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TMEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 11, 2007

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 2:45 p.m. central time at Riverdale High School, Murfreesboro, TN on August 11, 2007

Those in attendance: Ron Meers, Gary Wilkes, Jeff Brewer, Mike Combs, Jeanette Crosswhite, Jim Burton, Sandy Elliott, Laura Coppage, Francie Beard, B. J. Frost, Billy Stepp, and Jamila McWhirter.

General discussion about President Brinckmeyer's participation in the state music conference. Combs was asked to contact her requesting she staying through Saturday if possible. Also, Combs will contact Marty Los about possible industry support of general reception for the MENC President.

Sandy Elliott will serve as chair of the 2008 men's chorus and handle the 2008 commission.

College fair – concerns about funding

Meers: not do away with it;

Brewer – fund via college booth costs

Suggested – eliminate food

Review of schedule that works best for the all-state students

Consider changing name from “college fair” to “special exhibits . . . “

Door prize at 12:00 must be present to win

Issue “dance card” for students to get signed

Consensus: B J and Billy will work out details -

Mentoring:

Concern about follow-up

General discussion

November will be phone conversation

Suggested to send letter to all legislators inviting them to attend the all-state concerts
Include list of all-state students by schools attached. Combs will take care of seeing that that is done.

All-state forms to include info on scholarship money, GPA, etc.,

How can Treble Choir be “promoted?”

2007-08 Budget presented again by Combs and was approved unanimously

Unanimous approval of new category for retired members for \$25

Caucus reports:

Band Letter from TMEA to be delivered to the principals of all member schools

Information might be available on State dept web site

Probably letter needs to be written by TMEA and distributed by association

Letter covers all areas

General Music - voted to change the Treble Honor Chorus schedule for 2009 - (no change in 2008). [Provided by Coppage: Wednesday afternoon rehearsal and Thursday morning performance will be moved to a Friday afternoon rehearsal and Saturday morning performance.]

Put piano acc to America (my country tis in F and A-flat

Request to have elementary adjudicator serve on selection committee -

Approved increase in treble choir conductors' honorarium beginning in 2009 from \$1000 to \$1200.

Vocal caucus Helpful hints for new teachers should be included on web site.

State chairs material for that page to be provided by November 1

Discussion about auditions for conference groups

Possible deadline of June 1

Agreed to make change of deadline date to June 1st 2008

Discussion about format of audio recordings for auditions

Committee of Jim and Gary Wilkes to review overall process of providing the audio recordings for the judging committee.

Date for next conference call for Board of Directors: Sunday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. central time

Question about home school - comment that each area of Tenn will deal with the issues and provide policy. It was asked that we find out what the various associations are using as policy.

Adjourned 4:30

Respectfully submitted by

F. Michael Combs

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