

**TMEA REGION XV VOCAL DIVISION
MINUTES
AUGUST 22, 2009
UTPA**

I. Meeting was called to order by David Alvarez.

II. Introductions:

High School Officers were introduced David Alvarez.
Beverly Bradburn introduced Middle School Officer.
Directors introduced themselves by school.

Directors were reminded that they must be members of TMEA in order to vote at this meeting. You must be a member to enter students in the audition process. Membership can be found on the TMEA website at www.tmea.org .

Director information and questions, contact David Alvarez at:

E-mail: dhalvarez@rgv.rr.com

Region Website: www.region15choir.com

Username: Region15

Password: choir2009

(case sensitive)

III. Minutes

Minutes were approved. Minutes can be viewed on the Region website

IV. Treasure's Report

High School balance as of August 19, 2009: \$5540.81

Last years balance was \$2771.87.

Middle School balance as of August 19, 2009: \$5124.27

V. UIL Business

Hugo Gonzalez reminded everyone on entry procedures. Check UIL

website for UIL dates and deadlines. New website is www.uil@gmail.com

Hugo reminded everyone about entering solos correctly, if entry is incorrect judge cannot listen to student for a critique. Hugo also reminded Middle School that each judge's panel at concert & sight-reading must have 2 judges from the list. There will be a new recording company this year. The recording fee is \$15.00 cheaper. Check the UIL website for correct fee. Hugo also reminded everyone that when registering for UIL, to use full school and city name. Chris Munn reminded Hugo to order correct number of Sight-Reading music for UIL Contest.

Leslie Tanner UIL Report:

Items to be considered by all divisions.

- At present there is no rule that would prohibit a judge adjudicating a Festival and then judge the same group(s) at UIL Region Contest.

Rationale

There are times that a judge will hear a group at a pre-UIL Festival and then serve on the adjudication panel for that group's UIL Contest. This has been the case for decades. Is this an issue? Should there be a rule that prohibits and adjudicator from judging a group at both pre-UIL and UIL contests?

Action Taken: All Divisions saw no need for such a rule. The proposal was rejected.

Items for Vocal Division:

- Make the following modifications for sub-non-varsity sight-reading criteria:

Modification One: Sub-non-varsity choirs be allowed to read 2 part if the Majority of the program is 2 part.

Modification Two: Allow sub-non-varsity choirs to read a shorter version Of existing sight-reading music.

Rationale

Sub-non-varsity groups are often comprised of students in choir for the first time for Fine Arts credit. They are just learning to read music. It is unreasonable to expect a group of students who have never read music as students who have taken choir for two years even with the extra study time. (Submitted by Region 23)

Action Taken: The Vocal Division rejected both modifications of this proposal.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Allow the director of a band about to sight-read to have a predetermined amount of time to study the score while the band is getting settled into the sight-reading room and music is being distributed.

RATIONALE

There is always a block of "dead time" while the band is filing into the room, adjusting the set-up, etc. This additional time would provide the director with the opportunity to do brief score study and organize discussion strategies before the actual Explanation Periods. (Submitted by the State Office)

Action Taken:

The Vocal Division discussed this Band Proposal as it might be utilized in the Vocal Sight-reading Contest. Allow the director of a choir about to sight-read to have a predetermined amount of time to study the score while the choir is getting settled into the sight-reading room and music is being distributed. It was agreed that the concept was worthy of consideration and recommended that more specific procedures be developed for consideration as an action item in 2010

- Add dotted quarter eighth to All Middle School Varsity Choir Sight-reading music criteria.

Rationale

Adding this layer of difficulty will bridge the gap between middle school/junior high school and high school.

