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DISTRICT 11 Spring Meeting Minutes

May 9th, 2016

AGENDA

PRE-MEETING: Dinner & Celebration (Clara's on the River- Battle Creek)

- Call to order and introductions (6:09) Eric Cadena (Sturgis Public Schools), Dusty Morris (Vicksburg MS/HS), Katie McDougall (Coldwater HS/Legg MS), Clayton Parr (Albion College), Robert Jordan (Portage North MS/Northern HS), Cindy Hunter (Portage Central MS/HS), Cindy Zerban (Linden Grove MS), Theresa Williams-Johnson (Kalamazoo Central HS/Hillside MS).
- Approval of today's agenda (Motion by Morris, Second Hunter; all present approved)
- Approval of FALL 2015 meeting minutes (Motion by Hunter, Second Morris; all present approved)
- MSVMA January Full Board meeting update-
 - MSVMA is delving into a larger social media presence by adding Twitter- Msvmassociation and Instagram- Michiganschoolvocalmusicassoc, while also continuing our Facebook page- MSVMA.
 - The msvma.org website has been significantly updated and is now mobile friendly. The new MSVMA logo is now displayed on the webpage.
 - Proposals
 - 15-15 Alternate Rubric Choices for MSVMA Festivals- Withdrawn (was tabled from Sept. 2015, would have allowed use of the old rubric for events not being considered for state/MYAF)
 - 15-17 Create MSVMA Blog and Social Media Presence- Passed
 - 15-18 Remove the Requirement for Memorization at the Regional Honors Choir Auditions- Passed
 - 15-19 Realignment of Festival Final Determinations to I, II, III, IV- Passed
 - 15-20 Return to Previous Performance Rubric for District Choral Festivals and Use New One for State Choral Festival- Withdrawn
 - 15-21 6-7-8-9 State Honors Choir Auditions – Individual Consideration for State Honors Choir- Passed

15-22 6-7-8-9 State Honors Choir Auditions – SSA auditions may include SS or SA only- Passed

15-23 6-7-8-9 State Honors Choir Auditions – Increase total number of participants to 32 students per school- Passed

- Receive treasurer's report- Eric Cadena- A category report of income and expenses was presented. District S&E made \$466.45 mainly due to a significant decrease in the cost of pianos. District Choral made \$1,268.19 mostly because Three Rivers HS did not charge us to use their school (we were anticipating paying a \$1,000 facility fee). Our district continues to be financially healthy with a current checkbook balance of \$4,456.05. No questions from those present.
- Report on District 11 Festivals 2016
 - JMH Solo & Ensemble: A total of 104 events performed at District S&E (85 solos, 7 SE and 16 LE). Dusty Morris reported on another successful year of hosting and mentioned he is always open to suggestions for improving the festival experience. Thanks to Joel Moore for loaning pianos from Three Rivers and for also connecting the district with a better priced piano tuner.
 - JMH Choral Festival: A total of 66 events performed at District Choral. Thanks to Joel for all of his work hosting at Three Rivers HS. Directors and adjudicators were very satisfied with the facility. Concerns from TR administration were brought up regarding lunches, extra students and parking. The Three Rivers district agreed to continue hosting on an every other year rotation. We will be moving to a 3-day festival in the future to better accommodate all events.
- Festival dates for 2017
 - JMH Solo & Ensemble
 - Date : **Feb. 10th & 11th , 2017**
 - Location– **Vicksburg High School**
 - Host –**Dusty Morris**
 - JMH Choral Festival
 - Date : **March 6th, 7th & 8th, 2017**
 - Location –**TBD- Locations were suggested and Eric agreed to follow up with the various places. A location will be confirmed no later than the Fall Meeting. First Wes-Battle Creek? Centerpoint Church-Kalamazoo? Valley Church Kalamazoo (Robert Jordan has a contact person), Haven Reformed?**
 - Host – **TBD- would depend on the location**
- Festival dates for 2018 to present at the District Managers Workshop this summer ...
 - JMH Solo & Ensemble
 - Date : **Feb. 9th & 10th, 2018**
 - Location– **Vicksburg High School**
 - Host – **Dusty Morris**

- Choral Festival
 - Date : **March 5th, 6th & 7th, 2018**
 - Location –**Three Rivers High School**
 - Host – **Joel Moore**

- State nominations: A list of names were also generated in addition to those listed below- Jolene Ploetzke, Sherri Tulloch, Carrie Hoeksema, Angel Gippert, Phil Johnson. Eric will follow up to see if there is interest in running for open positions.
 - Executive Board President Elect
 - X
 - Executive Board Treasurer
 - X
 - Executive Board Director of Honors Choirs
 - X
 - Executive Board Director of Sight Reading and Music Selection
 - X
 - MS Honors Choir Directors (MMC 2019)
 - (6-7-8, SA)
 - (7-8-9, SSA)
 - (7-8-9, TTB)
 - HS Honors Choir Directors (MMC 2019)
 - (SSAA) Katie Rohwer, Randi Bolding
 - (TTBB) Catherine Walker
 - (SATB) Katie Rohwer, Catherine Walker, Randi Bolding
 - Teacher of the Year (2017)
 - X Kelli Falls
 - Emeritus Membership
 - X none

- District 11 concerns to be presented at the June Full Board Meeting
 - X Questions- Why are doctoral students and college level directors contracted to adjudicate middle and high school level students at State Choral Festival? This question was raised because of a dissatisfaction with the clinic experience. The use of the Adjudicator Evaluation form was encouraged. Then a follow-up question- Would it be possible to contract a greater number of middle/high school level directors from out of state? Also, could a survey be sent to State Choral Festival adjudicators to fill out before they come to festival to help familiarize them with the rubric and MSVMA policies?

- Other Business
 - District **11** Manager for 2016-2017 - nominations and vote
 - X Eric Cadena was the only person nominated and was approved unanimously

- Next Meeting
 - Date: **September 12, 2016**
 - Location: **Brewsters- Portage, MI**
- Adjournment (Motion by Jordan, Second Parr; all present approved) Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

POST-MEETING: **Distribution of Sight Reading Books and medals**