

2024 COCDA Board Meeting

Board Members:

President: Shermie Potts

Secretary: Holly Pritchard

Treasurer: Wes Singleton

High School Chair: Sohailah Stout

Junior High Mixed Chair: Dustin Boatright

Junior High Treble Chair: Aubrey Ross

I. Call To Order

- A. President Shermie Potts called the meeting to order on Thursday, November 11, 2024 at 10:03am.

II. Approval Of Minutes From Last Meeting

- A. President Shermie Potts invited the membership to read through the minutes from the last meeting.
 - 1. Christine Hrubik moved to approve the minutes as read, Myles Simpson seconded, and the motion passed.

III. Financial Report

- A. Treasurer Wes Singleton presented the 2024 financial report.
 - 1. Amy Knous moved to approve the financial report as read, Alisha Beleele seconded, and the motion passed.

IV. New Business

- A. President Shermie Potts stated that we must select a festival date for next year.
 - 1. Suzanne Morrison moved to put the festival date on the last Thursday in October unless that day falls on Halloween, and Amber Mash seconded,
 - a) Discussion:
 - (1) Amy Knous stated that the bylaws would have to be changed.
 - (2) Sohailah Stout pointed out that the Tuesday after first round auditions seemed like a good choice until we realized how many conflicts there were.
 - (3) Samuelle Reese stated that churches often book their schedules out far in advance.

(4) It is pointed out that the bylaws currently state that the membership will discuss and vote on a festival date as recommended by the president at each business meeting, but that the bylaws were not updated.

(a) Motion failed.

(5) Sharon Wayne moved to amend the bylaws to allow the board to decide on a festival date and location prior to the end of the school year, and Angela Krows seconded.

a. Myles Simpson mentioned that it is very important to some teachers for the festival to be held after first round all state auditions.

b. Amber Mash stated that we could send out a google form to rank date options to membership.

c. Motion passed by show of hands.

B. President Shermie Potts stated that it is time to elect a new HS chair shadow.

1. Courtney Tice nominated Suzanne Morrison, and Suzanne accepted.

2. Angela Krows nominated Samuelle Reese, and Samuelle accepted.

3. Amber Mash moved to cease nominations and Myles Simpson seconded.

4. A membership vote was taken, and Suzanne Morrison was elected HS chair shadow.

C. President Shermie Potts stated that it is also time to elect a new JH chair shadow.

1. Karissa Parkhurst nominated Collin Crull, and Collin accepted.

2. Amber Mash moved to cease nominations and Myles Simpson seconded.

3. Collin Crull was elected JH chair shadow.

D. Myles Simpson moved that the JH chair shadow is responsible for securing a commissioned piece to be performed during the festival that they are JH Mixed chair, and Karissa Parkhurst seconded.

a) Discussion:

i) Aubrey Ross pointed out that with this plan it will be two years before we have a commissioned piece.

ii) Amy Knous stated that we could commission a piece to be performed every year.

- iii) Amber stated that the membership could accept the current motion on the floor and then task the board with commissioning a piece to be performed next year in order to have a commission piece ready sooner than two years from now.
- iv) Motion passed by show of hands.

V. Adjournment

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

Appendix A

Present Members

Suzanne Morrison

Christine Hrubik

Dustin Boatright

CJ Carpenter

Stephania Abell

Alisha Beleele

Tami Massey

Myles Simpson

Steveanne Bielich

Jennifer Gillis

Gina Matlock

Margie Green

Mikayla McKinzie

Allena Hawthorne

Katrina Randolph

Courtney Tice

Amber Mash

Amy Knous

Samuelle Reese

Marla Cowherd

Wendyle Andrews

Dione Horne

Bryan Young

Angela Krows

Megan Deister

Shermie Potts

Wes Singleton

Sohailah Stout

Aubrey Ross

Kenneith Stock

Sarah Green

Holly Pritchard

Collin Crull

Karissa Parkhurst