

**AVA Fall Workshop
General Membership Meeting
First Baptist Church, Montgomery, AL
September 8, 2017**

Ginny called the meeting to order at 3:20 pm.

Cathy Spence read the minutes of the All-State general meeting. After no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as read.

Financial Report:

Rebekah shared the financial report with the following balances:

Checking Account Balance:	\$70,636.77
Savings Account Balance:	\$11,638.85
Total Assets:	\$82,278.62
Total Liabilities:	\$ 6,758.61

The financial report was filed for audit.

Fall Workshop

Ginny thanked the board for their work getting the workshop ready and to First Baptist Church for hosting us.

She also thanked Judy Bowers for being our guest clinician. (Montgomery City?)

She asked the membership to provide feedback to the board about what they would like to see at Fall Workshop in the future. She asked them to email the board or to include this on the survey that was sent on REMIND.

ASSC Auditions

Ginny announced that auditions would be in Tuscaloosa at the University Church of Christ. She also shared that Jane would not be present because of her husband's illness. Ginny, Meg, and Cathy would facilitate.

Honor Choir

Meg reviewed the process for Honor Choir screening and reminded directors to complete their quartets, if needed, with students from other schools.

All-State Auditions:

Ginny reminded the membership of the instruction sheets that are included with the All-State music packets and to follow them closely. Matthew Curtis will provide rehearsal tracks by district. Be sure to purchase the correct district's recordings. She also stated that the audition dates and locations are on the AVA website, and explained how those locations were determined. She presented a map showing the number of students who auditioned last year by area, throughout the state. Saturday auditions are required to keep the board from missing even more days of school. Each year, we try to rotate this.

She stated that at the end of auditions, the executive board will compile a list of selected students and post it on the website, password protected. Directors will be notified when it is available to view.

AMEA

This year's 2018 conference will be held in Birmingham at the BJCC. The clinician will be Dan Davison and the choral group, Voctave will present a concert and an interest session.

Ginny stated that there will be more simultaneous sessions to give directors more choices to attend.

SCPA

Ginny explained that the board attempted to keep the date range for area festivals broad in order to accommodate directors who may have conflicts with their own festival date.

She reminded directors that they may attend in any district.

We will continue to provide recordings of each choir's performance and this will be included in the registration fee.

We will continue to allow a school to register one choir for free if they have not attended SCPA in the last 3 years. The school fee and the student fee will be waived. She encouraged the membership to share this information with others who may not be attending. Registration for schools who qualify for this must go through Rebekah.

Ginny informed the membership that sight-reading continues to be an issue. She assured them that the board has had much discussion on this, as well as the session that was held this morning. Meg will be forming a revision committee and interested directors should contact her.

All-State Festival

Ginny assured the membership that we will be sure to get clearer details on the parking instructions at Samford this year.

Band districts continue to schedule MPA on the same weekend as All-State and we have asked AMEA leadership to intervene in order to alleviate this.

Miscellaneous

ACDA report: John Kincaid

Ginny reminded the membership to register online early for events and offered any help they might need with this.

We have adopted two new AVA logos for immediate use.

She shared with the membership that the board is looking at All-State audition revisions

in the future, but that it will need to be a slow process. The board will experiment this year with video recording of some auditions but the video will not count.

Vote on Policy Changes

Ginny reviewed the policy change and bylaw changes before the membership vote.

New deadline/late fee policy:

Registrations are due AND payments must be postmarked by the deadline. There is no longer a "deadline" and "absolute deadline".

Schools are scheduled in the order that payments are received. Your registration does not reserve your place in the schedule. Your payments (along with registration does.

Only those who have registered and paid by the deadline will be registered. Registrations that are not paid by the deadline will be cancelled. If a registration is cancelled, that director must re-register and pay a late fee.

The late payment period is 2 weeks at \$50, 3 weeks, at \$100, and 4 weeks at \$150.

No payment will be accepted more than 20 business days late.

The vote for the new deadline policy was passed.

Bylaw Vote

The membership voted to change the bylaw that deals with how we elect officers.

The new process is as follows:

A committee consisting of the Executive board selects candidates.

Candidates are announced at the AVA general meeting at AMEA.

Nominations from the membership are accepted for a predetermined time period.

A vote for the new slate of officers will take place at All-State general meeting.

Continuing Initiatives

Ginny reminded the membership that we will continue to use online registration this year, and expressed her appreciation with helping to work through this new process. She encouraged the membership to provide feedback with any questions or concerns with this.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55.