

District V Choral Directors' Meeting

Monday, September 13, 2021

5-6pm @ Staunton H.S.

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- I. Call to Order - 5:08 PM
- II. Roll Call - Nathan May, Kimberly Mumbauer, Jeff Ryman, Bethany Houff, Bridget Fulton, Lillian Harner, Terri Butler, Sarah Brenneman, Jared Stutzman, Jon Wilson, Melissa Dull, Elizabeth Alford, Emily Deamond, Kendra Piscitelli, Mitchell Evans, Kaitlyn Townsend, Sara Booth, Adam Miller. ON ZOOM - Debbie Mongold, Crystal Blakeney, Karen Doyle, Miranda Fitzgerald
- III. Please email nmay@rockingham.k12.va.us to update your contact information or enter it here: [Roster](#)
- IV. VMEA Update-Jon Wilson
 - A. Jon went over the fall meeting information. See actual document (Google Form) for hyperlinks and further information.
 - B. By the end of this week, we should have COVID-19 Mitigation information from the state for events this year. It isn't mandated for us as a district, but it is what the state will require, and may provide some resources.
- V. Approval of [Spring 2021 Minutes](#) Motion: Bridget Fulton Second: Kendra Piscitelli
- VI. Approval of Agenda - Motion: Bridget Fulton Second: Jon Wilson
- VII. Reports/Events
 - A. NAFME/VMEA Membership - \$130 (usually reimbursed by your school) \$30 goes to VMEA
 - B. [VMEA Calendar](#)
 - C. Honors Choir
 1. Virtual Auditions
 - a) Register by Sept. 17th-see [document](#) for deadline checklist
 - b) Payments (for students who plan to audition) postmarked by Sept. 24th- send a check, pay via CC or students may be able to pay too.
 - c) Audition Song is "If Music Be the Food of Love" - Purcell - All sheet music and accompaniment tracks are online [HERE](#)
 - d) Audition Window: The link for the audition should be open around October 1 and should close around October 7.
 - e) Remember - students will have two opportunities to record prepared piece, but if a student doesn't use the first and records again, the second must be used.
 - f) "Opus Events"- www.opusevent.com
 - g) The event for Honors Choir is scheduled to be in- person at the conference.
 - D. [Conference](#) - \$75 (free for 1st year teachers)
 1. Virtual, November 18-20, 2021 in Norfolk, VA
 2. Fall VCDA Meeting - Nathan's proxy = Beth Houff
 - E. All-District Choir Auditions - Nov. 2 @ TBD (Chair & Host Needed)
 1. Audition song? - Same as state aud. or our rotation song [Mendelssohn](#)
Motion: Jeff Ryman: Move that use All State Audition Piece "Where 'Ere You Walk" as Audition Piece for District Auditions. Second: Sara Booth
[Motion Passes.](#)

F. All District Chorus - January 21st & 22nd @ Staunton H.S.

G. All-VA Choir

1. Auditions - Jan. 21, 2022 - Where E'er You Walk
2. <https://www.vcda.net/index.php/2013-12-10-04-17-46/all-virginia-menu/allva-chorus-audition.html>
3. April 21-23, 2022 - Richmond, VA - Hoping for in-person event
 - a) SATB - Dr. Paul Head, University of Delaware
 - b) SSAA - Dr. Lynn Gackle, Baylor University

