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Board Meeting

Renaissance Conference Center, Montgomery

President, Jody Powell called the meeting to order at 8:25 pm. All board members were present except James Kendrick (due to a flat tire, he will arrive later).

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer's report was given with the following assets – checking, \$105, 998.56, savings, \$11,622.04 for a total of \$117,620.60. Pat gave updates on expenses, and explained the All State audition stat sheet. There was unusual participation in OCS/OA auditions this year. Carl stated that he did a breakdown of those who made All State per district – and he will forward that to the board. Pat also informed us that there were problems with the calculation portion of our online forms, causing her to have to write far too many refund checks. **DISTRICT CHAIRS PLEASE HAVE DIRECTORS DO THEIR OWN CALCULATIONS BEFORE SENDING FORMS IN!** James is aware of the problem and is working on it, but we may have to remove the calculator function from forms for the time being. The report was approved and filed for audit.

AMEA

- contact Chris Walker for convention packets if not received tonight
- Jody asked for a volunteer to cover the session Ginny Hughes was presiding over. Brent volunteered.
- There is only one plaque for JSU (there should be 2). Susan please explain to Dr. Corbin and let her know the 2nd one will be forwarded to her.
- Jody asked for a volunteer to serve on a planning committee several times between now and June with lots of email and Skype in between. Pat volunteered.
- Kathy was reminded of the advocacy meeting with AMEA.
- Leadership breakfast Thursday at 8 am.
- There is a free app for the AMEA conference that includes feedback.
- Thanks to Jane and Jerry for ASSC set up. Rehearsals are on opposite end of the hall from last year. Please help move equipment to performance area after the Friday night concert. Help needed to get water to rehearsal area. Problem with guys t-shirts being resolved.
- Friday lunch at Capitol Club at 11:30.

All State

- Officers met with Samford officials December 19. Difficulties.....April 2-5 penciled in for 2014 OR not at Samford.....Officers looking for alternative sites. This info is for **BOARD ONLY AT THIS TIME!**
- Lunches – info already out. Last year's overcrowding caused changes this year. 500 tickets **ONLY** to be sold for cafeteria. Box lunches will be made available at the Hannah Center. Board members will have their lunches provided due to responsibilities, so get requests for your students in early.

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- Parking is to be consolidated. Carl asked chairs to poll directors for number of buses/cars as Samford wants the info.
- Board meeting at 11:00 am on Wednesday with OCS auditions following. Come early if possible to move equipment, etc.
- Chairs responsible for registration on Thursday. Lunch provided after.
- OCS order of performance – Female, 3pm, District 7,4,3,5,1,2,6. Pictures following. Male, 4:45, District 7,1,3,5,2,4. (Chairs drew for performance order.)

Miscellaneous

- 2013 handbook revision left FAME (and other) information out, problems with online calculation function. James is working to correct.
- Thank you note from Baker HS for donation in honor of Jerry Smith.

Frances Moss Candidates

- Applications for Rickey Shirley, Carroll HS and Dr. Ed Robertson, University of Montevallo. Board reviewed and selected Dr. Robertson as the 2013 recipient. Jane will take care of getting him to the concert. INFO IS BOARD ONLY!

Sightreading

- Written by Ed Robertson with voicings as requested, \$900.
- Pat will copy and bring to each SCPA.
- Carl asked that the 2014 set be ready for reading at summer board. Jody will attempt to have that done.

SCPA

- Make sure judges are lined up.
- Have an adequate number of runners.
- Sightreading material will be brought to you.
- Have envelopes ready (date/time/group/etc.)
- Averyprint.com will help you with labels – free service.
- Pat will help chairs with scheduling if needed.

Other Old Business

- OA auditions done during OCS auditions at All State. Carl and one other will judge. 2:30 start.

