District VI Choral Director’s Meeting

Patrick Henry High School - Nicole Schmitt, Host

September 16, 2017

**Minutes**

1. Meeting was called to order by Nicole Schmitt, District Representative
2. All Directors introduced themselves.
3. Lenora Turner led everyone in new warm ups and rounds
4. Dr. Stanboard and Jeremy Craft talked about their college programs and upcoming performance opportunities for students.
5. Joel Bremner introduced his new sight reading program and curriculum.

II. Confirmation of Agenda. Motion was made by Tim Woolwine and seconded by Russ Preston. Agenda approved.

III. Old Business

1. Audition Reminders
	1. New Audition Repertoire for High School All-District and All-Virginia:
	2. “She Walks in Beauty” by Arthur Finer (2017-2018) - reminder that it is “climes” and not “chimes”, this will be updated on PDF ASAP.
	3. “Whither Must I Wander” (2018-2019)
	4. “Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind” (2019-2020)
	5. “Where’er You Walk” by Handel (2020-2021) (singular “Glade” correction)
2. Middle School Audition Piece - “O Danny Boy” (2017-2018)
3. Audition Location: Lord Botetourt High School, Joel Bremner
	1. High School hosted by Lenora Turner, William Fleming High School and Finances by Amanda Sprouse, Alleghany High School
	2. Middle School hosted by Bradley Stump, Addison & Breckinridge Middle Schools and Finances by Terry Haynie, Glenvar High and Middle Schools
	3. Joel asked that directors make an effort to have students eat lunch at his high school to help with fundraising. He also expressed concern with finding enough volunteers and that there would be a way directors could sign up volunteers online.
	4. Directors were reminded that the deadline date to register students online and to postmark checks is October 13. After that date no new students would be allowed to register. Directors were also reminded that they need to double check their online registration before submitting it.
	5. The fee for auditions will be $7.20 per student
	6. Terry Haynie reminded directors to make sure they are teaching the correct audition piece to students.
4. All-District Event Locations
	1. High School All-District will be hosted by Tim Woolwine, Blacksburg High School, at Christiansburg High School. Tim spoke about the change in the lodging this year. All directors will be responsible for setting up and paying for lodging for students for the event. The hotel will have rooms blocked off for students but it will be up to directors to house students.
	2. Middle School All-District will be hosted by Matt Bartley at William Byrd Middle/High School.

V. New Business

1. District VI
	1. District Calendar was mailed out. Please note All-Virginia Auditions will be on February 9.
		1. 2017-2018 Calendar
			1. Consider helping other teachers share hosting events
			2. Student Dietary Requirements submitted ahead of time
			3. Please be thinking about hosting ahead of time
			4. Read forms, watch deadlines, anticipate
			5. If you have a question, email hosts directly
		2. 2017-2018 Conductors
			1. High School Mixed - Dir. Meredith Bowen of Radford University
			2. High School Treble - Rebecca Tyree of VCU
			3. Middle School Mixed - Sherlee Glomb, Gainesville Middle School
			4. Middle School Treble - Diane Covington, Retired Teacher from Raleigh, NC
		3. Audition paperwork for registration directions & audition parameters
			1. $0.25 fee per event per student for Assessment (only pay once for each student)
			2. $.0.20 fee for all other events
			3. New fee of $7.20 for All-District Auditions. Joel Bremner discussed the budget and the need to raise the fee due to the fee of the judges.
		4. Electronic Registration
			1. Lenora reminded directors to register by the deadline on October 13. Communicate with hosts if you are traveling with another school. Check needs to be postmarked by October 13. New nonmember fee is $126.00. Bring your NAfME card. If you forget you will need to show some kind of confirmation.
			2. Nicole showed Demo on how to register for All-District Auditions online. Link will be emailed out. This is the Formal, Final Registration. Joel mentioned that a copy of your registration will be emailed out and that it will not be necessary to print out the registration before submitting online.
			3. Financial Forms and Checks will still need to be mailed to the Financial Hosts.
		5. Motion was presented by Darren Goad the district raise the key for the Middle School Audition piece, “O Danny Boy”, from A Major to B-Flat Major for Bass and from D-Flat Major to E-Flat Major for Tenor. Motion was seconded by Jacob Davenport and passed by the District.
		6. Absences at All-District event must be approved by the District Committee. There is a form on the VCDA website that must be submitted in advance.
		7. Nicole passed out Event Host Rotation Handout
		8. District VI Website ([www.districtvi.weebly.com](http://www.districtvi.weebly.com)). Please help new directors sign up for the website. The password is 4singing
		9. Update Director Roster on website as well as through VCDA link. Please help new teachers with this.
2. VCDA
	1. All-Virginia, April 5-7, 2018
		1. Richmond, VA hosted by Mike Horanski and Mandi Steele. Conductors are unknown for right now.
		2. Housing: on OWN, responsibility of each school or district, using the event hotels. Meals will still be handled.
		3. Chaperones are teachers in charge of own students. No assigned VCDA chaperones anymore.
		4. Thanks to Heather Anderson of Tunstall High School for hosting All-Virginia Auditions.
		5. Audition piece for All-Virginia Auditions will be “She Walks in Beauty”
		6. Honors Choir Audition piece will be “If Music Be The Food of Love” by Henry Purcell. The piece is up on the VMEA website.
		7. No student may audition for All-Virginia unless the form is completed in black ink and is legible.
		8. All high school students who make All-District may audition for All-Virginia Auditions. Nicole and Tim Woolwine reminded directors to screen students before allowing them to audition.
		9. Nicole reminded directors that if they are hosting an event to the please check the Operations Manual on VMEA and VCDA Websites. There have been updates and changes. The literature manuel has also been updated on the VCDA Website.
		10. Fill out the google form from Mandi Steele for VCDA Directory by October 14!
3. VMEA
	1. Conference will be on November 16-18, 2017 at The Homestead
		1. Registration deadlines are absolute and must be done on the VMEA webpage.
		2. Registration for VMEA is $75 for the pre-registration. New and Retired teachers may attend for free if they pre-register. If not it will be $40 on site. The pre-registration deadline is October 31.
		3. Keep an eye out for Adjudicator Training Sessions
		4. Diane Eaton is this year’s headliner
		5. Check out the mobile app for Conference, Guidebook
		6. Consider submission for performance and sessions
	2. Literature Manual
		1. Next submission in a box at VMEA for 2017-2018 District Performance Assessment. Please check the online manual first
		2. If a different voicing or edition, it does need to be re-graded. If you would like to submit pieces for the literature manual please follow instructions on the VCDA website to submit. Directors may mail in their selections or bring them to conference.
	3. Honor’s Choir Auditions
		1. Date: October 14, Longwood University. Jeremy Craft will be hosting the event. Registration is past due
		2. Robert Stamback Award due October 20, 2017. Applications on the website.
		3. This year’s conductors will be Dean Enstminger
		4. VMEA Administrative Fee is $0.20 per student
	4. Stay up to date with Advocacy through VMEA!
4. Other Business
	1. Remind 101. Please sign up. Text @62721 to 81010 or 703-962-6810
	2. Please help make rehearsal tracks following the meeting
	3. Nicole thanked everyone for helping and for coming
	4. Darren Goad reminded directors that District Assessment will be on March 15-16, 2017 at Radford University.
5. Motion to Close
	1. Motion was made by Jacob Davenport and seconded by Derrick Thompson. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:18 am.