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*Our mission is to educate and inspire all people to understand and value the art of vocal music,  
and its lifelong impact on the human spirit.*

### **DISTRICT 11 Fall Meeting**

Brewster's Food and Spirits of Portage

9/21/2015

5:30 Pre-meeting - 6:00 Meeting/Dinner

### **Agenda**

1. **Call to order - Eric Cadena at 6:04pm-** Members Present  
Dennis Burchett, Crystal Sherd-Chew, Dusty Morris, Julie Pelligrino, Eric Cadena
2. **Approval of agenda-** Motion made by Morris, second by Pelligrino.
3. **Approval of May 2015 district minutes-** Motion made by Burchett, second by Morris.
4. **Receive treasurer's report – Eric Cadena-** we lost \$1,024.67 last year. The cost for piano tuning at S & E increased significantly, Dusty will be looking for a different tuner. The amount of events at S & E decreased significantly last year. Current checkbook balance is \$2,878.45. Will spend about \$1,500.00 in the next month to purchase sight-reading books and medals/certificates. Overall, there are no major concerns from those present.
5. **September 12<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting update-**
  - a. **Proposal 14-02** Upper Elementary Involvement at Choral Festival- passed 06/13/15
  - b. **Proposal 14-09** Change the SR Guidelines for the Required Number of Books Needed at MSVMA District Choral Festivals- tabled 06/13/15 then defeated 09/12/15

- c. **Proposal 15-01** Change the Name of Choral Festivals- defeated 06/13/15
- d. **Proposal 15-02** Create a Full Board Position College/University Liaison passed 06/13/15
- e. **Proposal 15-03** Scoring of Rubrics at State Solo & Ensemble Festival- passed 06/13/15
- f. **Proposal 15-04** Soloists at State Solo & Ensemble Festival passed 06/13/15
- g. **Proposal 15-05** A Cappella Festival- passed 06/13/15
- h. **Proposal 15-06** Eliminate MYAF Jazz Choir- passed 06/13/15
- i. **Proposal 15-07** All-State Jazz Choir- passed 06/13/15
- j. **Proposal 15-08** Outstanding S & E performances at MYAF Opening concert passed 06/13/15
- k. **Proposal 15-09** Advanced HS Sight Reading Redesign- passed 06/13/15
- l. **Proposal 15-10** Payment for Honors Choir Directors- passed 06/13/15
- m. **Proposal 15-11** Selection of Honors Choir Directors- passed 06/13/15
- n. **Proposal 15-12** Rotation Process for Selection of Honors Choir Directors withdrawn 06/13/15
- o. **Proposal 15-13** Final Determinations for JMS Choirs at State Choir Festival defeated 09/12/15
- p. **Proposal 15-15** Move the Responsibility for the Distribution of Awards and Medals to the MSVMA State Office- passed 09/12/15 to clarify district inventory remains with Eric and medals/certificates will be available at each festival site.
- q. **Proposal 15-15** Alternate Rubric Choices for MSVMA Festivals- Tabled until Jan. 2016. Members in attendance are opposed to using the old rubric and are opposed to this proposal.
- r. **Proposal 15-16** Duet Auditions for JMS TTB Honors Choir passed 06/13/15.
- s. **MSVMA rubric analysis-** This is a truly fascinating study providing tons of data on our rubric. One suggestion from the study was a possibility of a different final determination scale

for junior high choirs. The suggested value was 6 points on our 120 point scale. There was not agreement from members in attendance. We could easily see both sides of having a different scale for JH and not having one. Interesting tone and pitch together account for 85% of variance in total score.

**6. September 15<sup>th</sup> DEADLINE for membership application  
-\$350 Register online in "View Profile"!**

All Transfers for District and State Events must be submitted by Nov. 15, 2015

**7. Festival Registration/Application process**

- Directors will register using the on-line scheduler for S&E and Choral Festival, just like last year... Final invoice including required signatures and paperwork must be printed, postmarked and mailed by the registration deadline. Full payment of fees and appropriate paperwork with signatures must be mailed with the invoice.
- Directors are encouraged to request payment in advance with their school districts.
- School check, cashier's check or money order is required.
- Changes to repertoire – 2 weeks in advance of festival!

