

TMEA Region 25 Orchestra Division
Minutes – Spring Region Meeting
May 21, 2011 – Lovejoy High School

The meeting was called to order by Orchestra Division Chair Fawn Sorgi.

Randy Bartlett brought up the topic of clarifying HS UIL warm ups and opened it to discussion. After extensive input from Jo Wallace-Abbie, Randy Bartlett, Mike Link, Jeff Turner, Andrew Goins, Josh Thompson, Margaret Brown, Betsy Thomas, David DeVoto, and Mary Havenstrite it was concluded that there will be a set up crew for the Warm-Up room and that crew will set the Warm Up room for each group according to the seating chart provided by that group's director. Randy Bartlett will work with the host school in regards to walkie talkies for communication, and brought up the topic that eventually we might need to use zones when scheduling.

Alicia Alexander moved to accept the Fall 2010 minutes. Andrew Goins seconded.

Middle School and High School All Region auditions will be held October 15 2011 at Carpenter Middle School.

Middle School All Region Clinic and Concert will be held at the Lowery Freshman Center Dec 9 & 10. Clinicians are to be announced.

High School All Region Clinic and Concert will be held at Allen High School unless unable to, then it will be held at the Lowery Freshman Center.

Middle School UIL is March 7 and 8 2012 at the Lowery Freshman Center.

High School UIL will be held at Allen High School unless unable to, then it will be held at the Lowery Freshman Center.

Round One of the Middle School Full and String Honor Orchestra judging will be June 10 2011 hosted by Melissa Livings. Contact Melissa Livings if you would like to assist.

TODA is July 27-30 2011.

There is a TMAA workshop July 27 at TODA.

High School String Honor Orchestra submission part A is due Sept 15 2011.

High School String Honor Orchestra submission parts B and C are due October 15 2011.

High School String Honor Orchestra judging will be at Reagan HS in San Antonio October 22 2011.

All State taping will be October 29 2011 at Plano Senior High School, not Allen High School.

All State judging will be at Austin High School in Sugarland Nov 12-13 2011.

TMEA is February 8-11 2012

UIL Solo and Ensemble will be in Prosper February 4 2012.

Fawn Sorgi read the Financial Report. Fawn Sorgi stated that we could save money by using music we already own in our libraries for MS and HS All Region. Fawn Sorgi stated that as gas prices rise travel expenses probably will rise as well.

Fawn clarified the use of the extra minute in Sub Non Varsity sightreading.

Fawn read the Music Advisory Committee proposal for a satellite location for TSSEC.

Fawn read the Music Advisory Committee proposal to designate a less challenging piece for Sub Non Varsities in UIL sightreading. Jo Wallace-Abbie moved getting several regions to work together in support of this proposal, Margaret Brown seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

Fawn read the Music Advisory Committee proposal to eliminate or do not require piano parts from UIL sightreading. Region 25 orchestra directors agreed with this proposal.

Fawn read the Music Advisory Committee proposal to clarify the UIL Solo and Ensemble Rules in regards to student performance of cadenzas. Region 25 orchestra directors agreed with this proposal.

Jeff Turner agreed to represent Region 25 orchestra at the next UIL Music Advisory Committee meeting.

The Middle School All Region music selection meeting will be held at Dallas Strings on June 15th at 2pm.

The High School All Region music selection meeting will be held at Dallas Strings on June 8th at 10am.

Directors discussed the possibility of three auditioned Middle School All Region groups. After input from Joanna DeVoto, Gary Needham, David DeVoto, Kari Zamora, Andrew Goins, Dennis Langevin, Julia Brownscombe, Lindsey Hernandez, Monika Bartley, Sue Ewing, Mary Havenstrite, Fawn Sorgi, Christina Foster and Margaret Brown, Mary Havenstrite moved to keep the current system in place, Josh Thompson seconded, and the motion passed.

Directors discussed changing the structure of the All Region auditions. Ideas suggested were: keeping it the same, auditioning on two weekends, auditioning on two days of the same weekend but different instruments on each day, going to a phase system. After lengthy discussion Betsy Thomas moved that a committee meet to decide what will be done in the fall. The motion passed, and the committee (comprised of anyone who wants to come) will meet at Dallas Strings June 8th at 2pm.

Directors discussed combining the All Region Middle School and High School Clinic and Concerts into one weekend. Andrew Goins motioned to table the discussion and not change anything this year, Christine Glass seconded, the motion passed.

Gary Needham motioned for the Region-Chair-Elect to be a two-year term, Betsy Thomas seconded, the motion passed.

David DeVoto nominated Gary Needham for Region-Chair-Elect. Betsy Thomas motioned for the nominations to cease, Andrew Goins seconded. Gary Needham is Region-Chair-Elect by acclimation.

All Region Orchestra organizers will be:

Bach: Julia Brownscombe

Beethoven: Lindsey Hernandez

Brahms: Daniel Rodriguez

Philharmonic: Stefanie Hayes

Symphony: Josh Thompson

Betsy Thomas motions to pass the Region Clinician Honorarium increase from \$500-\$600. Christine Glass motioned to amend that amount to \$599, Betsy Thomas seconded, motion passed.

Directors discuss adding an honorarium for the Region Orchestra Chair to attend TODA and TMEA. The Region Chair must attend meeting at TODA and TMEA to discuss Region business. Margaret Brown motioned that the Region Chair must fill out and turn in the TMEA expense report in an amount not to exceed \$200, Kari Zamora seconded, motion passed by acclimation.

Josh Thompson motioned to change the audition host honorarium from \$200 to \$250, Betsy Thomas seconded, motion passed.

Directors discussed handbook amendments. Jo Wallace-Abbie motioned to remove from the handbook the hard copy requirement for region entries, Betsy Thomas seconded, motion passes. Andrew Goins motioned that a wording be developed over the summer with regards to checks and directors' signatures for statement of responsibility and voted on in the fall, Tyson Jaquez seconded, the motion passed.

Fawn recognizes Sarah Dominguez, who is leaving the district, and Anu Matthais who is the new director at McMillen High School in Plano ISD.

Josh Thompson spoke on behalf of the TYO.

Andrew Goins motioned to dismiss the meeting, Stefanie Hayes seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefanie Hayes, Region XXV Orchestra Division Secretary