

District VI Choral Director's Fall Meeting  
Patrick Henry High School – Roanoke, VA  
Saturday, September 14, 2013

**Minutes**

- I. Call to order (11:45AM)
- II. Roll call
- III. Confirmation of Agenda
  - A. Motion made by Lois Castonguay, second by Kristi Vernon. Motion passes.
- VI. Reading & Confirmation of minutes from spring meetings
  - A. Minutes are present on the website, please refer and corrections to Mandi Townley.
- V. Old Business
  - A. 2013 - 2014
    - 1. HS Mixed – Dr. Ryan Hebert, University of Tampa
    - 2. HS Treble – Dr. Lauralee Songer, Lee University
    - 3. MS Mixed – Dr. Jeff Marlatt, Shenandoah University
    - 4. MS Treble – Dr. Christopher Swanson, Longwood University
  - B. 2014 - 2015
    - 1. Please suggest local conductors
      - a. Dr. Sandborg, Roanoke College
      - b. Sue Spataro, Ferrum College
      - c. Michael Erhlick, W.T. Woodson HS
      - d. Tommy Tutwiller, C.D. Willson
      - e. Stephanie Standerfer (MS)
      - f. Kim Davidson, Roanoke College
- VI. New Business
  - A. VMEA
    - 1. Honors Choir Auditions- Robert Stamback Award, due October 19 (October 5<sup>th</sup> auditions) – Application due AFTER students are chosen
    - 2. Conference – November 21 – 23, 2013 in Hot Springs, VA
      - a. Registration on VMEA.com (\$70 for pre-registration)
        - 1. Focus on assessment in sessions
      - b. Consider submission for performance and sessions
      - c. Teacher evaluation sessions
        - 1. National NAFME is working hard to create resources for administrators and teachers on How To assess teachers
        - 2. Kelly Parks from Virginia Tech is leading national information
    - 3. Performance applications for 2014 will be due in April
    - 4. Advocacy (Report from Lois Castonguay)
      - a. National NAFME – Chris Woodside is working hard to help individual teachers, the national office will send someone to your school, write letters, and help
      - b. All-State events are being researched to have them on the same day and same location

- c. If you are having issues, contact VCDA president (Lynne Babcock), VMEA President (Lois Castonguay), and national Advocacy Director (Chris Woodside).
  - 5. Redistricting process – Continuing Feasibility study
    - a. District Reps are being asked to fill out a survey on the part of the district to provide information to the redistricting committee
      - 1. Salem High School
      - 2. Franklin County HS
      - 3. William Byrd High School
      - 4. Cave Spring HS
      - 5. George Washington HS
      - 6. Radford HS/ Radford University
      - 7. EC Glass HS
      - 8. Liberty Christian School
      - 9. Christiansburg HS
      - 10. Blacksburg HS
      - 11. Jefferson Forest High School
  - 6. VMEA Administrative Fee
    - a. \$5 fee per school per event
      - 1. Yearly about \$25 - \$40 depending on the school
      - 2. Fee goes directly to VMEA
  - 7. Standards of Adjudication Committee
    - a. Information meeting at conference
    - b. First training at All-State event
      - 1. Consideration for webinar training
  - 8. VMEA Educator/Administrator Award forms
    - a. Please go to the VMEA awards link on the VMEA website
- B. VCDA
  - 1. Literature Manual – Music submissions in a box at registration for the 2013-2014 Performance Assessment
  - 2. All-Virginia Auditions
    - a. “Shenandoah”
  - 3. All-Virginia Choir
    - a. No auditioning unless the form is complete
    - b. 2014 All-VA Choir – Harrisonburg High School, Apr. 24-26
      - 1. SATB – Dr. Sandra Snow, Michigan State University
      - 2. SSAA – Iris Levine, Vox Femina, Los Angeles
      - 3. All students housed at Holiday Inn.
        - a. Directors will need to make separate housing arrangements
    - c. 2015 All-VA Choir – Sheraton Premiere, Tyson’s Corner
      - 1. SATB – Dr. Brady R. Allred, Salt Lake Choral Artists
      - 2. SSAA – Dr. Betsy Cook Weber, University of Houston
  - 4. Sight-Reading Committee Update
- C. District VI
  - 1. District Calendar – Separate form
    - a. 2013-2014 Calendar
      - 1. All-District Choir at Christiansburg HS with Jeremy Craft Host

2. Please be thinking about hosting ahead of time
  3. 2014-2015
    - a. HS All District – Salem HS
    - b. MS All District – Jefferson Forest HS(?)
  4. 2015-2016
    - a. HS All District – Blacksburg HS
  2. District VI Website ([www.districtvi.weebly.com](http://www.districtvi.weebly.com)) Password:4singing
- A. Audition Reminders
1. HS Audition Piece – “Shenandoah”
    - a. One verse only for district email
  2. MS Audition Piece – “Beautiful Dreamer”
  3. MS Sight-Reading Audition

Sight-reading will include intervals of so-mi and/or mi-so, as well as a quarter rest”
  4. HS Sight-Reading Audition Sight-Reading keys
    - a. As voted on by the membership in Spring 2012...
      - i. HS – C Major and E-flat Major
      - ii. MS – C Major and F Major
  5. All-Virginia Audition Host
    - a. 2013-2014 – Amanda Sprouse w/ Lenora Turner
- B. ACDA
1. All-Virginia MS Honors Choir

## VIII. Other Business

- A. Recommended Web resources
- a. Remind 101 handout
    - i. High School (text phone number (804)-451-5378 with message @d6high)
    - ii. Middle School (text phone number (804)451-5378 with message @d6middle)
- B. Thank you to Terry Haynie and Becky Kilgus
- C. Matters from the floor
- a. Joe Austin requested information about Honor’s Choir procedures
  - b. Patty Truxillo requests to do district t-shirts again
  - c. Moment of silence for Jane Montgomery, former district VI teacher (Heritage High School)