Action taken:

The Vocal Division after much discussion decided to submit this item as an item for fall meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Be present at all region events in which your students are involved or send qualified proxy to be responsible for your duties.
- B. All directors are to be prepared to attend and assist at all events regardless of whether or not the directors have students participating in the event.
Discussion: David reminded everyone about paying a qualified replacement \$100.00 if you cannot attend. (Please refer to page 4 of our Region XV Handbook) This could become costly if the region has to cover hiring judges.
- C. Please remember to REPLY when you receive an e-mail letter from the region chair, or call David Alvarez.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. You must be a member to vote at any TMEA meeting.
- B. We will have any TMEA activities during Jewish Holidays.
- C. Always check your Region calendar entry deadlines, fees and events.
- D. Handbook update – at the spring meeting in May, membership voted to have only 20 per section in the Treble District Choir.
- E. TMEA Grant. David asked Leslie Tanner to look for possible clinicians to present during the region clinic.
- F. Treble CD's and music have been passed out to all schools; please check the vocal notes for singing correct parts for the auditions.
- G. Volunteers are needed for the TMEA convention Facilities Team. If you are interested fill out the attached form.
- H. Carlos Alfaro went over entry procedures for auditions. Check your password. Enter school name and city. Please ask questions. Time preferences are only for conflicts with other school activities. David is the only one that can approve early or late time requests for high school contests. Middle school directors need to ask Beverly Bradburn for such requests. Entry online should be available the 1st week of September.
- I. David entertained a motion for State Vocal Chair. There were no nominations.
- J. Please call or e-mail David for correction to the region directory.
David told new directors to call with any questions about procedures. His number is 956-605-3140.

Middle School Directors adjourned to their meeting.

High School Meeting continued

Selection of Audition music

Joyce Hull moved that we audition Buccinate, Sanctus, Abendlied, Joshua, I'm seventeen come Sunday and gender pieces Cantate Domino and Ave Maria for District and Region auditions. Motion was seconded.

Motion passed

The rest of the music will be used for Pre-Area Auditions which include Coronation Anthem, Wie der Hirsch and the other gender selections, Pueri Hebraeorum and Blow Ye the Trumpet.

Fee changes: District/ Region are \$18.00
Treble are \$15.00

Region clinician is Mark Lawlor, Oklahoma State University
Dan Steenken, McAllen High School will be the accompanist.

Treble Choir clinician is Sharon Paul, Cypress Creek HS.
Anna Marie Gonzalez, Mission High School will be the accompanist.

Pre Area Clinician has not yet been selected. Dan Steenken will be the accompanist

TCDA Convention Region Meeting: Directors voted to change Treble District Auditions to October 17.

David is still working on UIL Concert & Sight Reading judges.

Solo & Ensemble judges are Tara Tower, Angela Rivera , Ted Lyra, Matt Garcia, Yvonne Jaggard and Vivian Munn.

Student meals at the auditions were discussed. La Joya asked if a school purchase order could be used. David said to call him with requests. Edinburg students will not be given meal money when an event is held within the district.

Meeting adjourned

Draw for contest:

1. Edinburg North
2. Juarez Lincoln, La Joya
3. McAllen HS
4. McAllen Memorial
5. PSJA Memorial
6. Roma
7. Palm View, La Joya
8. Mission HS
9. Sharyland
10. Economedes, Edinburg
11. PSJA North
12. Veterans Memorial, Mission
13. La Joya
- 14.
15. Rowe HS, McAllen
16. Edinburg HS
- 17.

Submitted by
Naida Jaggard

**TMEA Region 15 Meeting
Middle School Vocal Division
Fall Meeting, Saturday, August 22, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Beverly Bradburn.

Treasurer's Report: \$5,124.27

Approval of minutes: Renee Leonard moved (Leslie Tanner seconded) to amend the minutes of the spring 2009 meeting to include the approval of a change in the fee allowed for nurses at region events, raising it to \$200.00. The motion carried.

Thomas Hemminger moved to approve the minutes with this amendment (K. Lozano seconded), and the motion carried.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Information forms: Be sure that updated information has been submitted to Beverly Bradburn. Her contact information is bbradburn3@aol.com , phone number 655-4581.

Membership: Be sure TMEA membership is renewed.

Handbook: available online at www.region15choir.com . We should be able to edit forms directly online and e-mail them to Beverly Bradburn when required. When submitting paperwork for the All-Region Choir process, be sure to send the Region Choir Entry Form (found in the handbook) to Beverly Bradburn along with printouts of the computer entries.

Region Music Selection Meeting: Thanks for a good turn-out.