H. [Mentorship](#)

VIII. New Business

A. Please update your [Director Info](#)

B. Mitigation for our District

1. All District Events are encouraged to be in person. It is our decision
2. School Requirements
 - a) Rockingham - ≥ 3 ft. w/ masks (none outside) (FT-2 to a seat-masked) (All County in October was cancelled.)
 - b) Harrisonburg - ≥ 3 ft. w/ masks
 - c) Augusta - =3 ft. w/ masks (FT-masked)
 - d) Staunton - ≥ 3 ft. w/ masks (FT-masked)
 - e) Page - ≥ 3 ft. w/ masks
 - f) Waynesboro - ≥ 3 ft. w/ masks
 - g) Lexington -6 ft apart with masks-outside (NO FT-but District Events are okay)
 - h) Rockbridge - ≥ 6 ft. w/ masks (Requested original Colorado study of 10 ft.) (Allowed to travel at this point-masked)
 - i) Buena Vista-≥ 3 ft. w/ masks (FT outside-2 to a seat, windows open 3 inches.)
 - j) Private (Stuart Hall, BRCS, EMHS) - EMHS-≥ 3 ft. w/ masks (FT okay)
3. Concern about size of choir and length of event as to whether administrations will approve or not.
4. If going virtual with the audition process we need to decide what to use for that process.
5. Concern about needing to quarantine due to close proximity may also be an issue.
6. We are also awaiting what VMEA may be able to provide as far as vaccine documentation, etc.
7. Assessment also looks differently than a “mass” choir at Districts. (Framework for virtual assessment does exist-somewhere.)
8. Decisions about student participation (virtual or in-person), should be known before/by November.
9. Is there flexibility to see how things are looking, and even shift the event so outside venues are an option, or split the event, so some portions are virtual and some are in-person? (Augusta County is having a County event outside with masks @ 3 ft.)
10. There is also the concern of meeting the All State audition deadlines.
11. Is there the flexibility to lower the bar to provide the audition to audition to keep student excitement up? Keeping November in-person auditions, but then provide the opportunity for students to decide whether they actually participate in the event or not? (Essentially in-person auditions, but the event could end up going virtual.)
12. Rehearsal spread out in the auditorium 3 ft. apart would be beneficial for students to sing together, even if there isn't an “actual” on-stage performance. (This could also be a virtual concert/recording.)

C. Event Sign Ups

1. All-District Chorus Auditions-- November 2nd, Chair??? **TBD-contact Nathan if you change your mind**
 - a) (same day as RCPS Conferences - move to Nov. 6th?)
2. All VA Auditions - Chair - Kaitlyn Townsend
3. Assessment - March 25th & 26th @ EMHS, host; Jared Stutzman, chair - Bethany Houff

D. Continue 2 (SSAA & SATB) Choirs @ District Chorus?

Motion: Jared Stutzman Move to have single District Choir and ignore voice part distinctions in the audition process for results. Second: Beth Houff

Motion Passes

1. Jan. 20-21, 2022 @ Staunton H.S. - Host: Lillian, Chair: Adam Miller
 - Director and Accompanist needed soon-Digital information about past directors and pieces should exist-if there is one and you locate it, please share with Nathan.
 - Share ideas with Lillian and Adam as well.
 - a) **Guest Conductor/Judge Suggestions Form**
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeb_xNpoCxB8F760ixsOBtr27hvclBgfE54JMeOcMtWETbCJg/viewform?usp=sf_link
 - b) [District 5 Past Repertoire/Directors](#)

E. [VMEA Exec. Board Meeting Info](#) - including link to nominate awards (admin. & educators)

IX. M.S. Business

- A. MS District Choir @ Staunton H.S. - Wednesday, March 23, 2022 - Director Ryan Keebaugh
 1. Chair - Debbie Mongold
 2. Host - Jon Wilson

X. Motion to Adjourn: Melissa Dull 2nd: Adam Miller Motion Passes :)

Meeting Adjourned: 6:29 PM

Links to Items of Interest

[January District V Meeting Agenda](#)

[January 2020 VMEA Executive Board Meeting Minutes](#)

[April 2020 VCDA Meeting Agenda/Information](#)

[June 2020 VMEA Executive Board Meeting Minutes](#)

[September 2020 VCDA Section Leadership Meeting Minutes \(Unapproved\)](#)

[September 2020 Council of Review Meeting Agenda](#)

[September 2020 VMEA Treasurer's Report](#)

[August 2020 VMEA Town Hall Meeting](#) (Passcode: @Ns.vR3Q)

Notes: Honors Choir - Zoom style workshop