**8. MSVMA Handbook-available on-line at MSVMA website**

**9. Honors Choir deadlines and music- see MSVMA website** HS first round auditions submit online using Acceptd. Please also refer to Angel Gippert's email from Sept. 13th. Students can use the same account as last year and update information or directors can create one account per school.

**10. District Festivals Fees 2015-2016**

**S&E Fees:**

Solo - \$20.00

Small Ens. (2-5 singers)- \$30.00

Large Ens. (6-20 singers) - \$40.00

**Choral Festival Fees:**

Each Choir - \$125.00

**11. Dates for District 11 activities for 2016**

JMH Solo & Ensemble

Date – February 12th/13th

Location– Vicksburg High School

Host – Dusty Morris

JMH Choral Festival

Date – March 8th/9th

Location – First Wesleyan Church, Battle Creek

Host – Greg Black

**12. Proposed Dates for District 11 activities for 2017**

JMH Solo & Ensemble

Date – February 10th/11th

Location– Vicksburg High School

Host – Dusty Morris

JMH Choral Festival

Date – March 7th/8th

Location – First Wesleyan Church, Battle Creek

Host – Greg Black

**13. Carolyn F. Leep Scholarship Fund**

Donations- will wait until Spring to see if district funds allow

Application (due Nov. 15, 2015)

**14. Michigan Youth Arts Festival- Donation-** will wait until Spring to see if district funds allow

**15. All communication for D11 events will be done through MSVMA e-mail**

- All correspondence should be sent to:  
**Eric Cadena ([ericcadena@msvma.org](mailto:ericcadena@msvma.org))**

- All invoices and fees are sent to:

**Eric Cadena  
Sturgis High School  
216 Vinewood Ave.  
Sturgis, MI 49091**

- All **STATE EVENTS** are sent to **STATE SUPERVISORS.**

ALL MEMBERS MUST VISIT both MSVMA and the DISTRICT 11 WEBSITE FOR UPDATES AND INFORMATION

**16. District 11 concerns to be presented at the January Full Board Meeting-** none mentioned

**17. Other Business-**

- a. **Adjudication Clinic** October 3- hosted by Brandon Ulrich at Stoney Creek HS. Dusty mentioned it is a worthwhile experience; you are able to learn a lot from the day
- b. **Chamber Choir Festival-** Nov. 10 West Ottawa HS- a non-rated festival. It is a very positive experience for everyone involved. <http://www.msvma.org/ChamberFestival>
- c. **Musical Theatre S & E Festival-** Nov. 14 GVSU <http://www.msvma.org/SEMusicTheatre>
- d. Clayton Parr has a spot open for one more high school choir at Albion College Choral Fest.
- e. **Clinician Consultant Program-** check out the list and details online. MSVMA will reimburse up to \$185 for you to bring in an approved clinician to work with you and/or your students <http://www.msvma.org/ClinicianConsultantProgram>
- f. **Music Educator Male Ensemble (MEME)-** Dusty mentioned the performance in Portage this Sunday Sept. 27th. Details have been sent in a previous email.
- g. **Possible Boys/Men's Choir Day in conjunction with MEME-** We discussed this event possibly taking place in November 2016. It would be open to any District 11 school for 6th-12th grade guys.
- h. **Sight Reading Books-** are still available, approx. 50 are left from last year's choral festival. There are also about 100 books from State S & E 2009-2010 school year- free to anyone, too many were printed at the state level.

**18. Spring District Meeting**

Date – May, 2016

Location – Clara's on the River, Battle Creek

**19. Adjournment-** 7:37pm motion by Pelligrino, second by Sherd-Chew