

Middle Tennessee Vocal Association  
Minutes from the September 9, 2014 Meeting  
Beth Delk, Secretary

Alexis called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Those present were Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry, Beth Delk, Brenda Gregory, Brenda Williams, Brian Russell, Brittany Sluder, Candace Adams, Charlie Mason, Chelsey Preiser, Cindy Freeman, Craig Zamer, Elizabeth Evans, Erin Whitford, Gerald Patton, Grant Farmer, Greg Herring, Laura Coppage, Lauren Ramey, Lauren Sims, Lorna Pyka, Matthew Johnson, Melissa Hinds, Michael Choate, Michael Meise, Michael Petrone, Missy Cook, Shawn Frazier, Tim Johnson (student teacher), Valerie DeHoff, and Vic Oakes.

Alexis began by asking any members not present at the last meeting to introduce themselves by stating their name and what grade level and ensemble they currently teach.

The minutes were presented to the membership. Brian made a motion to accept the minutes as read and it was seconded by Grant Farmer.

Alexis then asked for a report from each chair.

Lorna Pyka gave the report on Middle School Mass Choir. A flutist is needed for Dr. Freer's ensemble. Any suggestions can be made to Lorna. There was some trouble downloading *Dona Nobis Pacem*, it should be correct on the website now.

Gerald Patton gave a report on freshman honors. Clinicians were announced.

Brian Russell gave a report on Mid-state. The text for "Bonny Lass" should be 'wood' instead of 'should.' There was an incorrect pitch start on one of the pieces on the website, but that has been fixed. There was also a mistake in the Farmer piece. The schedule should be emailed soon and the clinicians have been chosen. Clinicians have already been chosen for next year and so new audition pieces for next year will be available in the spring on the website.

Missy Cook gave a report on Middle School Honors. Auditions will be at Eagleville School. A handout with information was distributed. All this information is on the website. The event will be held January 28<sup>th</sup> with a snow date of January 30<sup>th</sup>. Any suggestions of a venue are welcomed. Please email Missy at [mcook@dcawildcats.org](mailto:mcook@dcawildcats.org).

Candace Adams gave a report on Elementary School Honors. She suggested after registering your students to print out the registration page and audition your students in that order.

Alexis gave the Elementary Mass report for Jessica Suggs. The event will be Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at Christ Church with the snow date being Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>.

Grant Farmer gave the Choral Festival report. The event will be late February and early March. One judge has been finalized for the event (Jeremy Jones). First United Methodist church of Murfreesboro will be the event location again this year.

Michael Choate gave a report on solo and ensemble. This event is a great opportunity for small ensembles of 20 students or less. Dr. Zamer and Tennessee Tech University will host the event and the event will also feature some master class experiences.

Dr. Zamer gave the collegiate chair report. The TTU Festival of Voices will be September 19<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a Second Tier audition clinic in January at TTU.

Alexis presented old business. She thanked those who volunteered to mentor. Anyone interested in being mentor should email her. Everyone should be receiving the MTVA emails.

Alexis then presented new business. This included the following upcoming MTVA events:

- Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, Middle School Mass at Christ Church
- September 25-27<sup>th</sup>- Freshman Honors/Mid-state Auditions at Stewarts Creek High School

Vic Oakes presented the following new business. The Tennessee ACDA High School State Choral Festival will be April 21-24<sup>th</sup>. The ACDA Summer Conference which features clinician David Bruner will be June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Finally, the ACDA Division Conference will be in Chattanooga in March of 2016. Alicia Walker will incorporate service learning into the conference. All choirs who attend the conference will complete a service learning project. If you are interested in one of these choirs coming to work with your choir please contact him. They will be meeting about school selection on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at Baylor University, so make sure you contact him before then.

There was a flyer about the Third Annual Only Men Aloud! Men's Chorus Day presented by the Chattanooga Boys Choir distributed.

Alexis closed the meeting and the membership broke into caucuses at 7:05pm. Next meeting will be October 7<sup>th</sup> at Stewarts Creek High School. The meeting adjourned after caucuses were finished.