

District V Choral Directors' Meeting

Monday, September 9, 2019

Fort Defiance High School

Meeting Agenda

1. Call To Order--5:02 by Wes
2. Roll Call--via introduction
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. *Motion--Jacquie Knappenberger*
 - b. *Second--Sara Urry*
4. Approval of Spring 2019 Meeting Minutes
 - a. *Sight Reading--approved of returning to guidelines set in 2012 by our district (listed below)*
 - *A cappella*
 - *8 measures long*
 - *Measures 5 & 6 identical to measures 1 & 2*
 - *Begin and end on low do*
 - *Range: Low ti-high la*
 - *Skips: do-mi-sol*
 - *Note values: whole, half, dotted quarter, quarter, eighth*
 - *Rests: quarter*
 - *Keys: C, D, Eb, F*
5. Reports
 - a. Honors Choir Auditions
 - See deadlines on date sheet - The date has been moved up do to weather in VA Beach area. No grace period!
 1. *Friday, September 13th*
 - Audition Piece - "I attempt from Love's Sickness to Fly"
 - Event: Holiday Inn - Staunton
 - Andre Thomas - Guest Conductor - Commissioned Piece for VMEA
 - <http://www.vmea.com/index.php/events-menu/honors-choirs>
 1. *Checked all recordings--keys are correct.*
 - b. District Chorus Auditions - Terri Butler (ERHS)

- Audition Piece - *The Heavens Are Telling* - Haydn - Measures 121 through 144
 1. *All info to Terri by OCTOBER 9*
 2. *Website will be up shortly*
 3. [Google Drive Folder with all District V Audition Pieces](#)
 - c. District Chorus -Jacqueline Knappenberger (SDHS)--Jan 17 & 18
 - Guest Directors - *Tommy Tutwiler SATB & Kathy LaFon, accomp; Mac Lambert SSAA & Jeremiah Padilla, accomp.*
 - *Checking into getting rep from Musical Source*
 - d. All Virginia Chorus Auditions - Melissa Dull (Chair) the Friday of Districts
 - *VCDA Website--Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind*
 - *More information below in agenda*
 - e. Middle School District Chorus - Sarah Layman (SMS)
 - Guest Director - *Janet Hostetter, Cory Lecrone*
 - *March 6 (Wed., March 18 snow date)*
 - *Students selected via quota sheet--teachers work at their own discretion based on their numbers of performing students*
 - *Every school can be represented by at least two students*
 - f. Choral Assessment - Wes Dunlap (Chair) & Beth Houff (Host)
 - *Added clinic last year--considered successful*
 1. *25 minutes on stage total*
 2. *Judge added, so cost increased slightly \$6.00/student*
 - *Middle School participated this year, made sure one of the judges was a middle school judge*

6. Dates

- a. See List at bottom of minutes
- b. *Link for Blue Ribbon--Oct. 10 live; dies Feb. 14*

7. Old Business

- a. Events Host/Chair - see attachment
- b. Note check at District - reminder
 - *Being kept for this year as long as weather doesn't deter; used to make sure students are prepared for their parts*
- c. Assessment help and Professional Development

- *Help to earn Professional Development hours, especially if you don't have a group performing, or 1/2 day if you do*
- *Nice to have adults in charge as opposed to students*

8. New Business

- a. VCDA Directory & Communication Link - By Oct 10th
- b. Literature Manual Submission
 - Check list BEFORE submissions
 1. *Different voicings must be graded individually (i.e. grade for SSAA arrangement does not translate to SATB arrangement)*
 - Deliver at conference in big tub or have to me by Tuesday before conference. Must have form filled out and a photocopy of music attached.
 1. *Rubric online to fill out to give your opinion of what the grade of the music should be when turning it in.*
 2. *To re-evaluate, form must be filled out with specific reasons as to why the change should be made.*
 - Let Dana Van Slyke know if you are interested in being a part of the grading committee
 1. *Takes place Thursday evening (snacks & wine!)*
- c. VMEA Conference
 - Donald Stutzenburger (formally from Shenandoah University) reading sessions
 - They are trying to line up more people from the Commonwealth to run/present because we have a wealth of knowledge here.
- d. Sight-Reading Committee Information
 - *Read up on the email so that we can be ready to go at conference with questions, thoughts, etc.*
- e. All-Virginia 2020
 - Audition selections - "Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind"

- A student may NOT be disqualified from auditioning if the “All-Virginia Chorus Commitment Form” is not turned in.
- If forms are not fully complete when they are submitted to VCDA the student will automatically be rejected from the event and an alternate will be called.
 1. *Alternate students can be notified fairly late about acceptance.*
- The forms should be checked by Parent, Director, District Rep before being submitted
 1. *Question--Form format confusing?*
 2. *We, as directors, can highlight what needs to be signed.*
- SATB - Dr. Julie Yu-Oppenheim, Kansas State University
- SSAA - Dr. Amy Voorhees, Susquehanna University

f. District Assessment Date

- *State date--falls on beginning of Augusta, Page & Staunton spring break (March 21)*
- *Moving to Friday/Saturday event could increase the cost slightly due to adjudicator housing & extra meal; or if the extra day allows for more groups to participate it may mediate that extra cost*
- *Discussion:*
 1. *Prior weekend--Thursday/Friday District Band Assessment*
 2. *Weekend after--end of spring breaks*
 3. *Directors can petition to go to a different district assessment*
 4. *Would more groups participate if Friday evening was an option?*
 5. *Easier for transportation for some if there is a Friday evening*
 6. *Better for directors with multiple groups?*
 7. *Google Form--Wes will be sending out this week*
 8. *Kelly Lawton--SR judge, Ryan Keebaugh--stage clinician*

g. Musicians Google Doc - Melissa Dull



- <https://forms.gle/fvFcb9e8RxH4ineR7>

- h. Other new business
9. Adjourn
- a. *Motion--Jacquie Knappenberger*
 - b. *Second--Sara Urry*
10. Meeting/Potluck in Cafeteria

DATES - District V - 2018/2019

- VMEA Honors Choir Registration - Sept 13th, 7:00pm (online registration), Sept 16th (check postmarked)
- VMEA Honors Choir Auditions - Oct 12th - Longwood University
- District Auditions - Nov 5th @ East Rockingham High School
- VMEA Conference - Nov 21-23 @ The Homestead
- High School District Choir - Jan 17 & 18 @ Stuarts Draft High School
- All Virginia Auditions - Jan 17 @ District Choir
- Blue Ribbon Submission Form - Oct 10 - Feb 14 (online registration)
- Middle School District Choir - March 6, FDHS
- Choral Assessment - March 21st @ Harrisonburg High School
- All Virginia Choir/Band & ACDA Middle School - April 23-25 @ Richmond

EVENTS HOST/CHAIR

- District Chorus Auditions - Terri Butler
- High School District Chorus Event - Jacqueline Knappenberger
- All Virginia Chorus Auditions - Melissa Dull
- Middle School District Chorus Event - Sarah Layman
- Choral Assessment - Bethany Houff (Host) Wesley Dunlap (Chair)