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**DISTRICT 8 Fall Meeting**  
Buddie's Grill, Holt  
9/18/2017  
5:30-7:30PM Meeting/Dinner  
**Agenda (Minutes)**

**1. Call to order and introductions**

Brian Akers, Bethany Bickel, Adam Boyce, Seth Burk, Eric Cadena, Joyce Collins, James Cumings, Alex Ellul, Anthony Fenaro, Sharon Garner, Christopher Knapp, Nancy Lewis, Andrea Ortell, Sherri Peterson, Matt Snell, Lindsey Snyder, & Samara Valla

**2. Approval of agenda**

- o Motion: Sherri Tulloch
- o 2nd: Andrea Ortell

**3. Approval of Spring 2017 District Meeting minutes**

- o Motion: Samara Valla
- o 2nd: Bethany Bickel

**4. Receive treasurer's report – financial info here or separate doc**

- o Motion: James Cumings
- o 2nd: Matt Snell

**5. September 9<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting update -**

**Proposals passed in 2016-2017 - to be implemented beginning**

**July 1 2017**

- **Proposal 16-04: MMC Planning Committee Coordinator**
  - Creation of the appointed position of MSVMA MMC Planning Committee Coordinator
- **Proposal 16-06: District Balanced Budget**
  - Each District shall submit an annual balanced budget in writing to the MSVMA Treasurer and President Elect by September 15.
- **Proposal 16-08: Sing at Full Board Meetings**
  - Each Full Board Meeting shall include singing a quality piece of vocal music.
- **Proposal 16-09: Update Sight Reading Guidelines**
  - **JHMS Sight Reading Guidelines - Proposed Changes**
    - a. JHMS Primary Rhythm Guidelines
      - o i. Rewrite "a beat" to "a quarter note" or "a quarter rest"

- b. JHMS Intermediate Rhythm Guidelines
      - i. Add “Ta-Ta-Ti-Ti-Ta” with repeated pitch on eighth notes
      - ii. Rewrite “a beat” to “a quarter rest”
    - c. JHMS Advanced Rhythm Guidelines
      - i. Add stepwise moving eighth notes (no more than two pair of eighth notes per measure)
      - ii. Eliminate “syncopation”
      - iii. Eliminate 2/4 time signature (exercise is not long enough)
      - iv. Eliminate “ties”
      - v. Rewrite “a half a beat” to “an eighth rest”
    - d. JHMS Advanced Pitch Guidelines
      - i. Eliminate “accidentals”
      - ii. Clarify P4/P5 - change to “as sequence 1-5-1; Do-sol-do”
    - e. JHMS Range
      - i. Adjust JHMS ranges (see attachment)
    - \*Special note: quarter-half-quarter is NOT considered syncopation and can be used at any level\*
  - **HS Sight Reading Guidelines - Proposed Changes**
    - a. HS Rhythmic Guidelines
      - i. Eliminate 2/4 time signature (exercise is not long enough)
      - ii. Rewrite “half a beat” to “eighth note” and “eighth rest”
      - iii. HS Advanced: change “half a beat” to “sixteenth note” and “sixteenth rest”
    - b. HS Intermediate Pitch Guidelines
      - i. Clarify accidentals - add “raised fourth as a secondary dominant function”
    - c. Terminology
      - i. Move to website section “Sight Reading Guidelines - Preparation”
  - **Proposal 17-01: Reduce Required Number of Required Repertoire Copies at Solo & Ensemble Festival**
    - Only 1 original piece of music is needed for each solo and small ensemble event. Any conducted large ensemble events will still need 2 originals.
  - **Proposal 17-04: Clinician Consultant Program Addition**
    - Add additional wording to the Clinician Consultant Program policy to include the following: “This program offers member schools the opportunity to bring a clinician/consultant into their classrooms to work with students and directors, or allows a director to leave their school district to observe a clinician/consultant teaching in their own school.”
  - **Proposal 17-05: District Financial Institution Alignment**
    - All District financials and banking shall operate with the same financial institution as the MSVMA State Office
  - **Proposal 17-06: One Official District Manager per District**
    - One official District Manager per District
      - This proposal has the purpose and intent to standardize, unify, and simplify organization-wide District practices division of labor within each District still remains at the discretion of the District Manager, but official accountability and responsibility of the Position of District Manager reporting to the Full Board and Executive Board shall be with one individual elected person per District.
  - **Proposal 17-08: Choral Festival – Inclusion of Bio for Participating Choirs**
    - Allow directors to include a 50-100 word biography of their choir for adjudicators at Choral Festival.
  - **Proposal 17-09: Required Repertoire Choices for MS Choirs**

