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District 11 Spring Meeting

Location: Territorial Brewing in Battle Creek

Date: 5/31/2023

6:00 Meeting/Dinner

Agenda

1. Beg someone to record minutes. [Julie D!](#)
2. Call to order - this should be a celebration. Lots of challenges but we made it happen.
3. Introductions and re-introductions. Reconnect and meet new members.

Please don't forget to enter or update your contact info in the [D11 membership spreadsheet](#)

Include names of those in attendance here: Dusty Morris

Julie Davis, Chelsea Whiteoak, Ian Baby, Alana Dyer, Jared Cavis, Alex Port, Trish Coleman

4. Approval of [minutes](#) from the Fall meeting
5. Approval of the current agenda
6. Treasurer's report – Final statements come out in July.

Summary: Started the year with \$2636. Currently have \$3669. Will end with \$3173 after transfer for supplies.

More choirs attended festival though ice storm cost us some money. 4 performance judges is a way to save money. Festival fees went up but so did costs to some degree. S and E remains very small but also relatively inexpensive. [Can we build the number of events for S&E?](#)

7. District Festivals Fees For 23-24 - your DM recommends not changing these

S&E Fees:

Solo - \$20

Small Ens. (2-5 singers)- \$30

Large Ens. (6-20 singers) - \$50

Choral Festival Fees:

Per Ensemble - \$140

8. Choir Festival rule changes: size of choir=at least 12 students is decided and posted. Decisions about sight reading level and required repertory, are still TBD -any thoughts that you'd like me to bring to the DM meeting in August?

[Ian: doesn't want the required list back, doesn't want to attach difficulty level of repertoire to sight-singing; we are still recovering from Covid](#)

[Julie: can we change the required list permanently to a suggested list?](#)

[Trish: it was really helpful to be able to choose your own voicing for sight-reading \(lots of agreement\)](#)

[Chelsea: it was nice not to be boxed in to choosing music based on their sight-reading level versus their singing ability level – this is why we should keep the rule changes regarding level; some more entry-level groups need flexible voicing for sight-reading](#)

9. Dates for District 11 activities for 2023-2024

Solo & Ensemble

Date – Saturday, February 10, 2024

Location – Lakeview High School

Host – Returning Champion, Greg Black

Registration deadline - January 12, 2024 (same as D11 choir festival)

Choral Festival

Date – Thursday-Friday, Feb 15-16, 2024

Location – Kalamazoo College (pending approval from K)

Host – The Right and Honorable Chris Ludwa

Registration deadline - January 12, 2024 (same as D11 S and E)

1. Concern: wheelchair accessibility!

Lots of discussion: do we move it to a weekend (Marshall and Portage Northern could host if so), Three Rivers may be able to host it again, Kalamazoo College would host for the cost of tuning the pianos; is Kellogg Community College an option?

-everyone present said that a Saturday could work for them

-looking at later dates that may conflict with MSBOA – could we make the scheduling work if we know which ensembles will have conflicts?

10. Nominations - to be filled out together [Tabled until fall meeting](#)

[District nominations](#)

11. Carolyn F. Leep Scholarship Fund

Donations - Our District donation = \$100 last time. Want to do it again? **Yes!!**

Application (typically due in November)-used for a conference, masters degree etc.

12. Communications Plan for All D11 information

- Your continuing district manager, unless someone else is chomping at the bit, is Dusty Morris [Chelsea offered to shadow Dusty for a year then take it over – and there was much rejoicing!!](#)
- All correspondence for DISTRICT EVENTS should still be directed to: dustinmorris@msvma.org.
- All invoices and fees are sent to:
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- If you want to reach me in the summertime or need a prompter response please use my cell. 269 743 8295 [This is the preferred method if you need a quick response!](#)

13. District 11 concerns? Ways the choir festival could run more smoothly? Suggestions? Any problems with having only 4 performance judges?

[Toward the end of the day, some judges were cutting clinics a little short. 4 judges instead of 5 saved money, so we will keep that.](#)

14. Hopes and Dreams for 23-24

Recruiting and retaining new district 11 member directors and schools, who to reach out to?

Who has connections to them? Schoolcraft? [Schoolcraft and Climax-Scotts are the only two non-members in our district. Parchment has a choir program now – any connections?](#)

Welcome to new members! Alana Dyer in Three Rivers, any others? We are a community, we are resources, we are support. Use the membership directory to reach out. I'm happy, and I'm sure others are too, to advise on sight reading procedures, repertory, whatever.

Encourage choir festival events - we still had room this year for a few more choirs at no expense

S&E events - we only had one room this year, will we have more next year? How can we encourage events?

Continued: some of us need to become the next generation of adjudicators. [Just do it!](#)

Requirements:

- Taught vocal music for at least 5 years in a school music program

- Taught vocal music to students aged 13 to 17 for five years as a private teacher

- Be a member of MSVMA

- Submit a resumé of experience, including festival ratings and background to the adjudication supervisor.

- To be considered for adjudication assignments, candidates are encouraged to attend an Adjudication Conference (typically in October) as well as the in-service days held at an MSVMA festival.

15. Fall District 11 Meeting

- Sometime in early-ish September

- 6pm dinner and meeting - Watch for a survey to be sent in August to set a date.

- Location – University Roadhouse?

16. Summer Conference in Port Huron July 26-27 (early bird pricing until June 15)

17. Anyone interested in buying medals (\$4) and/or sight-reading books?

18. Adjournment

POST-MEETING/addendums: