MDTA Board Meeting
Monday, January 26, 2026
Zoom

Present: Nikki Boekhout, Yvonne Cole, Kara Toomer, Betsy Cuquet, Shelli Vaughn, Jean Woodward, Shelley McCain, Brett Elder, Janna Hagerty, Julie Catron, Zoe McCarthy, Karen Asbell, Melissa Albright

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes from previous mtg
    a. Shelley made motion to approve minutes. Betsy second. Motion passed.
3. Treasurer's report
    a. $79,208.04
    b. State expenses have not been paid yet.
4. Solo Competition
    a. Park Hill South
    b. MDTA members working: Karen A (Judges/Tabulating), Shelli V (site coordinator), Betsy (solo check-in, costume check), Janna (announcing), Leah (announcing), Sarah (assist Karen), Brittani (music)
    c. Shoes- sign to remind dancers to wear two shoes. Dancers will disqualified if dancing with less than two shoes or if costume is altered after inspection.
    d. Shelley and Brett will contact the athletic director to make sure WIFI will be available for guests.
    e. Judges/MDTA can enter at 3:30-4. DO NOT COME EARLY- NO PARKING
        i. Parking lot behind building by dance room entrance. Shelley will put door number in communication.
        ii. Tabulation is in dance room between the two competition areas.
    f. Doors open for spectators and dancers at 4pm. Competition begins at 4:30 pm.
    g. Separate entrances: Spectators will enter thru Athletics Entry doors (East end)
    h. Online ticking available-
        i. Ticketstripe $10 + small processing fee for spectators and $3 for team members- link will go live two weeks before event.
        ii. Our bank will also charge us a fee per transaction.
        iii. Will be able to email all spectators who purchase. However, Ticketstripe will not keep emails after the event. Easy to provide refunds. Will be able to look up unscanned QR codes.
        iv. Cash box will be held by Leah or Jean for emergency situation, but the option for cash payments will not be advertised or available for most spectators.

v. Nikki made a motion to move to cashless online ticketing with Ticketstripe for 2026. Leah seconds. Motion passed.

i. Coaches and Soloists FREE: Will have list of soloists/coaches names, stamps at team entrance

j. All dancers competing in large gyms- small gym for warmups

i. Soloist must check in with MDTA here in costume- carry form to gym to perform.

k. Online programs- will have QR code signs

l. Approx 218 soloists

m. Top 15 for seniors, 10 for junior/soph and 5 for fresh

n. Judges payments

i. Seniors-$180

ii. Soph/Juniors-$150

iii. Fresh- $100

5. Friday Night Set- Up at Municipal
    a. Shelley, Nikki, Brett, Zoe, Jean, Maggie
    b. Parking Friday
        i. Shelley will talk to Cody to reserve parking spots
    c. 3-7 pm- will set up trophies, signs, MDTA room, practice floor, etc.
6. Team Competition
    a. Sitemap: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Pgg5K6c6yoL06bl3fzG9N87sOu2kqoeR3fqbjuXYv_M/edit?usp=sharing
    b. MDTA Job Assignments
        i. Members arrive by 6:15 am unless coaching AM session
        ii. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1grtwS5FuWlUjoNMb6mF4ngtk5nNGKTREKp05Y8ff-kQ/edit?usp=sharing
    c. Parking-
        i. Text Shelley for parking spot.
        ii. Will need to enter thru southside14th street (TEAM/VIP ENTRANCE)
    d. MDTA/Judges
        i. Our rooms to store things, gather, eat, etc will be on same level as judges seating area- rooms 201/203
    e. Day Schedule
        i. 2,4,5 IN THE AM usually 8:15-2:30
        ii. 1,3,6 IN THE PM usually 3-9
        iii. Judges- transportation- Leah
            1. Two shuttles
        iv. Team Check-in Entrance-

1. Backside of auditorium SOUTHSIDE 14th Street- opposite spectators - Bus drop off at door
2. 103 teams
3. Pick up academic awards/ check team #- get stamp/wristband- 1st 10 teams directed straight to LEX to get ready- rest of the teams go up to team seating area

v. Team Warm Up Rotations
    1. 27-30 min total from 1st check-in in LEX to perform on floor
    2. LEX area- 4 sections-
        a. 1st (3 min) Mats
        b. 2nd- Even groups (6 min) walk thru/mark w/o music
        c. 3rd- Odd groups (6 min) walk thru/mark w/o music
        d. 4th- Full out w/ music
    3. Head upstairs on ramp to the right to check-in at arena floor entrance - can do team photo at backdrop, then into holding area
    4. **Teams should plan to be down in LEX area at least 30 min before their scheduled dance time. Ideally, we will try to give them 60 min between routines in schedule
vi. Music - table at back corner of floor- will have walkie with arena tech for issues
vii. Teams MUST store belongings up in team section of arena to save space for stretching in LEX mezz level- can change in bathrooms up by team side in arena or in 2 large bathrooms in LEX area
    1. Hoping to use small locker rooms for boy dancers/college teams
viii. Coaches Hospitality Room- provided by Varsity Fashion
ix. Athletic Trainers
    1. Hoping to have two- 1 AM and 1 PM for $40 per hour =$520 total
    2. Nikki motions that we pay for athletic trainers to have on site. Leah seconds.
x. Safety
    1. Costume/footwear issues. Teams cannot take the floor if costumes have cutouts, are barefoot, or have only one shoe. Teams can take the floor with paws or half-sole.
    2. Coaches can leave with teams directly- safety will text coach if they received a penalty- coach can request to meet with safety rep to hear explanation- all penalties going thru three checks so penalties are FINAL.

xi. Spectator Tickets:
    1. Online thru Ticketstripe- $20- can buy online - link live two weeks before- can buy with solo ticket to avoid extra fees.
    2. Doors open at 7:30am for spectators
xii. Programs- Melissa/Nikki
    1. Doing in Canva- spectators will scan QR code to view- looks like a flipbook- can embed live links for spectators, etc.
xiii. What is still needed? Crowd Etiquette/Sportmanship reminder?
xiv. Headshots - MDTA Board- send to Nikki by Friday if you want different than website
xv. Sponsors Update
    1. Tables for Fury, Bevel and Tony Illiams Foundation
xvi. College Teams
    1. Mizzou Dance Club, Truman State, Missouri Valley
    2. Coaches have issues with recruiting. Ensure that college teams who have tables do not pull dancers off the floor or with direct recruiting. Coaches can be contacted after the event.
xvii. Special Olympics and Sparkle Dance Performance
    1. Trophy needs to be ordered to give to sparkle teams
xviii. Can issue VIP tickets thru app so they can come in any entrance?
xix. Trophies
    1. Shelley needs to know number of trophies for each place. Asbell will provide.
xx. Academic Awards
    1. Zoe trying to get early to get in envelopes
    2. 315 academic medals have been ordered
xxi. Coaches Awards
    1. Only 2 coaches with 20 more more years
xxii. Community Service Award
    1. Vote on submissions – Jean
    2. 10 schools submitted form.
    3. Winner will be announced at state

7. State 2027
    a. Best option for St. Louis is Family Arena, Feb 27, 2027.
        i. Possible to add a practice floor with a music box facing away from black curtain.
    b. Yvonne motions that we commit to Family Arena for 2027. Asbell seconds. Motion passed.

Next Meeting-TBA

Submitted by Kara Toomer