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DISTRICT # Fall Meeting Agenda

MEETING LOCATION:

AGENDA (for meetings meeting minutes/district report, simply type discussion for each agenda item)

1. Call to order: 7:28 PM

2. Introductions:

- Dan Farison, Midland High School
- Chris Chung, Bay City Western HS
- Gail Worden, Retired!!
- Eric Cadena, Alma HS
- Claire Ingersoll, Owosso HS
- Trevor Headley, Birch Run HS
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3. Approval of today's agenda

- Motion: Dan Farison
- Second: Chris Chung

4. Approval of SPRING 2024 meeting minutes

- Motion: Dan Farison
- Second: Claire Ingersoll

5. District Manager Report

- Financially strong
- Combining Choral Festival with D9 (they're coming to our festival)
- Choral Festival is W-Th-Fri this year.
- Solo & Ensemble will be at Midland High

6. Financial Report

- Current Balance: \$15,912.03
- We continue to do well due to good participation at festivals and advantageous venue relationships. Midland High does not charge us to host Solo & Ensemble and holding Choral Festival at SVSU is very inexpensive.

OLD BUSINESS:

7. Nominations for 2025-2026 - [Nomination Form](#)

■ Nominations for 2025-2026

● Honors Choirs Directors (2028)

- **6,7,8 SA** Anna Doering
- **7,8,9 SSA** Megan Sinclair
- **7,8,9 TTB**

- **HS SATB** Adam Gardner-Northrop
 - **HS SSAA** Gail Worden
 - **HS TTBB** Leo Humbach
 - **Teacher of the Year:** Meghan Woolsey, Lyn ChiChanski
 - **All-State Musical Theater Director:** Megan Sinclair, Adam Gardner-Northrop
 - **Emeritus:** Gail Worden
 - **NEW! Nominations for Listening Panel Participants: Each District will nominate up to 2 people from their district to be considered for a spot on the listening panels for..**
 - State S&E Large Ensembles (usually nominated by ED) - after adjudicated event at State S&E - Claire Ingersoll, Anna Doering, Chris Chung
 - Outstanding Choir All-State (usually nominated by ED) - Claire Ingersoll, Anna Doering, Chris Chung
 - Choral Hour (usually nominated by President Elect) - Claire Ingersoll, Anna Doering, Chris Chung
 - Specialized Choral Hour (usually nominated by Dir.Spec.Events) - Claire Ingersoll, Anna Doering, Chris Chung
 - From S&E: All State MT Large Ensembles - Claire Ingersoll, Anna Doering, Chris Chung
 - From S&E: All State MT Solos & Duets - Claire Ingersoll, Anna Doering, Chris Chung
 - PAID: All-State Jazz (Jed) - auditions - Claire Ingersoll, Anna Doering, Chris Chung
 - PAID: All-State MT Honors Ensemble (Megan, Lyn, All State Director) - auditions - Claire Ingersoll, Anna Doering, Chris Chung
 - PAID State Honors Choir Traditional - Claire Ingersoll, Anna Doering, Chris Chung
 - PAID All-State Honors Choir Traditional - Claire Ingersoll, Anna Doering, Chris Chung
- ***NOTE: Nomination DOES NOT guarantee a placement on a listening panel.***

- 8. Registration Deadlines for ALL 2025-26 Festivals (Registration Opens October 1st)**
- HS/MSJH S&E: **December 5th, 2025**
 - HS/MSJHChoral: **December 5th, 2025 (Repertoire selections Due February 25th, 2026)**

9. Festival dates for 2025-2026

- HS/MSJH Solo & Ensemble
 - January 10th 2026
 - Midland High School
1301 Eastlawn Dr. Midland, Mi 48642
 - Dan Farison
- HS/MSJH Choral Festival
 - March 11,12,13 2026

- Saginaw Valley State University
7400 Bay Rd
University Center, MI 48710
- Leticia Grutzman

10. Potential Festival dates for 2026-2027

- **HS/MSJH Solo & Ensemble**
 - Date: January 9th, 2027
 - Location: Midland High School
 - Host: Dan Farison
- **HS/MSJH Choral Festival**
 - Date: March 10,11,12, 2027
 - Location: SVSU
 - Host: Leticia Grutzman

New Business

11. Upcoming Deadlines:

- **Membership Dues PAST DUE - Please pay ASAP**
 - **September 15, 2024**
- **District Events and Transfer Request**
 - District Transfers are Due November 15, State is select your site
 - To transfer, email your District Manager, the DM of the district you are transferring too and Matt Callaghan for approval.
- **Carolyn Leep Scholarship Application- See MSVMA Website**
 - **May 15th**
- **Adjudication Conference**
 - **Oct 25, 2025**
 - Register on the MSVMA Website on the "[Adjudication](#)" page.
- **Honors Choir Dates/Deadline/Music**
 - MS/JH- October 3rd @ midnight
 - HS- October 9th @ midnight
 - All State Jazz- Oct 31st
 - Musical Theater All State - December 5th @ midnight
 - FEES: All Honors Choir Fees are now \$15

12. Specialty Events:

- **Musical Theater Intensive**
 - Audition Deadline - Sept 15th
 - Date of Intensive - Oct 4
- **Musical Theater S&E**
 - Central

- Charlotte MS -November 1
 - East
 - Oxford HS- November 8
 - West
 - Wayland Union HS- November 15
 - UP
 - Marquette Senior HS - November 1
 - REGISTRATION DUE:
 - October 3rd
- **Vocal Jazz Intensive**
 - Date: October 27th - Oxford HS
 - Application Due October 15th
- **Chamber Music Festival**
 - November 11th - Oakland University
 - Application Due October 15
- **A Cappella Festival**
 - October 18th OR 25th - Ann Arbor Skyline
 - Application Due October 1st
- **Art Song Intestive**
 - January 14th - Eastern Michigan University
 - Registration Due - Jan 7th

13. Summer Conference meeting updates

- Festival Scheduling
 - Festival Experience - **change to registration**
 - Default is Festival Experience - YOU NEED TO CLICK for a RATING when you register your groups!
 - Matt Callaghan will email membership/create graphics for social media for reminders throughout this first part of the year.

14. District concerns to be presented at the next Board Meeting

Some people didn't receive their summer conference packets.

15. Other Business

- Perhaps a district choral day hosted at Midland or Owosso?
- Maybe April?

16. Next Meeting

- Date: April 30th, 2026
- Location: Maple Grille 13105 Gratiot Rd, Hemlock, MI 48626

17. Adjournment:

- Motion: Chris Chung
- 2nd: Claire Ingersoll