

ChoDA Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2010

**Old Business**

Approval of August meeting minutes- A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

**New Business**

- Greg asked for questions/ concerns to bring to the AMEA meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- AMEA has requested that each constituent group chip in money towards two clinicians to be shared across the board at the conference, one of which is advocacy driven. The board discussed the idea and raised the concern that we are not in a place financially that we can pay for this. It was requested that Greg tell AMEA that we are willing to schedule a session for these clinicians, but cannot pay.
- The board listened to each of the recordings that were submitted for conference performances. They included: Torolita Middle School, Shepherd Junior High, Desert Canyon Middle School, Poston Junior High, Moon Valley High School, Saguaro High School, Sunnyslope High School, Academy of Tucson High School, University of Arizona, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Arizona State Vocal Jazz.
- The board discussed and agreed upon having two performance sessions. The Friday performance session will be held from 2:30-4:15 and will feature three groups: Desert Canyon Middle School, Academy of Tucson, and U of A. The Saturday session will be held from 10:45-11:45 and will feature two groups: Desert Ridge High School and Chandler-Gilbert Community College.
- It was discussed and agreed upon that ChoDA awards will be presented at the Friday performance session.
- Julia motioned to approve the performance groups selected and noted above, and discussion followed. The following considerations were made: Is it easier for the Tucson schools to travel together? Would Friday or Saturday be better? We prefer not to have two high schools on the same performance. Friday is considered the bigger draw for the purpose of presenting awards. The board voted and the motion passed unanimously.

**Officer Reports**

Conference Chairs

Discussion of the Conference Grid

- Looking for someone to clinic the session on "Recruiting Male Singers"

- Janaya Robinson is scheduled to be in Rm 117 with a demo choir, needs to be moved to Rm 114/115 for more space.
- Robinson needs a demo choir for “Balancing Tone” session.
- Russell Robinson needs a demo choir, possibly invite Shepherd JH??
- Last session on Friday needs something added that is geared toward Elementary/Junior High.
- Need to find out if Jim Debusk is bringing his own sound system for his session.
- A group from Maine has submitted a proposal and is requesting funding. We as a board agreed that they will need to find a sponsor. We cannot pay.
- Tom Carter needs a demo choir for his session.
- Other room considerations were mentioned and noted by Amanda

#### Discussion of Conference Funding

- Russell Robinson- being sponsored by JW Pepper; however, ChoDA will still need to pay \$150 per day plus room and local expenses. It is estimated that the cost will be around \$750 total.
- Tom Carter- ChoDA needs to pay for his plane ticket from CA. (approx \$300) and pay for hotel and meals.
- Both clinicians will fit within the \$2000 budget that the board allotted for conference at the last meeting.

#### Other Conference notes

- Possibilities for demo choirs: Sunnyslope HS, Saguaro HS, and Shepherd JH.
- Need to discuss the submission process for demo choirs in the future.
- Need to revise the submission process for conference performances, possibly drawn from the ACDA format.

#### VP of Show/Jazz

- South Mountain will be the festival site for this year
- Registration deadline for auditions was Friday
- Audition schedules have been created
- Need to further discuss scheduling for the future
- Scheduling conflicts need to be handled by the directors then communicated to Suzanna
- We had 45 more registrations for Show Choir this year, but were down 3 schools.
- For Jazz, we were down 20 registrations and down 3 schools.
- Need to book hotel rooms for clinicians

#### VP of ES/JH Activities

- The fall festival is November 6<sup>th</sup>, the Phoenix site is Dobson HS. The Tucson site is Flowing Wells HS.
- The spring festival will be at Apollo HS.

- For the Prescott festival, Ted is still looking for a venue that is closer to the HS.
- Need adjudicators for the festivals. Ted got contact info from the board for a few possibilities.

#### VP of HS Activities

- We are down 11 schools total
- There was an error with the Flagstaff reservations (there is no Flagstaff site, the festival will be at Snowflake HS.
- There are 21 schools registered for the Phoenix site. The clinicians will be Ryan Holder and Judy Durocher or Janaya Robinson.
- There are 11 schools registered for the Tucson site. The clinicians will be Greg Gentry and Ed Hughes.
- There are 4 schools registered for the Snowflake site. Bruce Bishop will be the clinician. Frank is going to ask him to do both performance and sight reading clinic.

#### Treasurer/ Webmaster

- Joyce gave our current balance (\$6573)
- We were up \$280 in Jazz/Show registrations
- There are still 18 school that have outstanding balances. 6 of these schools are registered for upcoming festivals. Greg will work with David to communicate with these schools and collect fees, possibly send an email or letter that is cc'd to the principal.
- Joyce clarified that plane tickets for conference clinicians must be purchased by the clinician. ChoDA will reimburse them in February.

#### New Teacher Ex-Officio

- Currently creating a database of student teachers. Contacted the universities, still waiting for a response from ASU.
- Creating a Facebook page for student teachers and new teachers.
- Asked about a ChoDA logo- can we create one?

#### VP of Regionals/All-State

- Presented the sight –reading examples for Regionals and All-State
- The board read through the examples and would like to request that the 1<sup>st</sup> example of the regional example be changed from descending to ascending, so that the example starts on low “do” rather than high “do”.

#### Member at Large

- Working on updates

## Secretary

- Will send out an updated membership database

## Other

- We need to start thinking about recruitment for the upcoming board. Pictures and bios need to be submitted to AMEA by October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Our next meeting is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup>, it was requested that the date be changed to the 18<sup>th</sup>. Greg will send out confirmation of date and location.