

Board Meeting

Renaissance, Montgomery

January 22, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm by President, Jody Powell. Board members present were Carl Davis, Pat Blackwell, Susan McCall, Michelle Reburn, Ginny White, Brent Coleman, Cathy Spence, Jerry Cunningham, Tracy Mank & James Kendrick. Jane Powell was collecting clinicians at the airport. Joe Whitaker came in later.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with corrections.

The financial report was given with the following assets: checking - \$113,758.56, savings - \$11,628.13, for a total of \$125,386.69. Pat detailed the following:

- lots of registration/fees still due for All State (March 6 is drop dead)
- we will be close to breaking even with AMEA with Honor Choir this year
- Fall Workshop cleared \$1900
- OCS/OA/ME may clear \$1500 after all bills are paid
- Taxes and insurance are paid, but our bond was denied. Executive board will investigate.

The report was approved and filed for audit.

FALL WORKSHOP

- Jody expressed thanks to all for the help.
- Venue was wonderful, and at no cost!
- Carl Hancock reports great results from the survey he shared with us, and will be sharing with other state groups, and possibly posting to You Tube.

ALL STATE SHOW CHOIR

- UAB was not a great site for auditions, and definitely not for All State – too many logistical problems.
- Vestavia Methodist was suggested for FW, ASSC auditions, etc. and they have expressed a desire for us to be on their campus.
- SO much appreciation to Jerry for all the set up work with MPAC, and to Jane with clinicians!
- Help needed moving risers from HC rehearsal to MPAC and back on Friday.
- Shells are in place for stage and HC rehearsal, and PA systems for both rehearsal sites.
- Pat will need help with T shirts on Friday.
- Jody received vocal cuts 2 days ago for the SC.....

- Help needed Friday night after rehearsal and concert to set up platforms.

ALL STATE

- TONS of students auditioning, especially for SSA (and this problem must be addressed at summer board).
- Contract for 2014 from Samford has just been received.
- MEALS WILL BE OFF CAMPUS!! No meal tickets will be sold through AVA.
- Schedule will be adjusted to allow 2 hours for meals.
- This year's numbers are: SATB-317, SSA-222, TTBB-166, MSM-178, MST-212
- Students are still coming to auditions unprepared....how to address this?
- Board meeting will be 11 am on Wednesday (lunch provided) – BE ON TIME!
Lots to cover!
- Transitional board meeting will be Friday after the general membership meeting (lunch provided).
- Lunch will be provided for Thursday during registration as well.
- Too many directors still sending \$40 school fees (and old forms...)
- We may not see the benefit of raised fees for a couple of years.

OCS/OA/ME

- Lots of students auditioning.
- ME winner is Shelby Morgan, Bob Jones HS, to be announced at the Friday evening concert.
- We need a way to monitor ME participation in FAME – address at summer board.
- State OCS/OA winners must have resumes to DC BEFORE our Wednesday meeting!!!
- New rubric to use this year.....

HONOR CHOIR

- Thanks again to Jerry for all the help with set up!
- Registration is in the SC rehearsal room.
- Master lists of approved students were not sent this year, but will be in the future.
- Tags/Program are printed EXACTLY as directors listed students for registration.
- Drop dead dates did affect some participation this year.
- Child with 504/Crohn's disease may need extra help.

- Rule for HC non-participation (like AS?). Pg 83 section 6 #7 of handbook addresses this somewhat. Director has asked for something with immediate disciplinary help. Jody stated this is a screening, not an audition. Address at summer board.
- 212 selected for the choir.

AMEA

- Board meeting revealed some difficulty with change of titles (registrar/treasurer), and 2 candidates for President Elect are Susan Smith and Erin Colwitz.
- We were asked to use a digital piano for HC, and then to cover the cost for renting a piano. Jody enumerated all AVA does for this conference and handed it back to AMEA. They will cover the cost. Then AVA was lauded for their work and other organization leaders were asked why they didn't do the same!
- Alabama Symphony will play Thursday afternoon.
- AMEA sells their mailing list for \$.10 per label.....should AVA consider this?
- Pick up registration packets as soon as possible.
- Guidebook App available for use.
- Please pick up plaques for sessions you preside over, and be in rehearsal area 30 minutes prior to performance to assist.
- Please attend the Leadership breakfast.
- Starbucks will provide a coffee brunch Friday morning in the ASSC room for AVA members!(Coming to AS also!) Thank you Rhett!

SCPA

- DEADLINES!! Check with Pat to see your scheduling thus far.
- James please address website problems – lg group comment box won't allow you to type, and general forms (pp 25-30) won't pull up at all.
- DC please talk with judges (get the prepared letter to share with them!!). This is State level performance, but be kind! Talk to your directors and keep them up to date – remind them to make sure forms and fees are correct!
- Glance through SR material from Ed Robertson.
- Are directors allowed to choose the SR example they want to use at festival? Yes, but this needs to be updated in the handbook.

ADVOCACY

- New brochure coming after new pics are made. (Kaylon Gilley doing photography!)

OLD BUSINESS

- AMEA Strategic Planning to meet on Thursday.
- Kathy emailed Superintendents an invitation to ASSC concert. (James please add a line on forms for Superintendent names/email addresses.)

NEW BUSINESS

- AS 2015 at Samford University, April 9-11. Joe Hopkins and others very welcoming of AVA....3 of 5 clinicians are signed already.
- WIFI is complimentary this time – go to Renaissance site, use your name and room number, choose Renaissance guest, get a code, and must re-log daily.

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

Respectfully submitted, Susan McCall, Recording Secretary