

District V Choral Directors' Meeting

Monday, March 15, 2021

5:30PM via Zoom

Join meeting:

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Meeting ID: 922 2149 4373

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- I. Call to Order 5:34
- II. Roll Call Screen Shot
- III. Approval of Agenda Motion: Jon Wilson; 2nd: Paige Edwards
- IV. Approval of [Fall 2020 Minutes](#) Motion: Karen Doyle, 2nd: Sarah Layman
BREAKOUT ROOMS
- V. MS Unfinished Business Jon Wilson taking notes; District V Rep - nominations needed for election
 - A. 2021-2022 MS District Event
- VI. HS Reports
 - A. All-District/All-VA Auditions (results will be linked prior to meeting)
 1. State results are set Results sent 3/15. How can you see total scores? - You cannot. The total scores seen via Opus are it. Individual questions per student may be inquired of through Melissa. Paige will help answer those questions also.
 2. District results need to be discussed momentarily No breaks for Districts yet. Low numbers have left questions. Mel suggests that we allow all singers to participate. Nathan suggests that there are ways to help mitigate the imbalance and errors in recording. Agreed all students who auditioned will be participating in District Choir this year.
 - B. All-District Event
 1. Guest clinician is Dr. Benjamin Bergey (EMU)
 2. 2 selections: All is Holy & Bridge Over Troubled Water (Recent selection, but the director wanted this one due to our journey in pandemic). Accompaniments are recorded by the director. Ordering Information is in the Melissa's email
 3. Dates for District virtual events are April 10 & 17, both 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Students choose one to attend.
 4. Kyle (& Jackie) are "hosting" district choir / creating a virtual concert. Dr. Bergey has offered to assist with editing.

Cost for the event - not known yet. Nathan May is the Chair for the event. Monies go to Spotswood High School % Nathan May. Workshop participation is gate key to participating in All-VA Choir. Students District videos are due April 22.

What does participation mean? - Students must go to one of the sessions 4/10 or 4/17 and should submit a video by April 22. Video Screens on requirement for the workshop session.

Videos will be submitted via information sent by Nathan and/or Kyle K. Nathan will create specific folders by school so that Directors will know which of their students have submitted a District Video. Melissa will send a sign-up sheet for duties.
 - C. All-VA Event (Info from Dana Van Slyke) -
 1. We will begin with our opening session on Friday April 23rd at 4 PM.
 2. Our guest artist will be **Jacob Collier**. If you are not familiar with him look him up ! Your students will be amazed as will you!

3. Later that evening at 7 PM we will have a session with some members of VOCTAVE. They will show some performance footage and talk about their careers.
 4. On Saturday morning we will have sessions led by Dr. Eugene Rogers from UMICH. He will lead our choirs through their pieces. We will have two choirs and two pieces. His second session will hopefully be an interview with the composers. More info to come soon.
 5. Saturday afternoon we have invited Chanticleer to present a session on vocal health as well as sharing some performance footage.
 6. And we will have a brief session on how to complete the virtual choir recordings with our sound engineers from Arts Laureate.
 7. Our plan is to combine with VBODA for a youtube live premiere of all of the ALL VA ensembles at the end of May.
 8. We will have more specifics about deadlines, schedules etc. as the next couple of weeks progress.
 9. I believe the cost of our event will be under \$60 per student. The usual VCDA ALL VA fee is \$75 without room and board, so we are trying to give everyone as much of a financial break as we can. Again we will give more specific details as soon as they are available.
 10. Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we continue to shape this event.
- D. [Executive Board Meeting Minutes \(DRAFT\)](#)

VII. HS New Business

- A. District Results
- B. Event Signups--[Signup Online](#) **Please do signup to serve.**
Needed: District Audition: Host and Chair
Event Chair
Assessment Host - HHS or EMS but not March 18/19, 2022 -
Jared will check about 3-25/26 to see if assessment can go that weekend.
What about Friday during the day as a field trip for choirs? YES!
4 judge vs 3 judge with a clinic type situation - extended time on stage
- C. Calendar Dates (to be discussed/approved)
 1. All District Audition--Saturday Nov. 6 (VCDA) vs. **Tuesday Nov. 2** (District V Precedent)
 - a) Continue with OpusEvents? **IF we do a virtual audition, working out the scoring element must happen. Should we aim for a virtual option again? Jared - and others think that in-person audition is important, (which is true).**
 2. All District Event/All-VA Audition--February 11-12 (VCDA) vs. January 14-15 (District V Precedent) **Avoid MLK weekend. Staunton High School January 21/22.**
 - a) Helpful to have director secured by June 1 if possible.
 3. Assessment--March 18 (VCDA Recommended, District V Precedent)
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- D. District Representative Election
 1. Nominations for District Rep: **June 2021-May 2023 Nathan May. Jared: Nominations Closed. Beth Houff: 2nd Nathan May will serve as District V rep for 2021-2023.**

VIII. MS/HS Adjourn

How to accommodate singing when our students come back to 4 full days a week.

COVID Mitigations - Augusta - 6 ft masked at all times no longer than 30 minutes. Spoke to HVAC folks and made sure that air was circulating properly. Cleaning between classes. Augusta has air purifiers that a chemical is placed in and must run 2x per day.

RCPS - leave room after 30 minutes.

Page - still at 6 ft but general classrooms at 3 ft.

Crystal's question - Spring Concerts? - streaming, outdoors, masked....

Jared - EMS did a live outdoor concert and while the quality suffered, Jared felt it was worth it. Parents and students are tired of the virtual type arena.

Paige Edwards - Fall -recorded a concert in the gym . Spring - singers in the stands, audience in lawn chairs on the track

Nathan - live outdoors...but will probably go to an indoor concert with mitigation

Beth Moved to adjourn Nathan Second.