

AVA General Meeting
AMEA Conference
Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center, Montgomery, Alabama
January 22, 2011

President Jane Powell called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Recording Secretary Cathy Shelton read the minutes, which were accepted as read.

Executive Secretary Pat Blackwell presented the financial report through January 15, 2011, reporting current assets at \$129,151.37, with \$117,541.93 in checking and \$11,609.44 in savings. Pat commented that Garry Taylor, AMEA Executive Secretary, has recommended that each division of AMEA hold at least one year's operating expenses in savings. The report was accepted as read and filed for audit.

Jane Powell thanked Jerry Cunningham, Jody Powell, Lis Donaldson, Rosephanye Powell, and Pat Blackwell for their help with AMEA, and welcomed Past-President Damion Womack back from his sabbatical leave. She expressed thanks to Decatur High School, Grissom High School, Bragg Middle School & Liberty Park Middle School for their performances @ AMEA and thanked Karen Anderson and Terry Moore for serving as accompanists to the clinicians.

Jane reported that 196 students auditioned for ASSC, from which 66 were chosen. Students in ASSC represent 27 schools; six more schools than last year (21 schools), and twelve more than two years ago (15 schools). She informed directors that ProCat would make a video of the ASSC performance at AMEA.

Jane reminded AVA members that a tentative All-State schedule had been on the AVA website for some time, and reported that a final version would be available soon. She announced that Jody Powell would soon send out an All-State packet to directors. Jane reported All-State audition statistics as follows:

2616 Students Registered to audition
1945 Students Auditioned
1076 Students from 176 Schools selected for 5 All-State Choirs:
SATB: 289
SSA: 230
TTBB: 151
MS Mixed: 196
MS Treble: 210

Jane expressed disappointment in AVA members for a lack of attention to detail, and urged them to take more responsibility for doing things right. She went on to explain that as of January 15, some directors had not submitted a student list with their All-State registration, had not paid late fees, and had sent in purchase orders whose amounts did not match the checks received.

Jane reported that new adjudication forms are being drafted for SCPA 2012, and reported that samples of them would be up on the website between March and May.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Shelton, AVA Recording Secretary/Webmaster