



# ALABAMA VOCAL ASSOCIATION

*An Affiliate of NAFME*

Alabama Vocal Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Fall Workshop  
1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church  
Montgomery, AL

September 10 , 2015

The meeting was called to order @ 6:44 by President Carl Davis.

Those present: Carl Davis, Ginny Coleman, Jody Powell, Jane Powell, Rebekah Stevens, Michelle Reburn, Hilen Powell, Ginny Hughes, Cathy Spence, Meg Jones, Jerry Cunningham, Daniel Massey

Jane Powell read the minutes of the summer board meeting. The minutes were approved with corrections.

Rebekah Stevens presented the financial report, which was filed for audit.

The financial report reflected the following:

Checking: \$67,856.06  
Savings: \$11,628.51  
Total Assets: \$79,484.57

## **Fall workshop**

- Pre-registered---112  
14 free---- Discussion: some asked for free registration that do not really qualify.  
Decision: If they were emailed and show up with their registration AVA will accept it.  
AVA will not try to collect from those who do not offer it.
- Board needs to be on-site by 7:30 .a.m. Assignments for the workshop were given to each board member. The board was reminded about clean-up procedure following the workshop.
- Carl reported that he will present Bylaws changes by introducing them at the beginning of Fall Workshop and inviting membership to question any board members during the day if they needed clarification. The vote will be taken at the general meeting in afternoon.
- Ginny Coleman will address at the general meeting the outcome of the board discussion concerning replacing no shows.
- New Teacher luncheon: Thank you to JW Pepper for contributing \$300 to the cost of the lunch. Cathy Spence will present a session from the District Chairman's perspective: What a new member to AVA needs to know.

## **Honor Choir**

Ginny Coleman addressed the screening process with District Chairmen and gave them a handout to follow.

## **All-State Show Choir**

- Auditions @ Gardendale-Mt. Vernon Methodist October 16-17, 2015
- Festival –
  - ✓ January 20 – 23, 2016 , Montgomery, AMEA Conference
  - ✓ Schedule – Wednesday evening through Saturday morning

## **All-State**

- Auditions
  - ✓ Carl discussed with District Chairmen site preparation
  - ✓ Executive Secretary will not be on-site to collect money for registration or to sell music or to print audition forms when needed. District Chairmen will need to have extra forms.
  - ✓ Rebekah needs to make motel reservations for the adjudicators
- Discussion about non published music that directors are having problems securing. AVA will purchase and mail the pdf to director. Rebekah will create an in-voice and mail music upon receipt of payment and registration received.
- Festival Dates/Location:
  - ✓ March 2 – 5, 2016 @ Samford University
  - ✓ Arrival time for the board: 9:00 a.m. - Wednesday, March 2.
  - ✓ The work agenda: preparing registration materials for students and teachers/board meeting.
  - ✓ Carl asked Rebekah to call the Birmingham Civic Center and cancel the 2016 All-State venue that was being held for AVA.
- Ginny Coleman asked for DCs to choose states to research concerning All-state auditions. The results are due Dec. 1 to Ginny.

## **OCS/OA/ME**

- The issue of an OCS not accompanying themselves will be addressed at the Fall workshop general meeting.
- Attention should be given next year to having District level auditions after the All-State auditions.

## **AMEA**

- January 21 – 23, 2016, Montgomery
- New performance venue for choirs: Ballroom A
- AVA Board meeting : 7:15 p.m., Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>
- AVA General meeting: 9:15, Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Plaques are given to performing groups & Jeffrey Benson(AVA clinician)
- Certificates will be given to session presenters

## **SCPA**

- District chairmen were asked to secure adjudicators by December and send the contracts to the Executive Secretary so that she can prepare checks by the SCPA dates.
- Sight-reading
  - ✓ Ed Robertson is making the board requested changes to the 2016 sight-reading samples.
  - ✓ Ed Robertson will not be available to write 2017 sight-reading. He has provided suggestions for his replacement.
- A listing of schools that receive all superior ratings is needed so that these choirs may be issued an invitation to apply for an AMEA performance slot.
- Jerry Cunningham was asked to report @ AMEA board meeting his plan for compiling the SCPA performance selections and these will be published and made available to the membership

## **Executive Secretary/Website**

- Rebekah was asked to provide the following:
  - ✓ Per Event income report to be given to the board after each event
  - ✓ End of year report presented to board
  - ✓ All-State no-show list by district so the chairmen can notify their members of decisions affecting students
  - ✓ Profit/expense report of All-State Auditions/Festival
  - ✓ Profit/expense report of ASSC Auditions/Festival/All-State Performance
  - ✓ Punch list of items needed for Fall Workshop/ASSC auditions/AMEA/All-State Festival
  - ✓ Job description for posting of job
- AMEA will be providing space for the AVA website on their site. We don't have all the information at this point.
- The alavocal.org address forwarder has been turned off and the board has been given gmail.com addresses
- Board is encouraged to store all documents that are AVA related on google drive that is associated with the individual gmail accounts

## **Other Business**

- Vendors
  - ✓ Carl brought to the attention of the board that AVA is not charging a fee to any vendor and some are giving AVA an honorarium based on their sales and some are not. He suggested that we take a look at this and determine if AVA should continue to be in the business of creating venues without requesting some compensation
  - ✓ Carl's suggestion was to require a vendor fee that could then be used to fund AVA scholarships, which currently is an unfunded expense

Jody moved to adjourn @ 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Powell  
AVA Recording Secretary

