Spring Region Meeting – Vocal Division

May 4, 2019

Mike Bullock – UIL Executive Secretary

1. FYI - Scheduling of UIL Concert & Sight Reading has very little wiggle room. There is a specific process.
2. Make sure you send in your 1A form with your check invoice.

General Announcements:

1. SFA MS Region Camp

$20 per student - September 14, 2019 - Please take a flyer or contact Nicole Stewart for more information - nmstewart@lufkinisd.org

1. TCDA Info – see handout from the table
2. All-State music selections are now posted on the TMEA website.
3. Renew your TMEA membership early so you can enter students in the fall.
4. MS and HS Directors are needed to select MS and HC All Region music after this meeting.
5. Randy Decker will be offering a SSC day camp at JBC. Date TBD
6. Eric Posada would like director feedback about interest in a LSC Region music camp at TJC. During the school day? First week of September? Eric.Posada@tjc.edu
7. Some prefer during the week. However, some schools cracking down on leaving during the school week.
8. Several directors in favor of a one day camp
9. August 1 & 2 – choral symposium at TJC – more information to come

Business Agenda:

1. Approve Fall Meeting minutes
2. Financial Report – David Lawson
3. Old Business - none
4. New Business
5. We must develop a budget and vote on that at our fall meeting.
6. We can come up with an estimate
7. TMEA wants to see what we’re spending our money on and why.
8. Increased our mileage reimbursement to match the state ($.58 per mile)
9. Consider increasing our clinician honorarium
10. Currently $400.00
11. Some regions pay the same across the board and some pay a higher rate to LSC and SSC and a slightly lower rate to MS and Honor Choirs.
12. Rates range from $500 (MS) to $700 (HS)
13. Discussion
14. Motion – raise the rate to $600 flat rate across the board. passed

Keep in mind that costs to the region will increase. Will we need to increase the entry fee per student? Get more kids involved in the audition process and this will also help cover the cost as well as provide musical experiences for more of our students.

1. Consider increasing region contest host stipend
2. Currently it is $150.00 for HS Region, HS Honor Choir, MS Region
3. Currently it is $100.00 for pre-area
4. Discussion
5. Motion – Increase all hosting stipends (including Clinic & Concert) by $100. passed
6. Nicole Stewart – Technology updates or purchases to consider – not at this time
7. Nicole will update and “clean up” our computers. We currently do not have any virus protection on any of our laptops. Will consider virus protection and bring this back to the fall meeting.
8. Consider adding more specific Sight Reading guidelines to our Vocal Handbook for **Pre-Area** **Auditions**. We have specifics for MS, HC, and AR already in the handbook.
9. Motion - We form a committee to come up with the guidelines for Pre-Area sight reading and present it at the fall meeting. passed
10. Amy McMichael, Luke Dean, Monica Hamilton – volunteers for committee
11. Proposal to split the All-Region Clinic/Concert into two events by separating the Middle School and High School groups into two separate days. Middle School would need to stay on a Saturday and High School could move to an afternoon/evening during the week. (Mondays have the fewest conflicts with athletic games.)

i. Discussion

ii. Motion – that we leave all choirs on Saturday like we’ve been doing. passed

1. Consider adding a few more voices to the All-Region Mixed Choir (maybe Honor Choir and MS Choirs too)
2. Discussion
3. Motion – Any singers called up to audition for Pre-Area prior to the Clinic & Concert will be allowed to perform in the Clinic & Concert. passed
4. Joy Brooks – Proposal that we add a 4th song to each of the MS All-Region Choirs for 2019. Each year the clinicians are stretching time out as best as they can because they get through three songs quickly.
5. Do we want to prepare 4 songs for auditions or just 3 and add the fourth song the day of the clinic.
6. Discussion
7. Motion – We not add a fourth piece this current year. We keep observing what the clinicians are doing and look at this again at a later time. passed
8. Joy Brooks – Proposal to change the Middle School TB Choir to TTB
9. After discussion, no motion was made.
10. Fall Contest Dates and Sites
11. UIL Contest Sites
12. Region Chair Elect Nominations (To begin in Fall 2020)
13. No nominations
14. Will revisit in the fall
15. Motion to adjourn