MSVMA District 8 Spring Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2013

Members Present: Matt Snell, Bethany Bickel, Shelby Love, James Cumings, Doug Armstead, Helen Hansens, Kyle Zeuch, Carol Hatch, Sharon Garner, and Samara Valla.

* I.               Welcome & Introductions
* II.             Dinner
* III.           Call meeting to order: Meeting was called to order at 6:59pm by Matt Snell
* IV.           Fall 2011 Meeting Minutes: Doug Armstead moved to accept the minutes. Helen Hansens seconded.
* V.             Financial Report: Bethany Bickel moved to accept the report. Shelby Love seconded.
* VI.           Thank you to this year’s festival registrars & hosts: Sheri Tulloch, Monty Bishop, Mary Wall, James Cumings, Matt Snell
* VII.         District 8 Meeting and Festival Dates & Sites for next year:
* a.     Fall Meeting, September 18, 2013
* i.     Professional Development: 12-4pm professional development will take place.  Doug Armstead will lead a discussion on the **“Educational Uses of the MSVMA Rubric”**
* ii.     Host Holt High School: Monty Bishop
* b.    Spring Meeting, May 6, 2014: Will once again be held in Mason at Bestsellers.
* c.     HS S&E Festival, February 7-8, 2014
* i.     District 8 Members would like to move to two festival sites.
* 1.     Matt will talk to Ginny and Nancy about the possibility of having two different weekends.  To avoid the conflict with MSBOA District 8 S&E
* ii.     Sherri Tulloch, Grand Ledge (Matt Snell Registrar)
* iii.     Bethany Bickel & Ron Rudland at Parma Western
* d.    HS Choral Festival, February 19-21, Holt HS, Monty Bishop host
* e.     JHS/MS Choral Festival, March 21-22, Holt JH, Amber Emerson
* i.     It was decided that we would try to move the festival to March 20-21, by having the festival start Thursday evening more schools will be able to attend the festival.
* VIII.       JHS/MS S&E Festival, April 26, 2014, Hayes M.S. Grand Ledge Doug Armstead
* IX.          Discussion on Festival dates for 2015
* a.     HS S&E \_\_\_Feb 6-7, 2015\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* b.    HS Choral \_\_\_Feb 18-20, 2015\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* c.     JHS/MS S&E \_March 19-20, or 20-21 2015\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* d.    JHS/MS S&E \_\_April 25, 2015  If we continue current schedule
* X.            Discussion of next year’s fees – Do we want to raise fees?
* a.     Matt and Helen are going to look at the budget for each festival and suggest a fee at the fall meeting.  The idea is to establish a fee that allows us to keep a balanced budget.
* XI.          MSVMA Proposal 13-01: Passed Unanimously!!
* a.     **Form a President’s Council**, comprised of our MSVMA past Presidents, who will meet as needed to discuss one or more MSVMA issues as advised by the current President and Executive Director.
* b.    **Rational:** Utilize knowledge, experience, and institutional memory of our former leaders to advice and brainstorm ways to improve our organization.
* c.     **Cost:**Possible meal expense.
* d.    Proposal submitted by Mandy Scott.
* XII.        MSVMA 2013-2014 Tentative Calendar – review/discuss
* XIII.      Summer Conference, July 31- August 1-2, 2013 Radisson Hotel @ Lansing
* a.     New teachers receive a reduced rate by $100
* b.    Richard Bjella, Headliner
* XIV.      District Concerns
* a.     Kyle Zeuch: was recently hired as the new Director of the MSU Children’s Chorus.  Anyone interested in auditioning can contact him at 517.355.7661
* b.    Doug Armstead moved that we donate $500 to Rebecca Scofield as she continues here treatment in Cleveland.  Second by Carol Hatch
* XV.        Emeritus membership nominations
* XVI.      Honors Choir Nominations – JHS/MS, HS - not by specific choir
* a.     JHS/MS: 3 Nominations
* i.     April Tini
* ii.     Amanda Koba Plymouth Canton
* **iii.** **Kristin Zaryski**
* b.    HS: 3 Nominations
* i.     Matt Snell
* ii.     Kyle Zeuch
* iii.     Monty Bishop
* XVII.    Teacher of the Year
* a.     Erich Wangeman
* b.    Russ Larimer
* XVIII.  Election of District Manager. Would like to start training someone – nominations?
* a.     Matt Snell: Nominated by James/Doug second. Unanimous approval
* b.    Mary Hoffmeister: Nominated by Matt Snell/Helen Hansens second. Unanimous approval
* XIX.      Adjourn: Motion by Shelby Love, second by Helen Hansens
* a.     Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.