Sept 14, 2019

District VI Choral Directors Meeting

1. Call to order
   1. Everyone introduced themselves!
   2. Darren called the meeting to order!
2. Confirmation of agenda
   1. LeeAnn Sheridan motioned to approve. Terry Haynie seconded. Approved.
3. Approval of minutes from Spring 2019 meetings
   1. Tim Woolwine motioned approve. Heather Perryman seconded. Approved.
4. Old Business
   1. All Districts : Joel Bremner, Mandi, Bradley, Amanda.
      1. Joel – reminder about Google link. Use to register, you will receive a PDF back. Send that in with the financial form and the check.
      2. Darren reviewed the Weebly website and how to use it for auditions.
      3. Question from the floor – question about starting pitching for the tenors and basses and getting a new starting pitch in the proper octave. Joel would need to know if we are fixing this and getting it updated.
      4. Motion – starting pitch be corrected for tenor and bass for the sight reading starter. Kristi seconded. Discussion. Motion was Amended – done in octaves and extend it to the high school tenors and basses as well. Joel – trial period and then we vote.

Katie Seidemann made the Motion – table discussion, come up with recordings and vote later online. Seconded. Approved.

* + 1. Reminder about special requests – audition times, student coming alone (parent and principal signature), as well as NAFME card!
    2. Volunteers for District auditions, Joel explained we need about 60 people. Students and teachers. Nicole explained a form she used to get kids to sign up and will share.
  1. All District events
     1. HS – LeeAnn Sheridan and Terry Haynie.
     2. MS – Matt Bartley and Glenda Inman.
  2. Conductors were reviewed.
  3. All VA auditions – Host is Tim Woolwine. Will be Google Form and paperwork.
  4. Reminder – absences from District events needs approval. There is a form on the VCDA website.
     1. Reasons why: VHSL sponsored event. Only one block of rehearsal.
     2. Notified before alternates cut off.

1. New Business
   1. VMEA.
      1. Small ensemble performance. Applications at the end of September. 11 slots open. Must be a student group. No piano.
      2. 2020/2021 in Norfolk. 2022/2023 Richmond.
      3. Pre-registration is $75 before Oct. 31.
   2. Honors Choir
      1. Longwood Oct 12
      2. I Attempt from Love’s Sickness
      3. Registration due yesterday. Paperwork posted by Monday.
   3. Sight reading guidelines and procedures
      1. New copies for HS and MS were handed out at the meeting today by Darren. Hasn’t been passed yet, it will be voted on at conference.
      2. Nicole asked if we are still reading 1 sight reading level below for Blue Ribbon – Darren confirmed.
   4. VCDA
      1. All Virginia – April 23- 25 in Richmond.
      2. Event just like last year, meals handled, housing on their own. We chaperone them.
      3. Commitment forms need to be in black ink. Everything needs to be completed. New this year, forms aren’t due at the time of registration.
      4. Literature manual – you can submit at VMEA conference. Double check that it isn’t graded already.
      5. Reminder – new VCDA gender policy. All District and All Virginia.
   5. District VI
      1. District performance assessment - hosted by Sara Harkrader
      2. Reminder about sight reading updates.
      3. You only pay the .20 fee once per student.
      4. Blue ribbon – one level below performance.
      5. Website reminder.
      6. Event Chairs – check out the VMEA manual and for forms.
2. Other Business
   1. Everyone thanked Darren.
   2. Kristi Vernon – help with religious issues in choral literature and gender neutrality with attire.
      1. Joel mentioned there is a statement on the NAFME website.
   3. Jeb – Virginia Tech Honors Choir information.
   4. LeeAnn – question. All City Chorus. Anyone interested in conducting. Event is in February.
   5. Brenda Jarrett at Appomattox having struggles with health please keep her in prayers and thoughts.
   6. Terry Haynie reminder about tshirts for all district choir events.
3. LeeAnn motioned to close, Katie seconded. Approved!

MEETING ADJOURNED