

September 5, 2013

Board Meeting

Moody Building, Tuscaloosa

President, Jody Powell, called the meeting to order at 7:55 pm. Members present were: Carl Davis, Pat Blackwell, Susan McCall, Michelle Reburn, Ginny White, Brent Coleman, Cathy Spence, Joe Whitaker, Jerry Cunningham, and Tracy Mank. Jane Powell was absent due to a family emergency.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, and with corrections on pages 3, 7, & 9, were approved. Corrections will be reflected in the minutes on the board page of alavocal.org.

The Executive Secretary's report was given with the following assets: checking, \$50,691.97, savings, \$11,625.77, for a total of \$62,317.74. The year-end report reflects over a \$16,000 loss this year, due to events with no income. Most members are accepting of the fee changes for AVA. The profit/loss sheet shows a negative balance of \$2,647.60, but this sheet was posted before deposits were made. **Pat requested that chairs remind members of the following:**

- **NAfME cards must be in hand for ALL AVA events following Fall Workshop.**
- **Scheduling for all events will be by postmark.**
- **Email receipts are available to bookkeepers, but must be requested.**
- **Registration is accepted with a PO, but must be paid before the event – don't mail checks 1 week prior – BRING IN HAND.**

There is a good deal of music to return to Pepper which means money back to AVA. The report was approved and filed for audit.

FALL WORKSHOP

- Thanks to Marvin Latimer and Donna Peretti – we are being hosted by the University at no charge.
- All sessions will be in the Choral/Opera room or Recital Hall.
- 90 have pre-registered.
- Handouts are in packets for classroom use.
- Please encourage members to fill out the survey.
- 7 reading sessions along with many others. Attend all possible and remain unified.
- Brent offered help with Remind 101 as a tool for directors.
- Carl Hancock presenting AMEA advocacy plan.
- Carl explained procedures for the mock screening.
- James' session will explain creating your own choral website.
- Kathy shared new advocacy brochures and reminded all of links on alavocal.org.
- Board dinner on Friday is individual.

- Clinicians – Mark Meyers/Jarad Voss.
- Music packet was updated with no known cuts at this time.
- Auditions are October 10-12 at the Alys Stephens Center at UAB. Student drop off/pickup points will be specified and ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING.

ALL STATE

- **STRESS TO DIRECTORS!!! Several pieces must be ordered online! Instructions/links are on alavocal.org.**
- Be aware of the procedure for “Bring Me Little Water, Silvy”, and that purchase is for ONE TIME USE. If this was purchased 2 years ago, IT CANNOT BE USED AGAIN. AVA is being required to supply a list of who auditions with this piece, copies accounted for, and “copyright police” informed if all procedures are not correct!
- HS SSA list was corrected and music distributed.
- MSM – “I’ll Fly Away”, piano part is separate. This will be posted on alavocal.org. OA candidates will need!
- MUSIC MUST BE CHECKED CAREFULLY AT AUDITIONS!!!
- **When a single voice part divides, Districts 1-4 will take top notes and 5-7 take bottom.**
- Jody will share DJ Scaife’s email with members on Saturday.
- Chairs please check the website and make sure OCS/OA/ME dates/places are correct. Report winner names to Carl and Pat immediately following event.

AMEA

- **STRESS TO DIRECTORS!!! 1 HC piece from Aspen Hill takes some work to get to – start early! “How Can I Keep From Singing?” is CPDL.**
- Remind directors ME winners MUST attend FAME.
- Conference is locked in at the Montgomery Renaissance through 2016. There is a new site manager who is willing to work with us, and is trying to arrange vendors for food on site.
- AMEA is \$15,000 in the hole and working on ways to cut expense.
- Alabama Symphony is coming again free of charge.

SCPA

- **Remind directors to follow through with registration – mail or bring checks personally if needed!**
- Carl will address rubric changes at the general meeting.
- Remind directors that scheduling is by postmark!

- BP oil funds are not for us – too many possible problems involved.
- Please check ASSC packets for a mailing receipt and forward to Pat if found.
- Problems with Pepper website not having our lists up, but is being addressed. Please thank Ellen Fox for all her help, and for sponsoring the new teacher luncheon.
- Alternatives for All State sites/possibilities still being explored.
- Pat stated that the Manhattan Choral Society (?name) had requested our All State lists for the past 5 years.
- Request from Shelly Rimes concerning community choir participation in AVA events was denied. ACDA is the venue for those groups.
- Thanks to Tracy for putting together the initial district mailout.
- **Jody requested that all Chairs put the entire board on their mailing list in order to make sure information is getting out to the state at the same time, and accurately. We should double-check each other.**
- Report to Moody at 7:30 am Friday, and be ready to help with anything needed.
- Check with Pat about your hotel charges if you have a private room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McCall, Recording Secretary