

AVA AMEA General Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2019

BJCC Convention Center

Birmingham, AL

Meg Jones called the meeting to order at 9:15am. Meg introduced board members.

- Margaret Heron read minutes from Fall Workshop 2018 General Meeting and minutes were approved with one correction in wording.
- Ginny Coleman presented the financial report, after explaining the mistakes due to late transfer of books to Carl Davis from Rebekah. The corrected report will be on the website for the membership to view.

Fall Workshop

- Meg reported the membership loved the Huntingdon campus and AVA made a donation of \$300 to the music department. Fall Workshop 2019 will be there again.

ASSC

- Still at Spain Park since the same number of students and the facility is large enough to house the group.
- 2017=40 students, 2018, added 9th grade and only 8 more students, this year there are only 44 students
- The membership discussed the possibility of removing the requirement for ASSC students to be in All-State in order to audition. The board will review this possibility and allow the membership to vote.

*Ginny said that the use of the Accept'd program went smoothly and the membership will be given a survey at All-State regarding the online submission.

*Greg Gumina and the AMEA board spoke briefly about the events at the state and national level. AVA was encouraged to apply for grants, advocate for music education at the local level and to be proactive in securing funds.

All-State

- Meg encouraged membership to give feedback on the use about the Accept'd submission process so the board can make an informed decision
- Numbers were lower this year due to rehearsal space at Samford and the fact that it is now a ticketed event
- Judges used the new rubric on the All-State audition process and Meg reported the ease and efficiency of this
- Randall expressed need for membership to help in all the All-State duties/assignments. He said that these duties will be emailed soon and posted on the website
- Samford will handle all ticket purchases. Meg sent email to all superintendent and principals to reserve a seat.
- Staggered meal times and eating on campus, so membership should be aware of 15 minute differences on the schedule
- Questions regarding middle school students attending the high school concert and parents that have kids in both arose and were addressed by Meg

AMEA/Honor Choir

- Jan 16-18, 2020 in Montgomery
- Randall Fields informed that Deanna Joseph from Georgia State University will be the honor choir clinician
- For the Honor Reading Choir, each school can bring one or two balanced quartets. Any ideas about this are welcomed so that Meg can take it to the AMEA leadership meeting
- Ginny assured the membership that we are looking for a good performance venue in Montgomery

SCPA

- New sightreading rubric will be used and Meg encouraged teachers to participate, particularly if they have not in years past
- Meg informed the membership that the AVA sightreading rubric will be on Sightreading Factory

*Meg thanked those who performed this year and reported that the submissions were mostly from the SCPA recordings, which will be provided this year as well.

*Announcements were made involving ACDA and Alabama Voices.

*Meg discussed the history of financial balance of AVA. Carl is researching how much of a surplus we need in order to be healthy with the hopes that AVA can invest in the membership with any funds that exceed the needed balance. Meg asked the membership to offer any ideas on how any such funds can be spent to best benefit our organization. David Pryor moved for the meeting to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Ginny Coleman. Meeting was adjourned at 10:05am.