

## Board Meeting 8/13/13

Those present were Lia Holland, Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry, Beth Kolwyck, Lorna Pyka, Brian Russell, Gerald Patton, Missy Cook, Jeanette MacCallum, Sandy Elliott, Ashlee Sexton, Crystal Juechter and Terri Godfrey

Lia Holland began the meeting with complimenting the Event Chairs who have everything scheduled and ready to go! She also welcomed Brian Russell who is now on the Board as the chair for Choral Festival.

Jeanette MacCallum gave the Treasurer's report. We have a little over \$5000 in our bank account which is better than last year. She distributed a handout that detailed any changes that happened from year to year to help the Event Chairs. One point of interest was that Mid-State in 2012 had a loss but due to the change of a \$10 participation fee for students in 2013, we had a profit of \$1704. Jeanette mentioned that collecting that \$10 participation fee, which included the student's music, was much easier than collecting music fees. Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry will again secure the music with Pepper and have the music drop-shipped to the individual schools.

Lia expressed her thanks along with the board for the service Jeanette has given over the past few years as Treasurer. She has done a remarkable job in this position. Jeanette has graciously agreed to train the next person who will fill this position.

Missy Cook distributed the minutes from the last meeting on 2/12/13. They were approved as submitted.

Alexis distributed a copy of the TMEA report. This included a copy of the 2014 All-State schedule which will take place in Memphis, TN. The choirs will be finished on Friday night after their performances. Only the instrumental groups will perform on Saturday. Please find a copy her Alexis' handout pasted below:

National Association for Music Education

PREAMBLE: Music allows us to celebrate and preserve our cultural heritages, and also to explore the realms of expression, imagination, and creation resulting in new knowledge. Therefore, every individual should be guaranteed the opportunity to learn music and to share in musical experiences.

NAfME's MISSION : The mission of the National Association for Music Education is to advance music education by encouraging the study and making of music by all.

TMEA Mission Statement: To promote the advancement of music education for all.

## **I. NafME**

Mr. Chris Woodside, Assistant Executive Director, Center for Advocacy and Public Affairs, spoke to the TMEA Council regarding advocacy and recent issues regarding music education.

- NafME is backing the STEAM vs. STEM issue, STEAM adds the arts to STEM and was originally led by members of the Rhode Island School of Design. STEM or STEAM will have a central role in the upcoming reauthorization of ESEA.

- ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act): Congress is taking a swing at reauthorizing this bill, NafME has been there every step of the way, making the case for music in federal statute. The next step is for this bill will be the floor of the Senate. Ranking Member Lamar Alexander (R-TN), has been supportive in bringing the majority's new ESEA bill to the floor. NafME has worked closely with Senator Alexander's office to make some key music education-friendly elements of the bill.

- In part C of Title IV, The Well-Rounded Program, "music" specifically, is now listed as an enumerated covered subject
- In the Expanded Learning Time (ELT) section, music and the arts are encouraged as allowable uses of funds (and are part of the definition of expanded learning time)
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- In this ESEA proposal, the arts are, once again, listed as a core academic subject of learning.

Chris Woodside, 703-860-4000 ext. 229

## **NAfME National In-Service Conference-Nashville- Opryland Hotel**

October 27th 2013-October 30th, 2013

<http://inserviceconference.nafme.org>

## **II. President's Report, Ms. Dian Eddleman, TMEA President**

- Elections happen this year. Please let the MTVA leadership know who you would like to nominate and they will pass that information on. Please nominate someone that you know will work for the organization.
- TMEA Strategic Plan has been instituted
- TMEA Advocacy Task Force
- New TN Musician Associate Editor, Mr. Michael Chester
- New website launching at the end of August! Ken Greene, Memphis
- Deadline to submit an application to present a session at the 2014 TMEA Conference is the end of October

### **III. 2014 TMEA Conference and All-State (Memphis)**

Can not reserve your block of rooms until January. You also must present hotel with a rooming list.

Conference hotel is:  
Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel  
250 North Main Street  
Memphis, TN 38103

All performance, meetings, sessions are happening in the same building!

Student friendly food will be sold at all times

All-State student social will happen on Thursday evening.

All-State choir's will perform on Friday evening and will take place at:  
The Cannon Center for the Performing Arts  
225 North Main Street  
Memphis, TN 38103

6:00 PM Women's Chorale  
6:30 PM SATB Choir  
7:30 PM Men's Chorus

#### **2014 TN Treble Honor Choir**

Dr. Andrea Ramsey, guest conductor  
Auditions open for all 5th and 6th graders

Wednesday, April 9th, 2014:

12:30- Registration in the Cannon Center  
1:00-5:00 PM- Rehearsal with Dr. Ramsey in the Cannon Center

Thursday, April 10th, 2014:

7:30 AM- Warm-up and soundcheck in the Cannon Center  
9:00-10:00 AM- Opening Session  
Dr. Tim- Keynote  
TN Treble Honor Choir performs  
Special Awards

Email Alexis for more info ([DerryberryA@rcschools.net](mailto:DerryberryA@rcschools.net)) or go to [www.tnmea.org](http://www.tnmea.org) to download the handbook.