New Business

- OCS auditions at All State – NEW FORMS – chairs please review forms and read resumes. Be careful to grade accordingly – resume 35%, interview 30%, song 35%.
- Pat will provide clip boards. Carl experimenting with different set up for auditions.
- Music Ed. Scholarship winner 2013 – Tori Pinkerton, Hoover HS.
- Please help in sessions if needed and attend as many as you can.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.
Susan McCall, Recording Secretary

General Membership Meeting
AMEA Winter Conference
Renaissance Conference Center, Montgomery

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 am by the President, Jody Powell.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer's report was given with the following assets: checking, \$105,998.56, savings, \$11,622.04 for a total of \$117,620.60. Pat expressed thanks for getting registrations/fees to her, but reminded members that late fees would be charged if postmarked after the due date! She also requested that members double check fee calculations as we are having trouble with that function on the fillable forms online. James is working to correct, but this fillable form will be disabled until further notice.

Pat explained several expenses and reminded members that income shown included All State registration and SCPA registration, but expenses for AMEA as well as those events are still due. AVA is still operating at less than the 65% operating expenses recommended to us, but that we are working toward that mark. With no questions or corrections, the report was filed for audit.

Jody expressed thanks to the membership for their attendance at the early meeting, and thanks to the board and especially Jerry Cunningham and his son for all their help setting up for ASSC.

AMEA

- conference ran well
- good feedback on the Guidebook app (please complete the feedback via app or paper!)
- please submit requests to perform, deadline June 1, to Gary Taylor/AMEA
- thanks to all those presiding over sessions
- Ian Loepky asked why the University of Southern Mississippi was on our performance schedule. Jody stated that they were to have been collegiate guests, but due to some misunderstandings/schedule rearrangements, they ended up on our program. Carl Davis stated that new guidelines were being established, and that there was currently nothing in place to govern this item.
- Brent Coleman asked why there were no choirs performing "on the landing" during the conference, and that there seemed to be an overabundance of offerings for ABA members versus the other groups. Jody stated that he was working on that very item.
- AVA Music Education Scholarship winner was Tori Pinkerton of Hoover High School.

ASSC

- kids were SO well-behaved this year!
- thanks to Jane, Paul Gulsvig, Jarad Voss

-TENTATIVE date for 2014, April 3-5 with OCS/OA on April 2. Many scheduling problems with Samford at this time.

-Meals for 2013 – Pat informed the membership of the problems with the cafeteria on campus and reasons behind having to change procedures this year. There will be only 500 tickets for lunch and dinner, with timed admission, and a single entrance for ticket holders – NO ADMISSION WITHOUT A TICKET. Box lunches made available to be served at the Hannah Center where tables would be set up. Food court will be available to all. Apply for tickets early!

-State-wide statistics for auditions – 2942 registered, 2219 auditioned (75%), 1112 selected (50%). Cutoff scores were higher due to large numbers auditioning. 216 MS Treble, 215 MS Mixed, 144 TTBB, 232 SSA, 305 SATB

-District percentages selected – I - 15.3%, II - 11%, III – 15.4%, IV – 18.7%, V – 15.3%, VI – 11.12%, VII – 13%

-OCS audition order (Wednesday, March 6)

3pm, females sing in order by District 7,4,3,5,1,2,6

4:45pm, OCS group photo

5pm, males sing in order by District 7,1,3,5,2,4 (no male from 6)

-OA auditions at 3 pm

ASSESSMENTS

-only one district with fall solo/ensemble thus far (get registrations in!)

-SCPA – please remember to use handwritten forms (fillable form disabled because of calculator error!). Pat having to do too many refunds – please double check your registration/fees!

ADVOCACY

-AMEA partnering with Alabama Arts Alliance and doing research to give the State Board of Education.

-Email census coming, PLEASE complete and return within the week! This information will lend help/input in the new diploma requirements coming!!

-Stats are skewed toward ABA thus far, so please encourage AVA members to participate!

-New brochures are available, more help/support is needed - please see Kathy Hughes.

No old business.

New business – door prize drawing (JW Pepper gift cards) – Lana Cornutt and Gina Garmon winners!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 am.

Susan McCall, Recording Secretary