

TMEA Region 21 Vocal Division

Fall Meeting
August 5, 2023
Tyler Junior College

General Announcements

1. Head count – 32 vocal division members
2. Mike Bullock- Region 21 UIL Secretary
 - a. UIL MAC update – minutes can be sent any members if requested from Nicole.
 - b. UIL Concert & Sight Reading
 - i. Remember, 2-part sight reading is still offered for high school choirs as long as the majority of your repertoire is 2-part or SA/TB
 - ii. New site for HS UIL C&SR needed (March 25th & 26th):
Tabled until we hear back from locations
 - iii. Schedule requests should be the exception, not the norm.
 - iv. When filling out UIL C&SR forms, leave the PML number blank for your “off the list piece.”
 - v. Tommy Corley is being asked to help with securing judges and other duties for the region. Nicole is the contact for TMEA and Mike Bullock is your contact for UIL.
3. Introduce new members/members at new positions.
4. Update your information in the TMEA Directory online through TMEA Website.
5. Sign Up for TMEA Mentoring Network-QR Code available to sign up after the meeting.
6. Update your information in our Vocal Directory by emailing Erin Blankenship erin.blankenshi@jisd.org- Very important if you have changed positions, or are at a new school
7. Please volunteer for TMEA convention.
8. Online contracts must be completed and returned to TMEA before checks can be cut. Please fill them out and return them in a timely manner.
9. All Region Clinic & Concert will only have an audio recording.
10. Please make sure that you exercise your right to vote in all TMEA elections.
11. Region website will be updated soon with current dates/sites and Region/Honor Choir rehearsal tracks.

Business Agenda Details:

1. Approve Spring Meeting Minutes – motion, second, passed unanimously
2. Financial Report
We are down about \$3500 this year. If we continue in this manner, we will not be able to cover judging/hosting costs. Please make sure you pay your entry fees on time. David suggests \$17 per student entry fee for the 2024-2025 school year. Please be prepared to discuss this at the spring region meeting.

3. Old Business

New Business:

1. Please see the meeting agenda for a breakdown of the LSC/SSC/Honor Choir number breakdowns.
2. Large School Choir will sing the National Anthem for the Region Choir Concert.
3. TMEA Policy Updates
 - a. SSC Regions are free to elect their region coordinator. It's a two-year term and will be voted on in this spring meeting.
 - b. There must be members from at least two divisions serving on the Region Executive Board. Please consider serving on the board.
 - c. Please see the TMEA website for audition notes and errata. No more errata will be added after September 1st.
 - d. We are Area D for LSC. Sing the top notes in divisi.
 - e. Our area for LSC will also sing the top note in divisi.
 - f. Josh McGuire is recording the prompt for sight reading. This will be used across the state for every region audition.
 - g. Area Sight Reading – be prepared for a more rigorous example. The parameters are listed on the TMEA website.
 - h. All State student fee is increasing to \$30.
 - i. Students that don't have a "host home school" (private schools, homeschools and students without a "host home school"), must participate in the largest classification in the school district they reside. Ex. Students living in Tyler would compete in LSC. You can submit a variance to TMEA to change that.
 - j. You, as the director, are responsible for reading the region handbook to find out how a contest works and the policies concerning that contest. You are also required to consult the TMEA policies.
4. Sites Updates-Voting
 - a. MS. Region Auditions location
 - i. Chapel Hill Junior High motion, second, passed unanimously
 - b. HS UIL Concert and Sight-Reading
 - i. Will table the location until a later time so we can hear back from possible sites.
5. TMEA Region Clinic and Concert Student Audience Behavior
 - a. Directors will be assigned to sit with choirs during the concert to monitor student behavior.
 - b. Student cell phones must be put away during all rehearsals and during each concert.
6. MS Auditions/Information-Laci Reid
 - a. Rehearsal tracks will be posted on the website very soon.
 - b. High school directors – we would love to have you judge at middle school region auditions.
 - c. Talk to Laci about which choir to sit with at the Clinic & Concert.

7. SSC Information- Tiffany Hammock
8. Please see email from Robert Boren from TJC about in-service next week.
9. Longview HS is hosting a UIL-esque invitational contest. Can be used for pre-UIL, not quite ready for UIL, or 6th grade choirs. It's for everybody. You can choose to sight read or not sight read. You have a lot of flexibility. March 21st. \$150 entry fee.
10. SFA Middle School Choir Camp
11. See Tiffany after the meeting for SSC updates. See Nicole after the meeting for LSC updates.