

# District V Choral Directors' Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 4:30 pm

Robert E. Lee High School

## Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Director registration both for District V and VCDA by 9/30- Please be sure to complete this online document, if you haven't already done so -<http://www.jotform.us/form/31565956652161>
- III. Approval of Agenda- motion to approve: Jeff Ryman, second: Terri Butler, Vote: approved
- IV. Approval of Minutes (added)- motion to approve: Nathan May, second: Melissa Dull, Vote: approved
- V. Old Business
  - A. Honors Choir - <http://www.vmea.com/index.php/honors-choir.html>
    - Online registration deadline: September 16
    - Postmark deadline for student forms, school check, and print out of online form: September 18
    - Audition selection: I Attempt from Love's Sickness
    - Auditions: Oct. 10 - Longwood University
  - B. All-District Chorus Auditions
    - Tuesday, November 3 (Election Day) - 12 noon - 8pm
    - Spotswood High School - Host/Chair: Nathan May
    - Audition selection: The Heavens are Telling- Haydn, mm 121-144
    - Forms are online and "live" in the folder Nathan May is sharing
      - Sight reading recordings will be updated
      - Registration will be electronic- deadline Oct. 13th
      - If you have recommendations for adjudicators, please e-mail Nathan
      - Forms will need to be sent to Nathan along with payment; \$7 + VCDA fee
    - *District 5 District Choir Prepared Piece Rotation*
      - 2015 = *The Heavens Are Telling* - Haydn - Measures 121 through 144
      - 2016 = *How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place* - Brahms - 5 Measures before C through the bottom on pg. 9 first measure (tenors measure before)
      - 2017 = *Hallelujah Amen!* - Handel - Beginning through Measure 18
      - 2018 = *He Watching Over Israel* - Mendelssohn - Measures 40 through 59
      - 2019-2022 = *Repeat the above rotation*
    - *Link to sheet music and accompaniment tracks for audition pieces*
      - [https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0Bx4PIrf\\_BQT4YXQ2V0szMkthN3c&usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0Bx4PIrf_BQT4YXQ2V0szMkthN3c&usp=sharing)
  - C. All-District Chorus Event
    - February 12-13 (snow date 19-20)
    - Stuarts Draft High School - Host/Chair: Bethany Blouse, assisted by Lillie Harner
    - SATB - Dr. Stephen Hopkins, Appalachian State University
    - SSAA - Dr. Karen Keating, Shenandoah University

- Jeff Ryman- Having rehearsal tracks for choirs to help prepare students; Nathan will look into creating rehearsal tracks, coordinating with Lillie and Bethany; Goal to have rep list by early Nov; Goal to have rehearsal tracks by early Jan.
  - District forms are DUE AT AUDITIONS (recommended to have state forms ready to go)
- Middle School Chorus- at Wilbur Pence March 11 (snow date April 8); look for e-mails from Kim

#### D. All-Virginia Chorus Auditions

- February 12 at SDHS
- Chair: Wes Dunlap
- Audition selection: Blow Blow Thou Winter Wind; on VCDA website, along with updated forms

#### E. All-Virginia Chorus Event

- April 28-30, 2016 Virginia Beach
- Westin Virginia Beach Town Center (lodging and meals) & Sandler Center for the Performing Arts (rehearsals and concert)
- SATB - Dr. Daniel Bara, University of Georgia
- SSAA - Dr. Deanna Joseph, Georgia State University

#### F. Assessment

- March 19, 2016
- Harrisonburg High School - Host: Beth Houff, Chair: Melissa Dull
  - Encourage participation, as a district event
  - Fees should be about the same as previous years (\$5 per student)

#### G. Conference

- First year teachers can pre-register and do not need to pay the registration fee (mail-in only, by 10/31); form on VMEA website
- November 19-21, 2015
- Norfolk Waterside Marriott and Sheraton Norfolk Waterside

### VI. New Business

#### A. 2016-17 events:

1. All-District Auditions 2016- Date tentatively set for Election Day; Host: Terri Butler
2. All-District Chorus Event 2017- Feb 10-11 (snow- 17-18); Host: Lillie Harner; Chair: Abby Hostetter
3. Middle School District Chorus Feb. 11, 2017 at Waynesboro High School
4. All-Virginia Auditions 2017: Wes Dunlap
5. Assessment 2017 Date TBD; Site Host: Beth Houff; Chair: Wes Dunlap

#### B. VMEA info

1. Job opening: VMEA Government Relation Chair - see VMEA website for more info.; if you have a recommendation for someone who might be good at this/enjoy this, please send suggestions
2. Music is now recognized as a “core” subject! (looking into 2 teachers for every 1,000 students)
3. “New” issue: transgender students auditioning for District/State- This will be discussed at state level soon; Right now, student is held to physical gender for establishing voice part

selection; however a committee will be meeting to discuss legal concerns. Potentially ask for a representative from each district. If you have any suggestions or feedback, please contact Lillie Harner.

4. Literature manual submissions: mail to Mandi Townley or place in the designated box at conference. (Photocopy of the music and the submission form.) Send a photocopy of music with NO staples or paperclips. Put each copy of music in a folder. Submission information on VMEA website. Current rep list is on the website, as well.
5. Forms: please use updated versions found on the VMEA website for all events.
6. Why be in VMEA? Events are insured, cover royalties for performances so we don't have to pay it. Encourage admin to make membership a part of your school's BUDGET
7. VDOE website- Music SOLs have been updated; There is also a table corresponding arts SOLs to other core content

VII. Adjourn- motion- Jessica Strawderman; Second- Wes Dunlap, Vote- approved