

# District V Choral Directors' Meeting

Saturday, February 13, 2016

## Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order: 9:35am
- II. Confirmation of Agenda
  - A. Old Business update- Jeff- MS District Chorus date is March 11, 2017
  - B. **Motion** to confirm- Melissa Dull; 2nd- Wes Dunlap; Vote- pass
- III. Approval of Fall 2015 Meeting Minutes
  - A. **Motion** to approve- Anna Jarrett; 2nd- Jeff Ryman; Vote- pass
- IV. Reports
  - A. District Chorus Auditions- How to decide who is which part (S1, S2?)

### *Discussion Notes-*

1. Could we create a shared document so that we can make a decision together about balanced voicing? (Nathan May)
2. Have students decide voicing ahead of time and then separate auditions out by 1s and 2s and take top scored for those parts (even though audition piece is not divisi)(Beth Houff)

### *Follow up discussion notes-*

- a) more separation for auditions= dividing out judges, for shorter day
  - b) agreed on having students select part; then teachers make final call, but not splitting up soprano auditions; break up sight reading and repared piece into two rooms (Jared; state wants us to separate by odds/evens (Nathan)
  - c) separate choirs first, then figure out odds/evens
  - d) figure out divisi earlier; create a list of those who made it + part and figure out balance (make list easier to read for this) (Jeff)
  - e) Have those tallying scores discern; concern about Bass/Tenor and within certain circumstances; Give students choices of 1, 2, or either; then have list-maker decide
3. Have students list choice of voice part on audition paperwork: 1, 2, or either (Jeff); add third option of "either" on the form sent in to audition chair (Terri)

### *Follow up discussion notes-*

- a) Jared/Jeff- Bigger concern for SSAA choir for divisi (Jeff/Jared)
- b) Are there excel documents available as template? (Terri) Nathan will send
- c) Encourage students to select "either" unless they really can't do both (Nathan)

**Motion**- I move to change the district V audition form to include an option for 1, 2 or either for the voice part with the understanding that directors will encourage our students to audition for "either"/both, if possible. The chair host, audition chair and district rep will include part assignment with the district choir audition results. (Luke Black, Nathan May, Jared Stutzman); 2nd- Terri Butler; Vote- pass

### Discussion Notes

1. Nathan- auditions concern: Having enough help to tally. Concern with scheduling needs by school. Splitting up prep audition and sight reading will potentially speed up process. Terri- could get instrumental directors for sight reading. Work on logistics for organization.
2. Terri- be as accommodating as possible to help students out so that they are not choosing between arts and something else. Concerns of transportation. Hiring bookkeeper to help with input of scores?
3. Date for auditions: Jeff- concern with having auditions on Election Day. Split it up over Fri evening & Sat? Terri- Ask permission to move District date; All day on Saturday (8am-5pm) Nov. 12?

**Motion-** Beth Houff: I move that we hold District auditions on Election Day Tuesday Nov. 8, 2016.  
2nd- Wes Dunlap; Vote- passed with majority; Apposed- 2

#### B. District Chorus 2016 - Bethany and Lillie

1. Bethany- logistics: help with clearing your school's dressing rooms. Change 12:45-1pm: mixed chorus will be in cafeteria during women's performance
2. Help with programs, doors during performance

#### C. All-Virginia Auditions - Wes

1. Tenors: Could we take the other tenor 2 instead of the tenor 1?
2. Send the 4 tenor 2s?
3. Be sure to fill out rooming list; get all forms and music

#### D. All-Virginia Chorus 2016

- April 28-30, 2016, 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
- Make reservations ASAP
- Chaperones
  - Female- Delwynn
  - Male- Wes
- Cost per student: \$247 - More information in folder sent to your email (+ \$.25)
  - Get music and forms from Lillie
  - Forms/check due March 7th
- Check and forms to Robert E. Lee High School, postmark by March 7, 2016.

#### E. Assessment - Beth and Melissa

- March 19, 2016
- Harrisonburg High School - Host: Beth Houff, Chair: Melissa Dull
  - Melissa: Please bring your kids to assessment!
  - Adjudicators: Curtis Nolley, Joel Bremner, Sheba Lane, Kelly Lawton

### V. Old Business

#### A. 2016-17 events:

1. All-District Auditions 2016: East Rockingham - Terri Butler - Election Day, Nov. 8th
2. All-District Chorus Event 2017: R. E. Lee - Lillie and Abby - Feb. 10-11

- a) Modification/Update: Luke Black- hosting All District; Lillie is co-chair
- 3. Middle School District 2017: Waynesboro HS, MARCH. 11: Tiffany Temple, Asst. Principal K.C. MS
- 4. All-Virginia Auditions 2017: Wes Dunlap
- 5. Assessment 2017: Host - Beth Houff, Chair - Wes Dunlap, Date TBD
- B. VMEA info
  - 1. Forms: please use updated versions found on the VMEA website for all events.
- VI. New Business
  - A. Volunteer to take over the note-taking job from Abigail.
    - 1. Terri Butler will be taking over note-taking responsibilities!!!
- VII. Line-up and concert logistics
- VIII. Adjourn- **Motion**- Jared, 2nd Anna; Vote pass