District 8 Fall Meeting – 9/18/2013

Meeting Minutes

Present for the meeting: Doug Armstead, Helen Hansens, Matt Snell, Mary Hofmeister, Kim Faulkner, Sheri Tulloch, Bethany Bickel, Seth Burk, Sharon Garner, Monty Bishop, Shelby Love, Anthony Funaro

4:01 – call to order – Matt Snell

Special thanks to Doug Armstead for a fabulous Professional Development session on how to best utilize the MSVMA Festival rubric throughout the entire school year.

4:02 – District 8 member introductions

4:04 – Agenda overview

Accept last meeting’s minutes –Tulloch-Motion, Bickel-2nd

4:04 – District Report – Hansens

New directive from the state office that all districts must submit budgets every year and each festival must be self-sustaining. Due to this fact, we are able to keep District 8 S&E fees the same, but Choral festival fees must be raised.

District 8 Choral Festival

Snell and Hansens proposed $160/high school choir and $130/middle school choir.

Armstead questioned raising fees to $150 overall, but D8 is not able to because EACH festival must be self-sustaining. Currently, the high school festival is not.

The idea behind the district budgets came about because other districts were bouncing checks and all districts and state office are under the same tax I.D. code. This year MSVMA will undergo and audit. In this audit, late payments and bounced checks will show.

As a district last year, we spent approximately $400.00 more than we took in.

Monty Bishop brought up the idea of cutting expenses elsewhere in order to keep the cost of festival participation lower. Bishop proposed hiring local judges, investigate suite lodging for judges, cutting food costs at festival and district meetings, and going to a 5 judge rotation as opposed to a 6 judge rotation.

Armstead motion – Move to reduce one judge and adopt a 5 judge rotation for District 8 High School Choral Festival, reduce the food budget by removing food for directors, look for alternative housing (Hotel suites), and raise District 8 High School Choral Festival fees to $145 per choir. 2nd-Bishop Motion Passed

Hansens motion – Move to reduce one judge and adopt a 5 judge rotation for District 8 Middle School Choral Festival, reduce the food budget by removing food for directors, look for alternative housing (Hotel suites), and raise District 8 Middle School Choral Festival fees to $125 per choir. 2nd-Love Motion Passed

Send revised budget to MSVMA State Office & contact Nancy Bray about judge request change. Also request Nancy only schedule 1 judge from long distance.

Armstead - Request for Nancy Bray to not hire Tom Blue or Tom Stokes as adjudicators for District 8 Junior High/Middle School Choral Festival.

District 8 Solo & Ensemble – Large ensemble room is currently operating with 2 judges.

Tulloch motion – Move to remove one judge from the large ensemble room and use a 1 judge system. 2nd Armstead. Motion passed

Armstead motion – move to approve the amended financial report. 2nd – Love. Motion passed

Upcoming purchases – Hansens stated that we need to purchase purple certificates.

Review of dates – Snell

Eaton Rapids High School was nominated for next year’s S&E location and the “in-case of emergency” location this year. Parma Western is currently under construction. Funaro will check with ERPS administration.

All registration will be done online this year. If help is needed please call Marge Payne

JH/MS S&E – Armstead requested Jackson Northwest host. Snell nominated James Cummings as registrar.

Musical Theatre S&E – needs a supervisor and location. Currently, the festival is scheduled for November 2&9. Issues with last year’s registration were discussed.

Transfer requests – In order to transfer outside of the district, D8 managers must approve the transfer then we will email the other district for their approval.

2014 Choral Festival Restructure

Armstead proposed a 1 time transfer for Bickle to transfer to the high school festival dates, due to a school conflict.

Hansens brought up the MSVMA survey data to support Armstead’s proposal and the idea of restructuring district 8 Choral Festival.

Discussion to offer the same festival dates, but offer both as High School and Junior High/Middle School festivals.

Snell motion – move to combine District 8 Junior High/ Middle School and High School Festivals and provide two festival options on the same dates as previously scheduled. 2nd – Hansens. Motion passed

Tentative Festival Locations for 2014-2015

High School S&E – Eaton Rapids

High School Choral Festival – Holt

JH/MS Choral Festival – Holt

JH/MS S&E – Jackson Northwest

4:59 – Break for dinner

5:25 – Call back to order

Armstead – big push for communication and outreach from MSVMA executive board and its members. Please talk to your district managers about concerns. They are being listened to.

TTB JH/MS Honors Choir – must audition in trios.

Take advantage of the clinician consultant program. Have the clinician come in the month before. The program is being underutilized.

Full board passed proposal to pilot online Honors Choir auditions.

MSBOA has been recording auditions for years.

Students create a profile. It only costs money when students send their recordings out to another account.

Same system used by Julliard.

Carolyn Leep scholarship – due November 1. Panel happens at MMC.

Carolyn Leep scholarship in dire need of funding.

Tulloch motion – Instead of donating $250 to MYAF and $250 to CLS. Move to increase CLS donation to $500. 2nd – Funaro. Motion passed

2015 Collage Concert – k-12 music

If interested, perform 2 selections up to 10 minutes.

2 recordings needed, one from this spring and one from next fall. The panel wants to hear what the group sounds like at the end of the year and to hear the group that will actually be performing at MMC. October 1, 2014 deadline

D8 website

Snell is working to update weekly

Use it as a resource

Send Snell musical and concert dates to encourage D8 members to attend.

MMC

MSVMA presiders – encourage non-board members to preside.

Tulloch, Bickle, and Love volunteer

Reminder that MMC is offered to MSVMA members at a reduced rate, due to membership.

No district concerns.

Armstead – look for a survey – written proposal to change the language in our constitution. Instead of secondary music the language will read to serve k-12 students in music.

We need to look how we service music education. (i.e. MSU children’s chorus, restructured grade level buildings)

This is being done to make the language broader, keep ourselves alive as an organization, and look into the future.

This change in the constitution will drive the future of our organization.

5:43 motion to adjourn the meeting – Hansens 2nd- Bickle