

General Meeting 8/13/13

Those present were:

Madalynne Skelton, Michael Petrone, Ashley Copeland, Greg Herring, Susan Wilson, Laura Coppage, Lorna Pyka, Lisa Benton, Terri Godfrey, Lisa Zimdars, Greg Gunther, Stephanie Nolan, Debbie Wilson, Stella McKnight, Blake Gority, Rebecca Byrd, Matt Swyth, Daniel Cain, T.J. McLaughlin, Brenda Gregory, Michael Choate, Craig Zamer, Sandy Elliott, Wendy Payne, Ashlee Sexton, Lauren Sims, John Hylton, Mary Jackson, Matthew Clark, Lauren Ramey, Seth Jones, Adam Womack, Chris Gregory, Brian Russell, Brenda Williams, Jenny Bastoky, Dr. Jamila McWhirter, Crystal Juechter, Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry, Beth Delk, Melissa Hinds, Gerald Patton, Missy Cook and Lia Holland.

Lia Holland called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. We began the meeting with an introduction of all new members. Thanks to Brian Russell who opened his new school, Stewarts Creek High School, to our first MTVA meeting of 2013-2014. This was a great opportunity for directors to view where our Freshman Honors and Mid-State auditions will be held.

Jeanette MacCallum gave the treasurer's report. There is \$5000 in our checking account and this is more than last year at this time. She also pointed out that several schools have a credit and to please take note so that when you are paying money due to MTVA, that you can deduct your credit from what you owe. She also asked that we mention that on our paperwork when submitting payment. Jeanette did a detail comparison of events from 2 years ago to this past year. This would be very helpful to the event chairs so they would know how their event did financially in comparison to the previous year. If you would like to see those notes, please contact Jeanette.

Jeanette also mentioned that there is a new development in our attempt to obtain tax-exempt status. She was contacted by TMEA to let her know that this was not necessary as we are under the TMEA umbrella and they are already tax-exempt. It was understood that all three regions would split the cost of TMEA to obtain group tax exempt that would cover all three regions. This would apply to both the vocal associations as well as the instrumental. It would be much more cost effective to do this as a group instead of individually.

Lia announced that Jeanette will be now at Pope John Paul II and will not be able to fulfill her treasurer duties any longer. She was thanked by the membership for her service to MTVA in her role as treasurer.

Missy Cook distributed the minutes from the February meeting. They were approved as written.

Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry gave the report on the TMEA board meeting. They did a tour of the facilities for the All-State Conference in Memphis, TN. Everything will be in one place. The conference and rehearsals will all take place in the same building. A schedule has been made for the All-State groups. There will be rehearsals on Wednesday evening but the choral performances will be on Friday night. Only instrumental groups will perform on Saturday. A concern was expressed by Sandy Elliott if there would be enough time for parents who must travel to Memphis to attend the concert. Alexis asked that anyone who had a concern with the schedule, to please email her and she would discuss this with the All-State Chair. . A copy of the handout is 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)
- In the 21st Learning section, music and the arts are encouraged as allowable uses for funds.
- 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

6:55 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) or go to www.tnmea.org to download the handbook.

Alexis also talked about the mentor program within MTVA. When you register on line, please check if you would like to be mentored or if you would like to serve as a mentor.

Lia encouraged members if they would like to serve in any leadership role in TMEA, to please contact her and she would get their name to the appropriate people.

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. Please note that this event takes place on a Thursday this year.

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. The information for this event is also on the MTVA website. The audition tracks are on the website. Please wait until next week to make CDs. Brian Russell will transfer these files from midi tracks to mp3s to make for a better recording. As a reminder, sight-reading will be included this year. It will not count for freshmen. It will count for Mid-State but only 5% of their total score. Audition fees are \$5. Lia reminded the membership that there is a \$10 participation fee for those who are selected for Freshman Honors and Mid-State. This does cover the music. Brian asked to let the students know that they should enter from the North entrance of Stewarts Creek High School, not the front.

An announcement was made that Lipscomb University would hold a Mid-State audition clinic on 9/14. The cost is \$10. Directors should contact Dr. Wilson from Lipscomb University at gary.wilson@lipscomb.edu, to register your students. The fee does cover pizza for lunch.

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 which will be on 2/20 at Christ Church. Information will be on the website. This is a great beginning experience for students and prepares them for later experiences in choir and MTVA. Alexis pointed out that we are the only region to offer an elementary experience such as this.

Brian Russell gave his report on Choral Festival. 2 judges have been confirmed. The event will take place at First Methodist Church 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.

Dr. Zamer, our college chair, expressed his availability to be a resource for the membership. He would be glad to come and listen to choirs or give any assistance needed to choral directors. He will be giving a workshop at our September meeting about effective rehearsal techniques and sight-reading. We will have certificates for those who need this documentation for their professional development with their school system.

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. It was clarified that the treasurer would not have voting rights. They would simply present reports. Lia called for discussion and there was no discussion. She then called for a motion to make this change. Brian Russell voted to make the motion and Mary Jackson 2nd. The membership voted to approve this motion. Lori Busbey was presented as the person, approved by the board, who would be filling this position. Jeanette will be working with her during this transition. Everyone will still send their registration and payments to Jeanette at this time.

Lia informed the membership of the Sight-reading workshop that will take place the weekend after Mid-state at Christ Church. It will be Friday evening and Saturday. There is a flyer on the website. It is free to those who are members to TMEA and will be applicable to those who teach K-12. Email Brian Russell if you would like to register for this workshop.

Lia reminded the membership of the NAFME National In-Service Conference in Nashville at the Opryland Hotel, October 27th – 30th. If you would like to register for this conference, you may do so at:

<http://inserviceconference.nafme.org>

The membership registration deadline for MTVA is 9/7. This is the day **after** Freshman Honors and Mid-State registration deadline. However, you must be a member to register for any event. This is just the personal membership, not the school activity fee.

Our next meeting will be on 9/10. An email will be sent with the location. At this time, it appears that the meeting will be at Belmont University as well as all upcoming meetings. We are trying to have a regular meeting location instead of various locations.

Jeanette announced that her community ladies choir, Vox Grata, is having two more weeks of auditions. If there are any directors that would like to contact past graduates that would be interested in auditioning, those directors would be entered in a drawing for \$200 if those students did in fact audition.

Dr. McWhirter announced that MTSU will have a Winter Music Education Conference on January 18th with Dr. Rob Lawrence who is the ACDA National R & S Chair for Show Choirs. If you would like to attend, email Dr. McWhirter at jamila.mcwhirter@mtsu.edu

Ashlee Sexton motioned to adjourn and Sandy Elliott 2nd. The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Minutes submitted by Missy Cook, MTVA Secretary