Region CD's and Cuts: Thomas Hemminger, Bo Shirah, and Pauline Sexton will record the voice parts. Ed Arguelles will provide technical support and audio recording expertise. Cuts will be sent via the e-mail address provided to the region.

Contest judges: Thanks to Leslie Tanner for securing judges for our UIL contest and clinicians for region based on input provided at the spring meeting and availability. Judges and clinicians are listed in the handbook online.

Attention hosts of region events: Decisions pertaining to the contest being hosted should be made by the region chairman and/or region officers only.

UIL Fees: Should be \$15.00 less than the amount stated in the handbook. Be sure to check www.uilmusic15.com for official fee amount.

Leslie Tanner moved to adjourn the meeting. Thomas Hemminger seconded.

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Meeting was called to order by David Alvarez.

Minutes were approved as posted on the website: www.region15choir.com

High School Financial Report:

Opening statement in July began with a balance of \$3321.87.

Balance as of May 17, 2009 is \$6741.53

All were reminded that our TMEA memberships expire in June.

New Business:

Election of Vice-Chairman: Nominations were Rigo Reyes and Kat Callaway. Rigo declined the nomination and Kat was voted in by acclamation.

All- State audition information is attached to the agenda. David gave

Out the prices for the music:

SATB

- Coronation Anthem No.2 (The King Shall Rejoice) - Handel – 6.95
- Buccinate in neomenia tuba - Croce – 2.50
- Wie der Hirsch schreit from Psalm 42 - Mendelssohn – 2.25
- Sanctus from the Requiem - Durufle – 1.95
- Abenlied - Rheinberge – 1.95
- I'm Seventeen Come Sunday - Grainger – 1.70
- Joshua Fit the Battle – Fissinger – 1.70

ALL-STATE WOMEN

- Cantate Domino - Henderson – 2.75
- Pueri Hebraeorum – Thompson – 3.25

ALL – STATE MEN

- Blow Ye the Trumpet - Meechem – 1.70
- Ave Maria – Biebl – 1.50

Region Handbook is available online at www.region15choir.com

User name: Region15

Password: choir2006 [choir2009] added by TMW

Leslie Tanner gave the UIL Report. Discussions were held on the following proposals:

Proposal: At present there is no rule that would prohibit a judge adjudicating a Festival and then judge the same group(s) at UIL Region Contest.

After various comments, Stacy Gonzalez stated that this would cause “Conflicts of interest.”

Proposal: Make the following modifications for sub-non-varsity sight-reading criteria:

Modification One: Sub-non-varsity choirs be allowed to read 2 part if the majority of the program is 2 part.

Modification Two: Allow sub-non-varsity choirs to read a shorter version of existing sight-reading music.

Vivian Munn stated that we should allow both modification and Everyone agreed.

We also asked to submit adding, dotted quarter followed by an eighth note to Varsity Middle School sight-reading.

Carlos Alfaro invited all to the Rowe Choir Camp. He encouraged Everyone to pre-register early...they need to prepare for the Enrollment.

Hugo Gonzalez UIL Report: Hugo asked for questions and concerns.

Discussion on insufficient number of copies in the sight-reading Room.

UIL Concert & S.R. results need to be up-dated...Hugo said it is up-dated on the UIL Forms website .

Next years High School entry fee should be lower due to different recording company.

Chris Munn thanked everyone who worked with UTPA student teachers.

Adjourn to HS/MS meetings

Old Business: None

New Business:

Discussion on naming all seats in one audition to District/Region for more efficiency. After discussion, we decided there is no perfect solution. Motion was made and seconded to continue with the same audition process. Motion passed.

Finances: Revenue generated by the Region equaled \$13,962.00.

Expenses: \$7523.18 in necessary audition/clinic expenses

\$1800.00 in stipends for officers

\$450.00 in reimbursements to schools

\$130.05 in miscellaneous expenses.

