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DISTRICT 7 Spring Meeting

May 22, 2019

AGENDA

- Call to order and introductions
 - Kathryn Becksvoort, Laura Ogren, Juli Dick, Ben Rodgers, Beth Slimko, Robin Kieft, Andrew Samson, Linda Tata, Cynthia Twining
- Juli Dick and Ben Rodgers - Travel Opportunity
 - District 7 Touring Choir - International Choir, possibly 2021 or 2022
 - South Africa or Italy
 - Deposit this fall
 - Decision points - find out if your school will support it, decide which destination, decide which year
- Juli Dick and Ben Rodgers - Masterwork Choir
 - When could we do it?
 - Would we include HS orchestras?
 - Local youth orchestras - Phil DeYoung, John Varineau
- Nick Palmer - Opportunities at MCC
 - Moving into a new Arts & Music school
 - Excellent staff - not many students!
 - Great scholarship opportunities
 - Re-building the choral program - audition and non-audition
 - Evening rehearsal for community members
- Report on District 7 Festivals 2019
 - District S&E: Feb 9, 2019, Reeths-Puffer HS. Regina Schlaff, host.
 - Total events: 138. (107 solos, 17 small ensembles, 14 large ensembles)
 - Excellent: 102; Good-state: 1; Good: 20; Fair: 3; Developing: 0; No Show: 9; CO: 3
 - District Choral Festival: March 14/15, 2019, Grand Haven HS. Juli Dick and Ben Rodgers, hosts.
 - Total events: 57
 - Excellent: 47; Good: 10; NR: 0; CO: 0.
- Financial Situation Regarding District Choral Festival
 - We are being asked to expand our festival to three days from this point forward. The days were too long for the adjudicators and complaints were made at the state level. In order to facilitate this change, we will need to raise our fees for District CF. For reference, here are the current (2018-2019) fees from the other districts around the state:
 - D1 - \$110 (one day)

- D2 - \$135 (one day)
 - D3 - \$125 (two days)
 - D4 - \$135 (five days)
 - D5 - \$115 (two days)
 - D6 - \$110 (two days)
 - D8 - \$150 (two days - HS), \$125 (two days - MS)
 - D9 - \$135 (one day)
 - D10 - \$130 (seven days)
 - D11 - \$125 (two days)
 - D12 - \$125 (three days - HS), \$110 (two days - MS)
 - D13/14 - \$100 (one day)
 - D16 - \$120 (four days)
- We decided on \$120 - we will reevaluate after next year's festivals.
- As you can see, the fees and durations of the festivals vary from district to district, but we are on the low end. Would we be interested in charge a different fee for MS than HS? Would we want to try to separate out MS from HS (i.e. all MS the first day, HS on days 2 and 3?) Let's brainstorm.
- The full MSVMA calendar for 2019-2020 can be found at msvma.org under "Resources," then "Documents"
- Festival dates for 2020
 - D7 Solo & Ensemble
 - Date : **February 8, 2020** (registration deadline: Jan 15, 2020)
 - Location –**Reeths-Puffer HS**
 - Host – **Regina Schlaff**
 - D7 Choral Festival
 - Date : **March 11-13, 2020** (registration deadline: Feb 12, 2020)
 - Location – **Grand Haven High School**
 - Host - **Juli Dick & Benjamin Rodgers**
 - State S&E Central
 - Date: **April 24 & 25, 2020**
 - Registration Deadline - March 1, 2020
 - Location - Big Rapids High School
 - State Choral Festival West
 - Date: **May 1, 4&5, 2020**
 - Registration Deadline - March 27, 2020
 - Location: Hope College
- Festival dates for 2021 to present at the District Managers Workshop this summer ...
 - D7 Solo & Ensemble
 - Date : **February 6, 2021**
 - Location –**Reeths-Puffer HS**
 - Host – **Regina Schlaff**
 - D7 Choral Festival
 - Date : **March 10-12, 2021**
 - Location – **Greenville HS**
 - Host– **Andrew Samson**

Professional Development

Summer Workshop - July 30-Aug 2, 2019, Blue Water Convention Center, Port Huron
Adjudication Clinic - October 26, 2019, location TBD

Professional Development

HS Musical Theater Intensive - September 28, 2019 (9/13 deadline), location TBD
HS Musical Theater Festival - November 9, 2019 (10/20 deadline), location TBD (possibly GVSU?)
Chamber Choir Festival - November 23, 2019 (10/20 deadline), location TBD (possibly West Ottawa?)
A Cappella Festival - May 14-15, 2020 (4/15 deadline), Ann Arbor Skyline HS

HONORS CHOIR DATES for 6-7-8-9

September 16, 2019 - Audition Registration OPEN
October 11, 2019– Auditions
October 1, 2019 - East and West Regional Rehearsal and Concert
November 2, 2019 - Fees & Forms Deadline
November 16, 2019 - Rehearsal 1
January 4, 2020 – Rehearsal 2
January 16, 2020 - State rehearsal & performance

HONORS CHOIR DATES for High School

September 9, 2019 – Regional Honors Choir Online Auditions OPEN for submission
October 18, 2019 – Regional Honors Choir Online Auditions DEADLINE (midnight)
October 19-20, 2019 - Regional Honors Choir Online Auditions adjudication
October 25, 2019 - Regional Honors Choir/State Auditions registration deadline
December 7, 2019 - Regional Honors Choir/State Auditions
December 9, 2019 - State Honors Choir Registration deadline
January 16-18, 2020 - State Honors Choir @ MMC
February 7, 2020 – All-State selection announced
March 6, 2020 - All State Registration DEADLINE
May 7-9, 2019 - All-State Honors Choir @ WMU

- State nominations:
 - MS Honors Choir Directors (MMC 2022)
 - (6-7-8, SA) Beth Slimko
 - (7-8-9, SSA) Kathryn Becksvoot
 - (7-8-9, TTB) Regina Schlaff
 - HS Honors Choir Directors (MMC 2022)
 - (SSAA) Juli Dick
 - (TTBB) Benjamin Rodgers
 - (SATB) Scott Emelander
 - Teacher of the Year (2020) Carrie Hoeksema
 - Emeritus Membership (2020)

- District 7 Concerns to be brought before the Board of Directors
What to do with an excellent choir of between 20 and 25 students? Too many for S&E, and too few for MYAF consideration as a choir...

- Other Business

- Fall Meeting (2019) - Friday, September 20, Spring Lake HS
- Brandon Johnson - Eastern Michigan; Michael Match, MMC - working with the male voice; Robert Sinclair
- Spring Meeting (2020) - Set it in the fall
- Adjournment

POST-MEETING: **Distribution of Sight Reading Books**