

District 1 Meeting - January 19, 2019

- Festival Update from York: Need help with band transition at 12:45. Band kids take own chair and stand in. Just need to move percussion. Didn't know numbers for audience, so moved band first because that audience would be smaller. Choir will watch band dress rehearsal, not concert. Hoping enough seats for choirs to watch each other. If fills up too much, move choir to make room. This will let us know if York is able to host again (or if choirs should watch each other's dress rehearsal instead). REMINDER: No food in auditorium. Water allowed.

Discuss rotation of hosts. Recommendation would be 2 years (smoother on second year). QUESTION RAISED FROM SANFORD: If we wanted to host, can we shadow York next year to figure out how? ANSWER: Yes.

- Update from Kyle: Day of auditions, discovered Magnolia Star was \$400. Too expensive. Chose something else more appropriate. Chose *El Camino Real*. Were worried if it would go well, but it's probably best piece on program. Thank you to Josh Champagne for all the help with percussion. Thank you to directors for getting their kids to festival in spite of illness.
- Update from Rebecca: Director doing well. Kids doing well. Nice range of both 2 parts and 4.
- Update from Chris: Drew Albert very impressed with how well prepared Mixed Choir is. Probably best prepared in years.
- Cathy Murray: 543 auditions this year instead of 602. 26 doublers. Try to do contract with students to help with drops. May need to lengthen time of vocal auditions. 4 minutes is too short ... maybe 5 minutes. Would extend night. Judges struggling to make comments with that short a time.

6th North host gets \$500. South gets \$1000. Why? Enough in account for North to get \$1000 too.

Jazz Group Festival and Individual both have low ending balance. Losing money in both cases. Josh: Increase fee from \$75 to \$100 would bring in an extra \$600 or so. Motion to do this: Yes. **Motion carried.** NOTE FOR BUDGETS: State is also going up \$25.

District 1 Jazz Honors deadline: Now February 15th. Don Zense from FL will judge video auditions instead of local people. It's electronic, so doesn't matter. Wife also great MS director, so she will do MS. Dr. Jorgenson will run HS ensemble. Program chosen. Should have by March 1st for kids to learn music.

Get jazz apps in by end of next week to help Josh with planning.

- Allen Thomas: Posting of results. Slipped out before all directors could talk to kids. Cathy: It's all online. It's fair. Explanation: Not the issue. It's the whole roster being out and kids not getting rejection from director who can help them process it. Some kids don't deal with the rejection well.

Lack of comments. Was it better? Cathy: It was. We worked with judges on this. Issue with one judge not allowing kids to hum during sight-read, but they were specifically told this was okay. Luckily, whole room was in same boat. Ben: We're trying a contract at the State level with those expectations. Something to try for District too? Kyle: One low brass issue audition too. Adam Newton sick. Fill in did well, but gave very low scores. Was relative, so seating is fine.

- Audition tracks: Some tracks were done at full speed and too fast to practice with. Something to specify next year. Only \$500 instead of \$1200. Deal with unlimited tracks for year, so can potentially get 2 years of tracks. No longer need to charge an extra \$5 a student. Cathy: \$25 across the board, band and chorus? Motion: Make the same, \$25. Seconded. Try for one year. **Motion carries.**

Rob: Doing tickets for directors to get an idea of numbers for future.

- Allen: Thanks for everyone involved in organizing this. Smoothest year we've had. Treble and Mixed Choir managers needed. Chris and Becca not doing it next year. Chris: Happy to answer any questions about what to do. Also will need District 1 president in Spring.

Motion for 2 year rotation for D 1 Festival Host. Motion seconded. **Motion carries.**

Reminder of All-State chaperones. 1 per 10 kids.

Kyle: Doug Owens is doing All-State Band. Looking to allow a Q and A session, so people can ask questions about methods.

- Ben: All-State auditions. Huge decline in numbers for auditions. Not sending as many judges in recent years to Aroostook. Northern site not getting same judges is unfair. Looking to move to 2 sites. Southern site would likely move a little farther North.
- Dates for next year: Auditions, Oct. 15th (Tuesday) @ Sanford. Festival: Had to change this year for Berklee Jazz. 17th and 18th and move to following weekend if an issue. Berklee not posted yet for next year.
- Kyle: Post all 4 district auditions up on our site? Any objections to that? Nobody seems to heavily object. No real answer either.