



Tennessee Music Education Association

Mission: to promote the advancement of high quality music education for all

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TMEA COUNCIL MEETING GAYLORD OPRYLAND HOTEL August 13th, 2016 Financial Report

Our budget reports are always available on the WWW.TNMEA.ORG website. Please contact me or any TMEA Board member with any questions or concerns.

The dues and All State fees increases from two years ago enabled us to be a little ahead this year. Our current balance is \$130,957.35. At this time last year our balance was \$152,610.60 (we no longer have an investment account). We now know the actual cost of having our Conference at Opryland (with a less than ideal performance venue but there was no affordable option at the time etc.).

One MAJOR change for 2017 is that the improved concert venue (Presidential Ballroom) will require us to occupy additional rooms at the Opryland Hotel. If we do not fill these rooms, we will pay a substantial financial penalty. This has to be a team effort! Opryland is a great venue for our All State and Conference. I believe our All State, Collegiate, Treble Honor Choir students, and music teachers deserve a venue like Gaylord Opryland for our conference! Please encourage your membership to support their conference by staying at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel!

Once again, a special thanks goes to Brad Turner and Paul Waters for your dedication and work to make our conference successful. Always remember, without dedicated donference equipment chairs, conference and all state would not take place! THANK YOU Ben Zolkower, Jordan Frederick, and John Womack! AMAZING JOB!

As you know, we are in our second year of the unified membership dues renewal process. There have been some bumps along the way but we expect a much smoother process this year.

We have been concerned that as a Professional Organization, TMEA has been without a home (Office) for the past 70 years. Amazing! When you call the TMEA office, you get "Hello" not "TMEA" because it is my home phone line. I hope we share a goal to change this situation. Here is a suggested timeline as we move forward in 2016-17: 1) we will have a dedicated phone line for TMEA business. 2) we will begin the process of searching for and renting property for a TMEA office. 3) after office space is secured (possibly next year), we will proceed with hiring another TMEA staff member on a part time basis for approximately six months each year.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR MUSIC EDUCATION IN TENNESSEE!

Any Questions or suggestions?

Ron