

District V Choral Directors' Meeting

Saturday, February 11, 2017

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order
- II. Confirmation of Agenda
- III. Approval of Fall 2016 Meeting Minutes **Motion to Approve - Pete Echols 2nd Sara Urry**
- IV. Reports
 - A. District Chorus 2017 - Luke and Lillie - **Luke explained health issues, thankful for help Lillie - lack of student preparation. Need to encourage better preparedness - SSAA had language heavy selections**
 - B. All-Virginia Auditions - Wes - **All went well**
 - C. All-Virginia Chorus 2017
 - April 27-29, 2017 - Moss Arts Center at VA Tech, Blacksburg
 - SATB: Christine Bass, Temple University
 - SSAA: Dr. Iris Levine, Cal Poly Pomona
 - Chaperones, Room lists, Music pickup
 - Cost per student: \$240 - more info will be sent to you
 - Check and forms to Robert E. Lee High School, postmark by March 10, 2017.
 - D. Assessment - Beth and Wes - **Wes will resend link to sign up. 5 schools as of 2/11. MDull advocated for participation.**
 - March 18, 2017
 - Harrisonburg High School - Host: Beth, Chair: Wes
- V. Old Business
 - A. 2017-18 events:
 1. All-District Auditions 2017 - Host: Melissa, Chair: Terri **Date: Nov 7, 2017**
 2. All-District Chorus Event 2018 - Host: Lillie, Chair: **Host: Bethany Blouse**
Chair: Sara Urry
 - a) Would like to change location/host **above- proposed date change to Jan. 19, 2018**
 - b) Also need a chair for this event - **above**
 3. Middle School District 2018 -
 4. All-Virginia Auditions 2018 - Chair: Nathan
 5. All-Virginia 2018 - Richmond, combined with Band
 6. Assessment 2018 - Host: Beth, Chair: Wes
 - B. VMEA info
 1. Forms: please use updated versions found on the VMEA website for all events.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Concerns/ideas to consider next year
 1. State audition issue with 1's and 2's
 2. Fall meeting date/attendance - **please attend, Lillie will send out questionnaire via Google forms**
 3. Distribution of labor for events **please help; 19 directors and only 9 duties**

- 4. Due dates for forms and payments **be on time to alleviate stress for chair/hosts.**
 - B. Determine date for All-District Auditions. **Will propose January 19, 2018**
 - C. District Representative elections **Paige Edwards - new District V Rep beginning ?**
 - D. Line-up and concert logistics **Wes/Beth & Delwyn/Jake**
- VII. Adjourn **move Sara Urry 2nd Jeff Ryman**

Discussion :

How to better prepare students

Jarred - note check clause

Melissa - 1st hour note check BUT space issue since we hold event during school hours

Nathan - sectional if necessary; limit to 5 selections instead of 6

Terri - Move District date away from the stress of musical weekends

Record tracks for students?

Jeff - optional Sunday rehearsals to better prepare

Why is this a problem:

Luke - 2 sets of music with multiple divisions

Caliber of students ??

Our audition selections do not always give a good idea of how a student will function in the group

Other: 1. All VA rules need to be in the All VA packet

2. Concern about the proposed combined ALL STATE event (choir, orchestra, band)

Jarred Stutzman wrote out concern signed by All District V Choir Directors. To summarize:

Those students performing in multiple disciplines will now be limited to choosing one area to audition. This decision to combine all disciplines is unfair to smaller divisions whose students do cross participate/perform and will certainly make top heavy in numbers the students from the NoVa area who only perform in one area.

3. To help new teachers it was decided that a central website might be helpful. Sara Urry and Elizabeth Good are helping to get that up and running. (I think)