- Allow Middle School Choirs to choose music from any existing list, including High School Intermediate and Advanced, as their required piece for festival.

6. All TRANSFERS for DISTRICT and STATE EVENTS HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED BY NOV. 15, 2017

7. **Festival Registration/Application process**

- Directors will register using the online 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. Personal checks can be used, but they will be cashed.
- Changes to repertoire – 2 weeks in advance of festival!

8. **MSVMA 'Handbook' IS** on the MSVMA website

9. **Honors Choir deadlines and music and State Events** - see MSVMA website

10. **Review District Festivals Fees 2017-2018**

**S&E Fees:**

- Solo - \$18
- Small Ens. (2-5 singers)- \$30
- Large Ens. (6-20 singers) - \$40

**Choral Festival Fees:**

- Middle School - \$125
- High School - \$150

11. **Dates for District 8 activities for 2018 (this year)**

- MS Solo & Ensemble
  - Date – May 5, 2018
  - Location– Grand Ledge High School
  - Host – Kristen Nichols & Sherri Peterson
- HS Solo & Ensemble
  - Date – January 12-13, 2018
  - Location – Western HS, Parma
  - Host – Ron Rudland & Bethany Bickel
- MS Choral Festival
  - Date – March 21-22, 2018
  - Location – Holt HS
  - Host – Monty Bishop & Seth Burk
- HS Choral Festival
  - Date – February 13-14, 2018?**
  - Location – Holt HS
  - Host– Monty Bishop & Seth Burk

## **12. Proposed Dates for District 8 activities for 2019 (next year)**

MS Solo & Ensemble

Date – May 4, 2019

Location–

Host –

HS Solo & Ensemble

Date – January 11-12, 2019

Location –

Host –

MS Choral Festival

Date – March 20-21, 2019

Location –

Host –

HS Choral Festival

Date – February 20-21, 2019

Location –

Host–

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

Donations - Our District donation = \$250

Application (due Nov. 15, 2017)

- o Motion: Joyce Collins
- o 2nd: Seth Burk

## **14. Michigan Youth Arts Festival- Donation**

Donations - Our District donation = Tabled for further discussion (hold \$250)

- Motion: James Cumings
- 2nd: Joyce Collins

## **15. Communications Plan for All D8 information -MSVMA E-MAIL!**

- o All questions regarding festival registration, fees, medals and sight reading books, contacts, membership, meetings, website and scheduling, contact:

Adam Boyce

adamboyce@msvma.org

- All **STATE EVENTS** are sent to **STATE SUPERVISORS**.  
ALL MEMBERS MUST VISIT both MSVMA and DISTRICT 12 WEBSITE  
FOR UPDATES AND INFORMATION

## **16. District 8 concerns to be presented at the January 18, 2018 Full Board Meeting**

- o Director addresses on website in member directory

## **17. October 1 - DEADLINE for 2018 SR Book orders - \$2.50 per book (Not needed)**

## **18. Other Business**

- o Kim Faulkner update/card

- Ginny shared thoughts on MSVMA fee and executive board structure

**19. Spring District Meeting**

Date–May 7th 5:30

Location–Klavons

**20. Adjournment**

- Motion: Matt Snell
- 2nd: Sherri Peterson

POST-MEETING: