

TMEA Region 25 Orchestra Division
Minutes – Fall Region Meeting
August 22, 2009 – Plano East Senior High School

Meeting was called to order by Orchestra Division Chair Andrew Goins.

New members to the region were introduced. Welcome to Joey Sloan at Lovejoy High School and Sloan Creek Middle School and Sarah Dominguez at Williams High School and Bowman Middle School. Congratulations to Lindsey Hernandez who is now fulltime at Bowman Middle School.

Updated contact and volunteer information, if you did not fill out a form at the meeting please email Andrew with any changes or updates to your information.

Betsy Thomas moved to accept the old Spring Meeting minutes. Jo Wallace-Abbie seconded. The motion carried.

The group was reminded to review TMEA code of Ethics.

The details for region orchestra were reviewed. The big change this year is the placement of the high school clinic and concert in January. Please note this change. Please visit www.region25orchestra.org for the paperwork and audition materials. Details for All State taping, UIL Solo and Ensemble were also reviewed.

Randy Bartlett spoke about UIL rules and concerns about sightreading were expressed and discussed.

The new middle school audition process was reviewed.

Jo Wallace-Abbie gave a report from the UIL advisory board.

Copies of the handbook were distributed and the issue of alternates for region was discussed. Andrew Goins proposed that we should set numbers of alternates to be 20% of the section size or 2 players, whichever is higher. Josh Thompson moved to accept this proposal. Kari Zamora seconded. The motion carried.

Elimination rounds were discussed. Andrew Goins proposed that we have recording alternates for the All State taping using the same alternate guidelines as with the region orchestra groups. Gary Needham moved to accept this, Josh Thompson seconded. The motion carried.

The issue of students not making All-region and being able to audition for All-state was discussed. Margaret Brown called the issue to a vote. It was passed that region 25 will recommend that a student must make All-region in order to audition for All-state.

Changes for the upcoming TMEA convention were discussed. Please plan travel sessions accordingly.

Congratulations to Robinson Middle School, 3rd place MS Full Honor Orchestra and Rice Middle School, 2nd place MS String Honor Orchestra.

Jo Wallace-Abbie moved to adjourn the meeting, Betsy Thomas seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Meghan Gomen, Region 25 Orchestra Division Secretary