

MTVA General Membership Minutes  
St. Cecilia Academy  
1/12/10

I. Call to Order

**Valerie DeHoff, President** called the meeting to order at 7:08. In attendance were Brenda Williams, Jennifer Lantz, Jeanette MacCallum, Michael Choate, Beth Kolwyck, Tyler Merideth, Jamila McWhirter, Melissa Collins, Sandy Elliott, Lia Holland, JJ Ebelhar, David Collins, Greg Herring, Sarah McDonald, Nicole Brim, Beth Delk, Karen Macke, Todd Arnold, Crystal Jennings, Jennifer Scarbrough, Matthew Johnson, Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry, Doug Parks, Amanda McAllister, Craig Zamer, Suzanne Craig, Brenda Gregory, Laura Coppage, Justin Worley, Rachel Anderson, Cindy Fehrman, Grant Farmer, John McDonald, David Cassel, and Charlie Mason.

II. Minutes

The minutes from the November 10<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting were approved as distributed.

III. Reports

**Valerie DeHoff, President**, reminded the membership that our next meeting in February is the last meeting of the year.

**Jeanette MacCallum, Treasurer**, submitted the treasurer's report.

**Lia Holland, Mid-State/All-State Chair**, reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier audition is February 6<sup>th</sup> at Ezell-Harding. All All-State registration is now online. All money goes to MTVA: \$50 per student and \$60 per director.

**Melissa Collins, Elementary Honors Chair**, announced that she has black folders and rehearsal CD's available for those directors participating in the event.

**Beth Kolwyck, Elementary Mass Chair**, reported that the event will showcase 638 kids from 16 different schools on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Michael Choate and Brenda Williams, Choral Festival Co-Chairs**, reported that Michael is chairing the high school and Brenda the middle school. Hopefully there will not be a snow day, but one is built in. Both chairs stressed the importance to limit your selections so that you can comfortably perform three selections under 12 minutes.

**Jennifer Lantz, Solo and Ensemble Chair**, announced that the event will still take place on May 1<sup>st</sup> at Mt. Juliet High School.

The board presented a new proposed wording to the general membership of the General Rules. The new proposed wording reads:

## I. GENERAL RULES and Reminders for Directors

### C. Director's Responsibility

#### 1. Auditions

- a. All Directors are required to work at Auditions for which they have submitted an application.
- b. To be considered for excuse, except in the case of illness or family emergency, any request must be submitted along with the event application.
- c. If the request is approved, a fee of \$50 will be assessed per day missed (except in the case of illness or family emergency). This fee is designed to serve as a deterrent to unnecessary absences in fairness to those members who also have legitimate conflicts but choose to be present to perform their responsibilities. The money may be used at the discretion of the Board and recommendation of event chair to hire a qualified substitute in the event to work in the place of the excused director.

#### 2. Events (Rehearsals, Concerts, Festivals)

- a. All directors must accompany students to all events or notify the MTVA Executive Board in writing ahead of time that their student(s) will be in another director's charge, and that director will see that all rules and regulations of the event are strictly followed. This transfer of responsibility should have written approval of principal and parents.
- b. If rules are not followed, a letter will be sent from the chairman of the event to the principal of the director involved.
- c. If at all possible, the director should notify the event chairman of any cancellations before the scheduled appearance time. Event/Audition fees are not refundable.

This first reading of the proposed wording passed the general membership. A second reading will take place at the February meeting.

The meeting adjourned to professional development with Jamila McWhirter at 7:36.