District Treble Music Selection Committee will meet on June 1, 2009 at 1:00 PM at the Echo Hotel in Edinburg. Please send any of them suggestions for music. Committee members are David Alvarez, Linda Hernandez, Kat Callaway, Rigo Reyes and Naida Jaggard

Proposed calendar for High School

TMEA District Treble Choir Auditions

1. Date: September 26, 2009
2. Deadline: September 12, 2009
3. Site: Veterans Memorial – Mission
4. Fee: \$20.00

TMEA District Treble Auditions

1. Date: October 24, 2009
2. Deadline: October 3, 2009
3. Site: Memorial-McAllen
4. Fee: \$18.00

TMEA Pre-Area Auditions

1. Date: November 14, 2009
2. Site: Rowe High School

Pre- Area Clinic

1. Date: November 20, 2009
2. Site: Roma High School

District, Region & Pre-Area Clinic & Concert

1. Date: November 21, 2009
2. Site: Roma High School

Pre-Area Clinic

1. Date: December 28, 2009
2. Site: Edinburg High School
3. Clinician: TBA
4. Fee: \$5.00 (Please e-mail David how many students will be attending)

Area Auditions

1. Date: January 9, 2010
2. Site: TBA

UIL Solo& Ensemble Contest

1. Date: January 30, 2010
2. Deadline: TBA by Hugo Gonzalez
3. Site: Edinburg High School
4. Fee: \$7.00

UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Contest

1. Date: April 8-9, 2010
2. Deadline: TBA by Hugo Gonzalez
3. Site: PSJA Memorial
4. Fee: \$430.00 per choir

Motion was made and seconded to accept the calendar. Original Treble Audition Date was October 17 and changed to October 24. Motion Passed

Discussion led by Anna Marie Gonzalez on how to improve the quality of the Treble Choir. Motion was made and seconded to lower the number per section from 30 to 20. Motion passed. David Alvarez change will be put in the Region Handbook

Proposed Calendar for Middle School:

1. Solo& Ensemble – October 21, 2009
2. UIL Concert & Sight- Reading – March 4-5, 2010
3. Region Choir Auditions – April 17, 2010
4. Region Clinic & Concert – May 1, 2010

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,
Naida Jaggard

**TMEA Region 15 Meeting
Middle School Vocal Division
Spring Meeting, Sunday, May 17, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Beverly Bradburn at 3:00 pm.
Treasurer's Report: \$5,499.27

Old Business:

Thanks to hosts of Solo and Ensemble, Lucy Snearley, and Region, Stacey Gonzalez.

New Business:

Contest/Audition dates and sites were accepted as follows:

Solo and Ensemble: October 31, 2009 (postmark deadline Oct. 16, 2009)
Lincoln MS, McAllen
LaTanya Bell-Fullen and Marianna Castillo, Hosts

A motion was made to change the date to October 24 in order to stay away from Halloween. Seconded by Faith Varlack.
The motion did not carry.

UIL Concert and Sightreading: March 4&5, 2010
UTPA

Discussion: Leslie Tanner hears from judges frequently that they need more time to write in order to substantiate their rating.

Region Audition April 17 (postmark deadline April 2, 2010)
Clinic and Concert May 1, 2010
Audition site: Brown MS, McAllen
Clinic and Concert site: trying to secure UTPA. If unavailable, then McHi will be second choice
as site and is confirmed.
Suggested clinicians: Jed Ragsdale, Danny Deitrick or Amy Allibon, Diedre Douglas, Jerry
Perez, Kari Gilbertson.

Region Music Selection Meeting August 10, 2009, 9:00 am, Morris MS, McAllen, Beverly Bradburn host.

Region Cancellation-Clinician Payment

Leslie Tanner moved that, due to this year's special circumstances, namely the cancellation of THE All-Region Choir clinic and concert due to the swine flu, we pay half the honorarium to the clinicians. LaTanya Bell-Fullen seconded. Motion carried.

Designated Singers

Leslie Tanner moved that we remove the rule that allows schools to designate a singer to the all-region choir when no student is selected. Arianna Astudillo seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 13-4.

Please sign your replies to e-mails from the region with name and school.

Please send checks for payment rather than a P.O.

6th grade participation in the All-Region process:

Leslie Tanner moved that we not allow 6th graders to participate in the audition process. Stacey Gonzalez seconded. Motion carried.

Region plaques and DVDs: Please contact Willie Perez directly.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Sexton, Secretary/Treasurer Region 15 JH/MS Vocal Division