

TMEA Region 21 Vocal Division  
Spring Meeting  
May 8, 2020  
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

General Announcements

1. Mike Bullock- Region 21 UIL Secretary  
No business for UIL except sites for contest.
2. Update your information in the TMEA Directory online through TMEA website.
3. Sign Up for TMEA Mentoring Network
4. 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!
5. All Clinicians that reside in the state of Texas must be a member of TMEA
6. TMEA will only issue CPE Credit to Current, Active TMEA members
7. Religious Holidays- The executive Board requests that you not schedule any event on any religious holiday that could negatively impact student participation in our Region
8. Region Policies must be submitted to Kay by June 30-Can be amended up to first audition.
9. TMEA members may not copy and distribute or post etudes and/or audition material online without written permission from the publisher.  
Please make sure you are observing copyright laws.
10. Region Clinics may be held during the school day for HS Events only.  
Middle School TMEA events may not be held during the school day.
11. TMEA audition repertoire is found on the TMEA Website

Business Agenda Details:

1. Approve Fall Meeting Minutes  
Motion made, seconded, & minutes accepted
2. Financial Report- David Lawson  
We still came out at the end of the year with a profit.
3. Old Business - none
4. New Business
  - a. Chair Elect Nominations  
No nominations. Nicole Stewart will remain vocal chair for the next term.  
Motion made, seconded, & motion passes.
  - b. Discuss Honor Choir Voicing SAB to SATB- Amy McMichael  
Motion made to change the Honor Choir music to SATB. Rationale: when Honor Choir was formed it was strictly a 9<sup>th</sup> grade choir and was voiced SATB. This wasn't the best for our students and was changed to SAB. Then Honor Choir was opened up to all grade levels. Currently, we have so many singers auditioning

for baritone that we are close to having to split the audition room into two zones. Let's make the music more comfortable for the students by changing the "B" voicing to TB.

The motion was seconded and passed 84.6%

Motion was made to have the numbers of tenor bass voices in the Honor Choir to 15 tenors and 15 basses. Motion was seconded and passed.

Honor Choir voices will be soprano – 25, alto – 25, tenor – 15, and bass – 15

c. ALL TMEA auditions at ALL rounds will be in person and back to normal this upcoming year!

d. Middle School Clinic & Concert

Much discussion about various topics concerning middle school auditions and clinic & concert.

Discussion – Tommy Corley – Cut the length of the clinic & concert day for middle school. The choirs could rehearse in the morning, take lunch break, run through everything one more time, and then begin concerts in the early afternoon.

Survey answers – Laci Reid – Yes, the schedule for middle school clinic & concert should be revised. No, we should not add a 4<sup>th</sup> piece of music for the audition.

Discussion – Joy Brooks – Add a 4<sup>th</sup> piece of music to the audition for middle school all region. Currently, the middle school clinic & concert day is too long. The clinicians have to add "games and such" to the afternoon just to kill time. If we add a 4<sup>th</sup> piece, there would be more time devoted to working on four pieces of music.

Discussion – if we change the schedule of the clinic & concert we won't need a fourth piece. Many directors were not in favor of adding a 4<sup>th</sup> piece.

Discussion – Separate high school and middle school clinic & concert. There are a lot of dates and locations to host fewer choirs for rehearsal and performance. We could have the high school clinic on a school day and a concert that evening to avoid Fridays and Saturdays.

Motion made – Separate high school and middle school clinic & concert to different days. Seconded and passed 75%

Nicole and Laci will discuss a schedule later. Laci would love middle school director input. Please send her an email with your ideas.

Motion made – Middle school uses the comparable date of November 6<sup>th</sup> and high school will find a different date. Seconded and passed.

e. Dates and Sites for 2021-2022 Contests

There was much discussion about the HS Concert and Sight-Reading date. The comparable date was listed at Tuesday-Wednesday, April 12-13. The past school year contest was on Monday-Tuesday. At this time of year different days of the week and dates work better for different school districts. Two different options were put up, April 11-12 and April 12-13. The vote was split evenly at 50/50. More discussion and a revote. With the revote, the dates of April 12-13 passed with a majority.

The MS Concert and Sight-Reading dates were moved to March 1-2 (Monday-Tuesday) to accommodate our facility.

All other dates and sites listed below were voted on in an online poll.

2021-2022 Dates & Sites:

HS Region – September 25 (Saturday) @Whitehouse HS

MS Region – October 23 (Saturday) @ Whitehouse JH

Honor Choir – October 26 (Tuesday) @Lufkin HS

Middle School Clinic & Concert – November 6 (Saturday) @ Carthage HS

High School Clinic & Concert – November 13 (Saturday) @ Carthage HS

Pre-Area – November 16 (Tuesday) @Jacksonville MS

HS Solo & Ensemble February 7 (Monday) @ Tyler Legacy HS

MS C&SR March 1-2 (Tuesday-Wednesday) @ Whitehouse HS

HS C&SR April 12-13 (Tuesday-Wednesday) @ Whitehouse HS

Closing announcements:

Tommy Corley would like to meet with SSC directors when this meeting is adjourned to talk about audition literature.

Jordan Swearingen will be moving from Van ISD to Hallsville in the fall.

Taylor Radford is coming from SFA to Henderson ISD.

Honor Choir music selection committee: will choose audition pieces for Honor Choir as well as the repertoire for each round of the all state track. Contact Nicole if you want to be on the committee.

Laci will send out an email this week to middle school directors about the middle school music selection committee and clinic & concert.

No other business – meeting adjourned