

Fall Workshop
AVA General Membership Meeting
September 10, 2010
Dawson Baptist Church

President Jane Powell called the meeting to order at 5:00.

The minutes from the All-State 2010 General Membership Meeting were accepted as read.

Executive Secretary Pat Blackwell:

- gave two financial reports that were filed for audit:
 - the 2009-2010 year-end financial report (Total Assets: \$88,365.30) and
 - the quarterly report through September 3, 2009 (Total Assets: \$83,650.03, with \$72,046.27 in checking and \$11,603.76 in savings);
- clarified that “one school fee” applies to all choral programs at one physical plant;
- mentioned scholarship increases that had been passed by the AVA Board (OCS scholarship from \$500 to \$1000 and OA scholarship from \$250 to \$500);
- reported that Past President Vivienne Atkins, in Damion Womack’s absence, has written and submitted the Alabama Council on the Arts grant proposal for funding the 2011 All-State Choral Festival; and
- reported that the \$3640.00 check had been received from the Alabama Council on the Arts for All-State 2010 (grant written by Past President Paul Edmondson).

The membership passed three proposed changes to the AVA Bylaws:

- 1) homeschool choirs must meet at least weekly in order for students to qualify for AVA events (vote: 53-13);
- 2) juniors may now audition for OCS (vote: 52-14); and
- 3) OA District winners must attend the All-State concert in order to accept the trophy (vote: 61-5).

Cathy Shelton gave an overview of the changes on the website and in the new 2010 AVA Handbook, mentioning both the fillable forms and achieving more consistency between the handbook and the website.

Regarding All-State Show Choir:

- Jane Powell reported that the site of the All-State Show Choir auditions had been changed to Trinity United Methodist Church in Homewood.
- Jane warned about the unusually early ASSC performance time at AMEA: 9:00 a.m., after a 7:30 a.m. rehearsal, because there are two jazz bands and a collegiate honor band on the Saturday morning concert.

- Jane announced that ASSC will perform at the All-State Festival General Assembly this year; they will have an early morning rehearsal on March 24 (time TBA).

Regarding All-State Festival:

- Jane informed directors that they may register at any site for All-State auditions;
- Jane reported that the All-State rehearsal schedule has been adjusted to accommodate AARMT testing conflicts, and
- Jane announced All-State 2012 Festival dates: March 8, 9, 10, 2012.

Regarding AMEA:

- Jane urged AVA members to be ready for many differences because of the unfamiliarity of the venue.
- Jane reported that Garry Taylor, AMEA Executive Secretary, asked for help at AMEA registration and requested AVA members to contact Garry.
- Jane encouraged AVA members to plan to attend Dr. Marvin Latimer's AMEA session on adjudication, and to ask questions and offer insights that would help us to create a better assessment instrument than the adjudication form we presently have.

Regarding SCPA:

- Jane explained that all adjudicators will be selected from a board-approved list, and requested that members submit names and contact info for qualified adjudicators for the list.
- Jane discussed the proposed new adjudication form based on the research done by Dr. Marvin Latimer (UA music education professor); it will possibly be implemented for the 2012 SCPA after discussion at the 2011 summer board meeting.
- Jody Powell urged the membership to participate in the one-time SCPA, reminding us that we voted for it, and that strong membership participation is necessary to make it financially feasible.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Shelton, AVA Recording Secretary/Webmaster.