

September 6, 2013

University of Alabama

The meeting was called to order by President, Jody Powell, at 10:03 am.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with corrections.

Executive Secretary report – Pat presented the year end and current balance sheet. Checking assets are \$50,691.97, savings are \$11,625.77 for a total of \$62,317.74. This has been a hard year for AVA mainly due to covering expenses that have no income. We show a \$16,000 loss. The profit/loss sheet doesn't reflect deposits, due to the fact that it had to be printed before deposits were made. Please be aware that registrations are already coming in for events as far away as February! If specific dates/places are needed, you must get registration in early. **Make sure you follow up with school bookkeepers to insure your registrations are indeed complete! You can register via fax/scan/email with a copy of your PO, and bring check to the event. NAFME registration must be complete before any other AVA event. Email receipts are available (and instantaneous!) for every event if your bookkeeper prefers – talk this over with them and get it in place! MAKE SURE YOU ARE SENDING SEPARATE CHECKS FOR EACH EVENT!** There is All State and Honor Choir music available at the registration desk following this meeting. The report was approved and filed for audit.

FINANCES

Jody went over the discussion concerning AVA finances that took place at summer board, explaining the costs vs income. Carl presented the data for past AVA events, the costs for all events as well as non-income-generating expenses, and the need for fees to be raised. Jody asked for any and all other ideas for cost cutting from the membership to be forwarded in writing to any board member. Pat stated that AVA is being required to purchase a \$1million liability insurance policy to cover our performances at "outside venues", and asked that members be aware of this possibility coming to them for school events as well.

ASSC

Auditions are October 10-12 at the Alys Stephens Center of UAB. Buses will drop off and park away, so make sure you have a way to contact your driver! **ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD OR DRINK ARE ALLOWED IN THE CENTER** (capped, bottled water ONLY). Mark Meyers/Jarad Voss are the clinicians. Music is available from JW Pepper. There are no known cuts to the music at this point, but check the website for updates.

FALL WORKSHOP

Thanks to Dr. Latimer for making the facilities at the University of Alabama available to us this weekend. Please let board members know if we can do anything to make this workshop better, or if you have suggestions for future events.

ALL STATE

Music is available for purchase today. Alabama will be sent to those who ordered it for this weekend (for some reason it wasn't included in your packets). **FOR ALL CHOIRS – IF A SINGLE VOICE PART DIVIDES (i.e. S1) DISTRICTS 1-4 TAKE THE TOP NOTE AND DISTRICTS 5-7 TAKE THE BOTTOM.** When preparing for auditions, please remember we always need Tenors! **YOU MUST ACCESS THE WEBSITE FOR ALL NON-PUBLISHED OR COMPOSER-PUBLISHED PIECES! THERE ARE INSTRUCTIONS AND LINKS TO GET YOU THERE! There is an involved process for “Bring Me Little Water Silvy”. Even though this piece was performed 2 years ago, THOSE COPIES ARE NO LONGER GOOD FOR PERFORMANCE.** This composer specifies that those sales are a ONE-TIME PERFORMANCE ONLY. So even if you have this piece in your files, YOU MUST RE-PURCHASE! This composer is double-checking behind AVA and will take action concerning copyright if rules are not followed completely!

OCS/OA/ME

This audition (and Honor Choir) **MUST BE DONE IN DISTRICT.** Results and instructions for State auditions will be sent to those directors involved 2-3 days following the last auditions. (This will be before Christmas break.)

HONOR CHOIR

ALL DIRECTORS WITH STUDENTS INVOLVED ARE PART OF THE SCREENING PROCESS! If you need extra singers to complete quartets, contact your district chairman for help.

Question from the floor – Could AVA provide more offerings for freshman? Right now the only “extra” venue is All State. Could we possibly have a Jr. High Honor Choir at some point? Jody explained how the All State choirs we have come to be, and stated that anything is possible. Write your suggestions down and forward to any board member.

FAME

ALL District ME winners must attend unless they are ASSC or HC members!

AMEA

The organization lost a great deal of money this past year with the Alabama Symphony. They are performing again, at no cost to AMEA. Please record your students and submit to perform at this venue! Even digital camera recordings can be used! This event will continue at the Montgomery Renaissance through 2016.

SCPA

Please make sure to get registration/fees in early, and stay on top of registration getting from your bookkeeper to Pat!

SPECIAL

We have been advised not to pursue funds from the BP Oil spill.

NEW BUSINESS

We need a photographer from our ranks to take pictures at our events. If you are willing, please let Jody know!

Please complete the Fall Workshop survey and return to Pat before you leave. Please be willing to serve!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 am.

Respectfully,

Susan McCall, Recording Secretary