

District V Choral Directors' Meeting

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Turner Ashby High School

Meeting Agenda

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call -
3. Approval of Agenda Motion Beth Jared 2nd
4. Approval of Spring 2017 Meeting Minutes Motion - Nathan 2nd Delwyn
5. Reports
 - a. Honors Choir Auditions
 - i. See deadlines on date sheet - Sept 13 posted by 15th
 - ii. Audition Piece - "If Music be the Food of Love"
 - b. District Chorus Auditions - Melissa Dull (Host) & Terri Butler (Chair)
 - i. Audition Piece - "Hallelujah, Amen" Handel
 - c. District Chorus - Sara Urry (Chair) & Jacqueline Knappenberger (Host) - **has contacted accompanists with no response - needs suggestions for Directors: Georgia Newlin; Dwight Bigler**
 - d. All Virginia Chorus Auditions - Nathan May (Chair) the Friday of Districts
 - e. Middle School District Chorus - Lindsey Wilson (Chair) KIM - get quota in by 9/29
 - f. Choral Assessment - Wes Dunlap (Chair) & Beth Houff (Host) - date March 17, 2018 - more participation = less cost
6. Dates
 - a. See Attachment
7. Old Business
 - a. Better Prepared Students for District Events -
 - i. District V Involvement **encourage students to audition;**
 - ii. Note check, sectionals, 5 selections? **Kaitlyn - adding a note check in 14 helped the overall preparation. Accountability and knowing the student would be heard helped Beth thinks that having 2 choirs is too much for our district. Nathan - thinks the 319 number is off might include middle numbers. Sara Urry - must be included to audition for States. Jared - thinks that may be part of the problem that it's used as a step to audition for All State. Don't reduce the number - just encourage preparedness. "Note check is possible" or you will be tutored/sent home**

Motion I - Go to 5 selections for District Choir both ensembles (Sara Urry, Motion. Jared Stutzman 2nd)

Motion II - Note check 45 minutes at the beginning of the day in 6 sections (Nathan May, Motion. Jake Schupner 2nd)

B. Website update - Sara Urry & Elizabeth Good

iii. <http://vcda5.weebly.com> Building the website so that directors have a resource for info.

8. New Business

a. VCDA Directory & Communication Link - sent in email by Wes on 9/11. Do it

b. Literature Manual Submissions - To Brian Kelly by 4:00pm on Thursday of Conference.

Make sure you've checked the website for doubles - middle and high. Nathan - not seeing alot of 3 / 4 grade material. Mid-range material needed. Wes - Need help with grading at Conference if interested.

c. All Virginia Audition - Reminder that all students that make Districts may now audition (9-12 who have made district choir)

d. Fall Meeting 2018 - Change format 5:00-6:00, choral ; 6:00 potluck with broad generalized topics; 7:00-8:00 band meeting Melissa offered to host.

e. New All Virginia housing - Directors have to find rooms for students. Districts are encouraged to work together. L & D Meals will still be provided.

f. VMEA Fee - \$.20 per student on each event, \$.25 (per student) for Assessment

g. NAFME - \$20 subscription will access all webinars - PD Credit

h. Hosting Paperwork

i. All contracts and finance reports are under Resources Tab on VMEA sight

ii. Use all current forms - not old ones!

iii. Financial Forms:

1. Must be sent to Doug Martin. The address is on the top of all the forms. Please inform school bookkeepers to change the address

2. New Honorarium - for an event it is now \$500. It MUST be postmarked within 8 weeks of the event. If it is postmarked 8-12 weeks after event it's reduced to \$200. After 12 weeks no honorarium

i. Dates - Please check dates section above for correct location and date. This is for VMEA liability and insurance. Dates can't be changed without VMEA approval.

j. Conference

i. Please pre-register for the event. New Teachers & Retired teacher the registration fee is waived if done ahead of time online. All pre-registrations must be completed by Oct 31.

Preregistration is on the VMEA website

- ii. Homestead is booked but Bath County Tourism said a lot of Bed & Breakfasts are still available.
- iii. Guidebook App - Please download this as they will no longer be printing a full calendar. They are moving to the digital world and will only print a brochure that gives minor details for the conference. Conference schedule will also be located on VMEA website ahead of time.

k. VMEA Updates

- i. STEM to STEAM - **Met with Congress and Senate adding A into STEM**
- ii. Middle School Career Exploration Course **trying to keep electives available for middle school students; talk to parents, principals, school boards.**
- iii. TRI-M **would love to see more chapters - waiving fee for the first 10 that apply**
- iv. MIOSM **March 2018 - #pictures, videos to take to Congress as proof of arts viability**
- v. Recertification Information **Requests for copies no more.**
- vi. Copyright and Recording Concerts **Legal backlash from companies. We cannot record and sell concert recordings**

9. Event Hosts & Chairs

- a. All District Auditions 2018 - Host & Chair **Nathan May/Kaitlyn Townsend**
- b. All District Chorus Event 2019 - Host & Chair **Terri Butler/Sara Urry**
- c. Middle School District Event 2019 - Host & Chair
- d. All Virginia Auditions 2019 - Host & Chair **Melissa Dull**
- e. Assessment 2019 - Host & Chair **Beth Houff/Wes Dunlap**

10. Adjourn

Other:

Parameters for Guest Directors - a directive (Melissa)