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**DISTRICT 1 Fall Meeting**

Location: Crankers Restaurant - Big Rapids

Date: 9/18/2018

5:30 Pre-meeting - 6:00 Meeting/Dinner

**Agenda (Minutes)**

**1. Call to order and introductions - Call to order 6:20pm**

- Scott Emelander
- Jessica Gardner
- Emily Cannell
- Debe Mitchell

**2. Approval of agenda**

- a. Moved Gardner, 2nd Cannell

**3. Approval of your Spring 2017 District Meeting minutes**

- a. N/A

**4. Treasurer's report –**

- a. We ran roughly \$200 in the red for the '17-'18 school year. We should be able to maintain a balance this year due to increased attendance at events, and hopefully, lowered adjudicator costs.
- b. Mass Choir Clinician costs \$200, so if each school donates to participate in MCF, this should offset our operating costs and keep us out of the red.

**5. September 9<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting update -**

- Proposals recently passed and taking effect immediately

Change the timeline for adding pieces to the required list. Dec. 1: deadline for submissions  
Announcement of the additions at the MMC

Allow students from multiple member schools to collaborate at District and State Solo & Ensemble Festivals, in the small ensemble (2-5 members) category.

Ensembles may participate in the Music Theatre Solo and Ensemble Festival; utilizing the same registration rules as traditional S&E Festivals.

- Ensembles may perform published choral arrangements of Broadway tunes at Musical Theatre Solo and Ensemble Festival.
- The MSVMA S&E rubric will be used for this event.

- Performers are expected to present a convincing musical performance, utilizing healthy and appropriate vocal technique—cautious use of belt and using a more mixed tone.
- Each event must perform two selections of contrasting styles. Music must be memorized.
- One selection must be from a musical composed before 1965 (Contemporary arrangements of selections originally published before 1965 are allowed).
- Recommended composers include: Harold Arlen, Irving Berlin, Hoagy Carmichael, Vernon Duke, Duke Ellington, George and Ira Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, Rodgers and Hart, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Hart and Loewe, Arthur Schwartz, Jule Styne, Jimmy VanHeusen, Vincent Youmans, early Stephen Sondheim, early Leonard Bernstein, Kurt Weill
- There are no required "books" for this event.
- The use of costumes, choreography, or other elements that evoke the story or characters of a legitimate stage musical work is prohibited in the absence of a performance license. However, facial expression and physical involvement that is appropriate to the text and style of the music is encouraged.
- All rules and guidelines from traditional S&E apply.

MSVMA school membership's will be required to volunteer assistance at events at least once a year when their students are participating in them.

- MSVMA Fund Development Campaign - donation envelope

**6. September 15<sup>th</sup> DEADLINE for membership application – \$385 Register online in “View Profile”! Please check and Update your profile info too!**

All TRANSFERS for DISTRICT and STATE EVENTS HAVE TO BE  
SUBMITTED BY NOV. 15, 2017

**7. Festival Registration/Application process**

- Directors will register using the on-line scheduler for S&E and CHORAL FESTIVAL, just like last year... Final invoice including required signatures and paperwork must be printed, postmarked and mailed by the registration deadline. Full payment of fees and appropriate paperwork with signatures must be mailed with the invoice.
- Directors are encouraged to request payment in advance with their school districts.
- School check, cashier's check or money order is required. Personal checks can be used, but they will be cashed.
- Changes to repertoire – 2 weeks in advance of festival!

8. **MSVMA 'Handbook' IS the newly updated MSVMA website**
9. **Honors Choir deadlines and music and State Events - see MSVMA website**
10. **Review District Festivals Fees 2018-2019**

**S&E Fees:**

- Solo - \$20
- Small Ens. (2-5 singers)- \$30
- Large Ens. (6-20 singers) - \$50

**Choral Festival Fees:**

- All Choirs - \$110

**11. Dates for District 1 activities for 2018 (this year)**

Solo & Ensemble

Date – Jan 29, 2019

Location–West Shore Community College - Scottville

Host –Ted Malt

Choral Festival

Date –February 19, 2019

Location –McBain HS

Host – Jill Neverth

**12. Set Dates for District 1 activities for 2020 (next year)**

Solo & Ensemble

Date – Jan 28, 2020

Location– West Shore Community College

Host –Ted Malt (Needs to be verified)

Choral Festival

Date –February 18, 2020

Location - McBain HS

Host– Jill Neverth

**13. Carolyn F. Leep Scholarship Fund**

Donations - Our District donation = \$50

Application (due Nov. 15, 2017)

**14. Michigan Youth Arts Festival- Donation**

Donations - Our District donation = \$0

**15. Communications Plan for All D1 information - DM's USE MSVMA E-MAIL!**

- All Districts now have one official District Manager
- All correspondence for **DISTRICT EVENTS** are directed to:  
**Scott Emelander - [scottmelander@msvma.org](mailto:scottmelander@msvma.org) (616) 821-1964**
- All invoices and fees are sent to:  
**Scott Emelander  
641 N. State St.  
Shelby, MI 49455**
- All **STATE EVENTS** are sent to **STATE SUPERVISORS.**

ALL MEMBERS MUST VISIT both MSVMA and DISTRICT 1 WEBSITE FOR UPDATES AND INFORMATION

**16. District 1 concerns to be presented at the January 25, 2019 Full Board Meeting**

- Clarification from the wording on the website regarding ensembles using music at District S&E. Website says “ensembles may use music” but a director was prevented from receiving a rating because not all of their students were using music.
- Clarification of sight-reading guidelines at State S&E. According to director, judge at State S&E was critical of students because they didn't use solfege during the sight-reading process. According to the website, no specific method (solfege, numbers, neutral syllable) is listed as required. A judges personal beliefs about what method is best is helpful, but students should leave feeling positive about the experience, not like they wasted a judges time because they didn't use their preferred method.

**17. October 1 - DEADLINE for 2018 SR Book orders - \$2.50 per book**

**18. Other Business**

- a. Mass Choir Festival
- b. T-Shirt - Order Form - post order
- c. Financial Cost - Donation per school - check to MSVMA

**19. Spring District Meeting**

Date – May 15th, 2019

Location – Chase Creek Smokehouse

Time: 5:30 arrive and dinner 6pm meeting.

**20. Adjournment**

POST-MEETING/addendums: