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DISTRICT 5 Spring Meeting

April 25, 2016

AGENDA

PRE-MEETING: Dinner Roma's Back Door Restaurant Owosso, MI 48867 & Celebration

- **Call to order and introductions:** Jessica Nieuwkoop, Cheryl Gapinski, Gail Worden, Bethany Busch, Lora Keenan, Matt Wicke, Betty Mayer, Farrah Hopper, Marci Putnam, and Paul Eschmann.
- **Approval of today's agenda:** B. Mayer moved; P. Eschmann second; unanimous
- **Approval of FALL 2015 meeting minutes:** M. Wicke moved; P. Eschmann second; unanimous
- **MSVMA January Full Board meeting update:** J. Nieuwkoop went over proposals from the January meeting. It was noted by C. Gapinski that we have now come full circle regarding scoring and the rubric and that districts will now have to assimilate the cost of unused gold medals and certificates.
- **Receive treasurer's report:** C. Gapinski reported that from 7-1-15 to 4-25-16, receipts were \$10,991.00 and disbursements were \$8,486.38 leaving the district with a balance of \$2,504.62. An ending balance of \$6,433.56 as of 6-30-15 leaves the district with an \$8,938.18 checking balance. Gapinski noted that we had not donated to the Carolyn Leap Scholarship Fund for this season. J. Nieuwkoop moved that we donate \$100.00, second by P. Eschmann, unanimous. Gapinski also said we are still waiting on the CMU workers invoice from Choral Festival.
- **Report on District 5 Festivals 2016**
 - **JMS/HS Solo & Ensemble:** We had 123 events: 86 solos, 23 Small Ensembles, and 14 Large Ensembles. We ran 5 rooms; 4 full day and 1 (Lge Ens.) half day. Large ensembles way down, but due to medal sales, we were about equal money-wise with 2015.
 - **JMS/HS Choral Festival:** We had 45 choirs perform over 2 days (Tuesday added 1 hour overtime and Wednesday only 5 hours) HS; 28 and JMS; 17. This festival was down a number of choirs: registration fees down \$670.00 from 2015 and expenses up \$550.00 over 2015. We may have to consider a single "long day" for 2017. We also know that there will be 3 teaching positions opening up next year and we will vigorously try to regain these school's memberships.

- **Festival dates for 2017**
 - **JMS/HS Solo & Ensemble**
 - **Date : January 28, 2017**
 - **Location– Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI**
 - **Host – G. Worden and P. Eschmann (tent.)**
 - **JMS/HS Choral Festival**
 - **Date : March 7/8, 2017**
 - **Location –Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI**
 - **Host – Jessica Nieuwkoop & Cheryl Gapinski**
- **Festival dates for 2018 to present at the District Managers Workshop this summer ...**
 - **JMS/HS Solo & Ensemble**
 - **Date : January 27, 2018**
 - **Location– Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI**
 - **Host –TBD**
 - **JMS/HS Choral Festival**
 - **Date : March 6/7 or 13/14, 2018 (dependent on CMU Spring Break date)**
 - **Location – Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI**
 - **Host – TBD**

- **State nominations:**

- **Executive Board President Elect**

§ **No one (Jed Scott declined)**

- **Executive Board Treasurer**
 - **Julia Holt – confirmed yes**
- **Executive Board Director of Honors Choirs**
 - **Angel Gippert - no response**
- **Executive Board Director of Sight Reading and Music Selection**
 - **Gail Worden – confirmed yes**
- **MS Honors Choir Directors (MMC 2019)**

Carrie Hoeksema – confirmed yes, James Cumings – confirmed yes

- **HS Honors Choir Directors (MMC 2019)**

No preference: Meghan Eldred – confirmed yes, Mark Krempski – confirmed yes

- **Teacher of the Year (2017)**
 - **Adam Wurst – confirmed yes**
- **Emeritus Membership**
 - **None**

- **District 5 concerns to be presented at the June Full Board Meeting**

- **State Choral Festival judging: We would like the adjudication committee to look into state scores. We feel that college judges are not tuned in to the high school vocal sound and are judging on a college/adult sound. We feel that judges' comments and scores are based only**

on their teaching method and pedagogical thoughts about choral sound and are not open to methods producing a lighter overall sound. Thus very low scores to choirs that receive very high district scores. Secondly, we want the committee to look at the number of schools participating at the state level for the past 3-5 years. We believe there has been a significant drop and believe one reason is due to scoring. We would also like to know if there are other reasons for the drop; i.e. scheduling, money, transportation, etc. (discussed and added following central site state choral)

- Are State judges “trained” in using the MSVMA rubric? If our judges for district events must attend an adjudicator’s clinic and do an apprenticeship, we believe some form of training regarding the rubric may be necessary for judges not familiar with the rubric.

- **Other Business**
 - **District 5 Managers for 2016-2017 - nominations and vote**
 - Jessica Nieuwkoop and Cheryl Gapinski: Co- Managers will remain with hosting help for festivals, unanimous
 - **Next Meeting**
 - **Date: August 30 , 2016** (ahead of Board Meeting to consider proposals and a posted board update after the September Full Board meeting)
 - **Location: Spencer’s Route 66 Restaurant Saginaw, MI.**

- **Adjournment: B. Mayer, moved; P. Eschmann, second; unanimous**

POST-MEETING: Distribution of Sight Reading Books and medals was accomplished by Cheryl Gapinski