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Meeting of the meeting of the TMEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Nashville, Tennessee

President Meers called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM central time in the TMEA Suite of the Renaissance hotel

The minutes from the previous meeting of the Board of Directors on June 29, 2006, were discussed and approved. Minutes from that meeting filed accordingly.

Financial report: Combs gave a general report on finances to date indicating the value of the newly appointed TMEA finance committee.

Compliments came from board members regarding the quality of The Tennessee Musician.

Meers discussed the challenge of attending events at the conference with so many things going on. He advised the board about the process of business at the caucus level. Any business items coming out of the caucus should be presented to the board for approval. Jeff Brewer made suggestions and there was general conversation. Meers noted that the caucuses are the members' link to the board.

Choral report - issue about snow interfering with second year audition in West Tennessee. The concern will be discussed at the caucus.

B J Frost talked about space available for caucus meetings.

Idea about state-wide solo and ensemble festival. Discussion about feasibility. Other discussion about focus of choral caucus.

Meers – suggested input about the TMEA web site and encouraged expanded use.

General Music chair report - Coppage provided a hard copy report.

Tiffany Depriest will be Treble Honor Chorus chair for 2008.

Discussion about schedule of treble choir. Alternative times being considered.

All-State chair report - Billy suggested board members extend appreciation to the ensemble chairs.

All-state conductors (tentative and contracted) were read for 2008 and 2009. Jim Pugh – jazz 08

Discussion about use of Schermerhorn Center this year. All looks very good. General report on all-state. Attendance policy reviewed.

Information about audio video recording companies need to be discussed at the caucus levels when the three-year contract is up for renewal.

627 all state students this year

B J Frost Conference report - Hotel providing many “extras.”

Request from B J to add a budget item next year for college fair refreshments for all-state students. Suggested at least \$2000 be added for that new line item.

Schermerhorn staff excellent to work with. Next year unknown.

Special notice of conference equipment managers.

High Ed report – Fred Spano Discussion about plans for higher ed caucus. Jamila McWhirter will become new CMENC advisor.

Orchestra report – preview of orchestra caucus

Band chair report - compliments on new process of jazz auditions

Report on state concert festival

Jeanette Crosswhite report -

Review of offerings and events state-wide

Combs – business items

Report on hotel room costs and costs of convention center

General discussion about all-state conductors’ salaries

Jeff Brewer – announcement about TMEA special awards to be presented at the opening general session.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10

Respectfully submitted by

Michael Combs, Secretary