Lorna Pyka gave her report for Middle School Mass which will be on Thursday, 9/26. It will be at Christ Church in Nashville. The clinicians

will be Dr. Jeremy Jones, Brenda Williams and Mary Jackson. The deadline for registration for this event will be Friday, 9/6.

Gerald Patton gave his report for Freshman Honors which will be on Thursday, 11/7 at Christ Church. The clinicians will be Dr. Rosephanye Powell and Dr. Raphael Bundage. The registration deadline for this event will be on Friday, 9/6. The audition will be on 9/27 and 9/28 at Stewarts Creek High School in Smyrna, TN.

Terri Godfrey gave her report for Mid-State Choir which will be on Thursday, 11/7 at Christ Church. The clinicians will be Dr. John Dickson, Dr. Mark Simmons and Dr. Carol Krueger. The registration deadline for this event will be on 9/6. The audition will be on 9/27 and 9/28 at Stewarts Creek High School in Smyrna, TN.

There will be a sight-reading portion during the audition this year for both groups. The sight-reading portion will represent 5% of the total score for Mid-State. The freshmen will sight-read, but it will not count toward their score this year.

There will be a sight-reading workshop on Friday evening and Saturday the weekend after Mid-State with Carol Krueger at Christ Church. This workshop is free for those who are members to TMEA.

Ashlee Sexton gave her report on Elementary Honors. The registration deadline for this event is 10/4. Auditions will take place on 10/26 at Southside Elementary. The event date is 1/28 at Hermitage Hills Baptist Church. The clinician will be Dr. Michele Paise.

Crystal Juechter gave her report on Middle School Honors. The auditions for this event will be together again with Elementary Honors. The registration deadline for this event is 10/4 and the auditions will take place on 10/26 at Southside Elementary. The event date is 1/28 at Hermitage Hills Baptist Church. The clinician will be Dr. Eric Branscome.

Beth Kolwyck gave her report on Elementary Mass. She is still in the process of securing the clinicians. The registration deadline for this event is 1/23. Event date is on 2/20 at Christ Church.

Brian Russell gave his report on Choral Festival. 2 Judges have been confirmed. The event will take place at 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist in Murfreesboro on 2/24 – 27 for High School and 3/3 – 4 for Middle School. The ACDA State Choral Festival will have two dates for Middle TN this year because there were so many participants last year from our region.

Craig Zamer, who was not present, asked Lia to poll the board members if we would be interested in workshops that involve effective rehearsal techniques as well as sight-reading. Everyone agreed that would be good topics for our members.

Shawn Frazier was unable to attend, however details are being finalized for the Solo and Ensemble Festival in May.

Lia introduced new business. The first item was the treasurer's position which will need to be filled this year. It was recommended that the treasurer's position be treated the same as our technologist, which does not have to be a choral director or member of MTVA. In order for this to be approved, we would have to amend our constitution regarding Article VII, Section 3. We would need to remove the word "treasurer" from this section that lists the members of the Executive Board for MTVA. Alexis made the motion to approve and Sandy 2<sup>nd</sup>. This amendment will be presented to the membership. Lia would like for the board to approve the appointment of Lori Busbey pending approval from the membership. Lori has accounting experience and is acquainted with Jeannette. All board members voted to approve. At this time, all checks/registration information will still be sent to Jeanette who will be working with Lori during this transition.

The board was asked to let MTVA know if they are aware of any grants to cover the cost of the Dr. Krueger workshop. Sandy suggested that

we charge teachers who would want to come but are not members of MTVA to help cover the cost. Jeanette mentioned that the travel expenses for this year's Mid-State clinicians will be higher because the majority of them are out of town. Brian suggested that we say that those who are not TMEA members. That would cover those who are from East and West whom we have invited and advertised as free. It was also suggested that we could advertise to local colleges and give a discounted rate of \$15 for students. It would be \$25 for all non TMEA members. Brian suggested that we could offer college students free if they agreed to work a MTVA event.

Alexis has updated our handbook and after a final proofreading, it will be available on the website.

Alexis discussed the mentorship program within MTVA. We need to encourage our new members to click on their registration that they would like to be mentored as well as returning members that would like to serve as a mentor.

Our next meeting is 9/10. At this time, it will be at Belmont. Alexis is hopeful to have all the meetings at this locations going forward. Lia would like the board to meet again at 5:00pm on 9/10. This will give us plenty of time to discuss items before the general membership meeting at 6:30.

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.