

Middle Tennessee Vocal Association
Minutes for the Tuesday, February 16, 2016 Board Meeting
Location: Siegel High School
Beth Delk, Secretary

Present: Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry, Beth Delk, Lorna Pyka, Missy Cook, Gerald Patton, Jenna Elsberry, Michael Choate, Jessica Scruggs, Candace Adams, and Brenda Williams.

Alexis started the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

Alexis thanked everyone for their two years of service to the board.

Alexis asked for a brief report from each chair present.

Missy Cook gave the report for Middle School Honors and Elementary Honors. The venue was too small for the event, but there were no other options this year. She suggests taking roll before each rehearsal to account for all students and director assignments. Hermitage Hills will have the event back in the future. Candace reported that the students enjoyed working with the clinician.

Jessica gave a report on the Elementary Mass event. It will be this Thursday, February 18. Karen Mueller will not be able to be a clinician. There was a mix up on the repertoire list which has been resolved. She is working on checks for the clinicians. Morrow has sent the checks to Christ Church and they have not received them.

Gerald gave the report for Freshman Honors. The venue was great. There was a concern about the schedule from clinicians. We may need to start earlier or have the concerts later so the clinicians will have more rehearsal time.

Alexis then gave the report for All-state for Brenda. 2nd Tier went well. Michael commented on how easy the process was and the positivity of the judges.

There was a discussion about appointing a Co-Chair for Mid-state/All-state. The Co-chairs would not be a voting member of the board.

Brenda gave the report for Choral Festival. We will be using the snow days that were scheduled originally. These days were determined by the survey results. Tipps, McWhirter and Vannetta-Hall will be the judges for the event, and sight reading will be judged by James Wells. Wendy has been working on student volunteers. One director has volunteered to record and run the sound.

Discussion: There is a choir participating in choral festival who has a blind student. The director wants to know if accommodations can be made to the sight-reading packet for the student. Answer: Yes.

Discussion: There is a choir director whose principal will allow them to come to choral festival now that the TNReady test has been rescheduled. In light of the TNReady test, do we allow the director to register for choral festival with a late fee that negates their school's eight snow days?

Brenda made a motion to accept the director's late registration. Choate seconded the motion. All were in favor. The director will be asked to bring the check to choral festival.

Jenna gave the report for Solo and Ensemble Festival. All judges are in place, but she still needs to order trophies and medals. She will need to borrow keyboards especially for the warm-up rooms. The event will be held on May 7 at Summit High School in Williamson County. There is a \$10 fee for accompanists and they need to be paid at the registration desk.

Alexis led a discussion about the current bookkeeper and the lack of organization. Missy Cook's husband is a CPA and is interested in the position. We will finish out the calendar year and then appoint a new treasurer. Alexis asked the board to continue to CC the emails to the current treasurer.

Alexis asked the board if they have received their NAFME membership cards and they responded positively.

Alexis asked if there were any questions or concerns about the proposed calendar for the 2016-2017. There has been some concern about Freshman Honors and Middle School/Elementary honors. Gerald suggested combining Mid-State and Freshman Honors. There was some discussion on possible venues for the event for next year. Choate and Alexis will look into the options discussed.

It was suggested that we have a shadowing program for new board members. Please be prepared to pass on information to the next member (in a notebook/flash drive form).

Alexis ended the board meeting at 6:32pm.