

AVA Governing Board Meeting

AMEA Conference

Jan. 18, 2018

BJCC

Ginny called the meeting to order at 7:45pm.

Members present were Ginny, Rebekah, Meg, Cathy, Jane, Jerry, Ben, Nichole, Hilan, Cara, Stacy, and Randall

Financial Report: Balances were reported as:

Checking:	\$114, 518.59
Savings:	\$11, 642.15
Total Assets:	\$126,160.74
Total Liabilities:	\$ 5,000.00

The report was approved and filed for audit.

Ginny thanked everyone for their help unloading and setting up risers, etc. to prepare for conference.

Fall Workshop

Ginny reported that the participation numbers are still increasing and the little feedback we received was positive. However, we did not have many directors volunteer for AVA positions. Judy Bowers was a favorite clinician choice.

The board agreed to keep the festival at one day and to keep the location in Montgomery.

ASSC Auditions and Festival

Ginny reported that auditions went well and the adding of 9th graders may have increased our numbers by a few. So far, we have only received positive feedback about having the festival 2 days before All-State. The choir numbers are still not where they need to be. (48 vs 60)

Nichole reported that ABA MPA in her district was a conflict with her student who made ASSC who is also a band student. Ginny assured the board that she will address this conflict at the AMEA meeting.

Rebekah reported that about \$1800 was saved without the need for lodging, and other expenses.

Jane said that ASSC will be held at Spain Park HS and then move over to Wright Center for the performance. She also stated that her letter to directors and students was very specific about the dress code at ASSC rehearsals, and hoped that the letter would be well received.

All State Auditions

Ginny said that she has no negative feedback concerning posting results on website.

She also stated that she believed the audition form should possibly move to more of a rubric style, much like SCPA and Solo and Ensemble.

She said she has talked with Acceptd (video form of auditioning) We are just beginning dialog with them and asked if the board is ok with further investigating this. More details on cost, timeline, will be forthcoming. Maybe we could begin with giving the option of video or in person audition.

We might want to think about having them sing all songs/all parts. Then the Executive Board would choose the cut after videos are submitted. Either the student or the teacher would be allowed to submit the video. Acceptd would do all the finalizing before sending the video to AVA.

Meg brought up the idea of Skyping auditions and how well ME interviews worked this year, as a result of bad weather.

AMEA

Ginny said we would ask 50-60 Honor Choir kids to be responsible for moving risers to Concert Hall for the Honor Choir concert.

Hilen was concerned about all the many pieces that would have to be moved and the logistics involved.

Ben commented that Honor Choir performing in the Ballroom would be best, but there would not be enough seating for audience.

SCPA/S&E

Ginny had the District Chairs report on the status of their judges and sound technicians and state whether they've confirmed.

She reminded DC's to announce the incentive and to review the rules (pp37-41)

Hilen shared that she has an SCPA checklist if anyone is interested.

Ginny said she would send the sight reading for DC's to copy.

Meg will ask for dates from various school systems for conflicts.

Meg proposed the idea of allowing key establishment by playing the tonic triad before the 5 minute study period so that students may audiate in the correct key.

The board agreed that this would be a correct interpretation of the standing rules.

More work is being done to amend the SR rules/procedures.

All State Festival

Meg reported that each board member would have a designated job during the festival.

We are still waiting on Samford to confirm rehearsal locations.

The board will meet at 9:00 am Wednesday, March 7.

Miscellaneous

The board voted Paul Edmondson as the nominee for the Francis P. Moss award.

Ginny shared the recommendation of naming the ME Scholarship after Pat Blackwell.

and the board voted yes.

Election of new board: Ginny shared that at this point we do not have a slate of officers to announce and said she will report this to the membership through email. At that time, any other nominations would be added.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.