

2023 COCDA Board Meeting

Board Members:

President: Shermie Potts

Secretary: Holly Sheargold

Treasurer: Wes Singleton

High School Chair: Sohailah Stout

Junior High Mixed Chair: Myles Simpson

Junior High Treble Chair: Dustin Boatright

I. Call To Order

- A. President Shermie Potts called the meeting to order on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 10:06am.

II. Approval Of Minutes From Last Meeting

- A. President Shermie Potts invited the membership to read through the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.
 1. Amy Knous moved to approve the minutes as read, Myles Simpson seconded, and the motion passed.

III. Financial Report

- A. Treasurer Wes Singleton presented the 2023 financial report. He also mentioned the need to spend money on some various things - commissioning a work, hiring someone to do junior high audition scheduling and scoring, and raising clinician and accompanist fees.
 1. Tiffany McGrew moved to approve the financial report as read, Stephania Abell seconded, and the motion passed.

IV. New Business

- A. President Shermie Potts informed the membership that we must select a festival date for next year due to a band contest probably being held on the Tuesday after first round all state auditions, and the best options being Monday October 28, Monday November 4, or Thursday November 7.
 1. Tami Massey moved to hold the festival on Tuesday, October 29, pending the exact date of the band contest, and Christine Hrubik seconded.

- a) Tami Massey amended her motion to state that we will give priority to holding the festival on October 29 and that if the band contest is on that day, that we will hold it on Monday October 28, and Amber Mash seconded.

- (1) Discussion - Amy Knous states that October 28th isn't ideal because it doesn't give students in the treble chorus much time to learn their music. Wes was able to confirm that the band contest is definitely on October 29.

- (a) President Shermie Potts took a vote by show of hands and the motion failed.

2. Tiffany McGrew moved to adopt Monday, November 4 as our festival date, Myles Simpson seconded and the motion passed.
3. Amber Mash moved to amend the bylaws to state that the festival date will be discussed and voted on at the business meeting of the prior year, and Taylor Selvey seconded.

- a) Discussion - Holly Sheargold mentioned that we wrote a specific festival day into the bylaws a few years ago so that we could avoid having this discussion at the business meeting every year. Amber Mash pointed out that if we're going to try to avoid band conflicts then we're going to have to discuss it every year anyway. Amber amended her motion to state that we will amend the bylaws to state that the membership will discuss and vote on a festival date as recommended by the president at each business meeting. Motion passed by show of hands.

B. Election of Shadows

1. Stephania Abell moved to elect Sarah Green as the incoming junior high shadow by acclamation, Christine Hrubik seconded, and the motion passed.
2. Karissa Parkhurst moved to elect Sohailah Stout as the incoming president shadow by acclamation, Wes Singleton seconded, and the motion passed.

C. Amy Knous moved to raise clinician fees to \$750 and accompanist fees to \$500, Angela Krows seconded, and the motion passed.

D. Christine Hrubik moved that we offer students more food options than just pizza for lunch at the festival and Tiffany McGrew seconded.

1. Discussion - Dustin Boatright confirmed that we will have gluten free pizza at today's lunch for those students who need it, but agreed that we could use some fruit and vegetables. Wes Singleton mentioned that we need to be careful with spending too much additional money on lunch.

- a) Christine Hrubik amended her motion to state that the board will explore options for additional food to be served to students at the festival lunch, Stephania Abell seconded, and the motion passed.

- b) Tiffany McGrew moved to add a place to list student dietary restrictions on the registration form and Myles Simpson seconded.
 - (1) Discussion - Wes Singleton stated that perhaps we shouldn't put it on the registration form but on the acceptance form. Tiffany rescinded her motion.
- c) Dustin Boatright moved to allow the board to discuss and make a plan for alternative lunch options and Myles Simpson seconded.
 - (1) Discussion - Karissa Parkhurst suggested that we go with something other than pizza for lunch. Wes stated that pizza is the most inexpensive option and if we did something else we'd have to raise the participation fee. Motion passed by show of hands.
- E. Charlotte Couch moved to explore using technology to judge and tabulate our auditions; Dustin Boatright seconded.
 - 1. Discussion - Matt Young - band director at Venita - uses a program, which he briefly explained to the membership. Motion fails by show of hands.
- F. Myles Simpson moved to commission a piece for the Junior High Mixed chorus in 2024, the Junior High Treble chorus in 2025, and the High School Mixed chorus in 2026, and then continue with that three year rotation. Katrina Randolph seconded.
 - 1. Discussion - Amy Knous stated that we could have it written for both mixed and treble choruses and have all choirs sing it. Wes mentioned that he doesn't know if we could afford to keep this going every year. Myles stated that commissions seem to run around \$4000. Motion failed.
 - a) Amy Knous moved that we commission one piece for all three choirs to sing in 2024; Tiffany McGrew seconded.
 - (1) Discussion - Amber Mash pointed out that this means that every student will have to learn an extra piece and that logistics will be more involved as well. Tiffany stated that we could adjust our schedule to include an extra thirty minute rehearsal for this at the end of the day. Wes pointed out that he doesn't think it's a good idea for the high schoolers to learn an extra piece. Amy Knous amended her motion to say that we commission a piece for 2024; Tiffany McGrew seconded. Myles Simpson added that the person must have the commission ready by the summer. Motion passed by show of hands.
- G. Tiffany McGrew moved to hire Jessica Cook as our audition manager for 2024; Myles Simpson seconded.

1. Tiffany McGrew amended her motion to say that we replace Ron Wallace as the Audition Coordinator with someone else at the rate of \$500; Taylor Selvey seconded; motion passed by show of hands.

V. Adjournment

- A. Amber Mash moved to adjourn the business meeting; Margie Green seconded; motion passed.