incorrect" in a way that "every time a director contacts MTVA via email or phone to make a change to a submitted application, they will incur a \$25 fee. (Choate, Lantz)

Robert King suggested changing wording in standing rules to support exactly what the board's clarification of the handbook is.

Jeanette MacCallum, Vice President pleaded with the membership to be patient while the online application comes through. There are still bugs to be worked out, but in the long run the online application will save time and energy. She asked that if you feel like your application did not go through to contact Lia Holland. Jeanette then asked the membership to send her ideas

for improvement to the application system.

IV. Reports

David Spencer, Treasurer submitted the Treasurer's Report. The report was approved.

Connie Fuller, Middle School Mass Chair was not in attendance. However a discussion was initiated by Judy Yeaworth in regards to the capping of the choirs in the Middle School Mass event. The discussion touched on the possibility of reexamining the process of the first come first serve mentality and having the event in two different location simultaneously. Also, the possibility of extending the event to days was discussed.

Michael Choate, Choral Festival Chair asked the membership for ideas for elementary and middle school adjudicators.

Chris Gregory, Elementary Honors Choir Chair reported that Rebecca Thompson from Louisville will serve as the clinician.

Jamilia McWhirter, College Chair reported that at the January 13th general membership meeting, MTVA will host Dr. Randy Haldeman from University of North Carolina-Charlotte. Dr. Haldeman will present an interest session on rehearsal time management. The possibility of starting at an earlier time was discussed.

Jennifer Lantz, Solo/Ensemble Chair reminded the membership that the event is open to all in grades 4-12.

V. New Business

A motion was made from the board to add to the constitution. The new article shall read as follows:

Article VI. Section 3. The Executive Board, Executive Committee, standing committees, special committees, and subcommittees of the Executive Board are authorized to meet by electronic communication media so long as all members may participate.

The floor was opened for discussion. The motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned to Caucus at 7:47.