

AVA General Membership Meeting
September 5, 2008
Dawson Memorial Baptist Church

The AVA General Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Damion Womack at 5:35pm on Friday, September 5, 2008 at Dawson Memorial Baptist Church.

Treasurer's Report

Pat Blackwell presented the Treasurer's Report.

- As of September 2, 2008, there is \$80,887.02 in Checking and \$11,578.63 in saving with the total assets being \$92,465.65.
- Pat explained the Summer Board Expenses.
- \$12,000 deficit due to 3 districts not turning in final monies before June 30th and AVA has not received 2nd half of grant money.
- 07-08 treasurers' report has been filed for audit.
- There was a great turnout for Fall Workshop.
- Reminders about Show Choir deadlines for upcoming auditions.

MOTION to accept Treasurer's Report was made. MOTION was seconded and was carried.

Fall Workshop

Damion Womack discussed about getting involved with AVA. We need the memberships help and support to make this organization successful.

- 1st New Teacher Luncheon to answer any questions these new teacher may have.
- Express your ideas about what we can do better next year.
- There is the possibility of the membership making session proposals and applying for performance opportunities online.
- There is another possibility of doing a survey online for director's comments.
- Thanks to Cathy Shelton for the work she does on the website.

AMEA

- AMEA will be January 22-24, 2009 at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.
- There were 8 schools that submitted their choirs to perform at AMEA. 6 were chosen: 3 universities and 3 high schools. They are University of Montevallo, University of Alabama Birmingham, Jacksonville State University, Mortimer Jordan High School, Smith Station High School, and Clay-Chalkville High School.
- Headliner speaker for AVA will be Dr. Charles Robinson and he will conduct 4 sessions. One session will include Clay-Chalkville HS Choir as a demonstration choir.

State Performance Assessment

- State Performance Assessment will be April 20-22, 2009 at Meadowbrook Baptist Church in Birmingham.
- Input about issues with state performance assessment needs to come from the membership, so that we can come up with viable solutions that are in the best interest of AVA.

Executive Secretary

- Motion was made at the board meeting in March to investigate the establishment of the office of Executive Secretary. A committee was formed (Carl Davis, Susan

McCall, Damion Womack, and Jane Powell) to investigate and compile information about the possibility of creating the position. It was discussed at the summer board meeting at length.

- Jane Powell presented information on the Executive Secretary position which will encompass all duties of Treasurer as well as organizing AVA events.
- Damion asks for questions from the membership.
- Salary?- \$10,000 plus expenses, no benefits
- Criteria for selection?- Applicant needs to have a knowledge of AVA, and it will be open application.
- Who does the ES answer to?- President
- Will \$10,000 be enough to get quality applicants?
- One member requested that if we proceed with this position, that the ES keep up with the number of hours that they put into the job.
- Board decided to vote on ES by mail out ballot
- Process for voting: Membership needs 2 general meetings to amend the constitution, so vote needs to take place by AMEA.
- PETITION TO THE MEMBERSHIP to vote on the changing of the constitution in order to establish a new office of Executive Secretary (Jane Powell):

The governing board of the Alabama Vocal Association petitions the membership to amend the Constitution, Article VI, Section 6.1 to eliminate the elected office of Treasurer from the Executive Board and to establish the office of Executive Secretary, a non-voting office that will encompass all the duties of Treasurer as well as other duties, responsibilities, requirements and benefits, to be reviewed as needed according to AVA bylaws, including necessary changes to other officer's duties to be made by the President.

Membership accepts the petition. It is seconded, and it carries.

New Business

- Brent Coleman wants the board to look into putting All-State CDs on iTunes, and AVA can benefit from the profit that would be made.

Damion Womack thanks the membership for making his job easy and appreciates everything they do for this organization.

There was a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded, vote carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.