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DISTRICT 3 Spring Meeting

Location: Zoom

Date: 5/30/2026

10:00 am

Agenda (Minutes)

1. **Those in attendance: Susie Royster, Caleb Sinclair, Garth Starr, Michelle Wilson**

2. **Financial report**
 - a. Our account balance is \$4,795.57 (before purchasing next year's supplies)!

Next Year's Dates

1. **D3 Middle School Vocal Arts Day**
 - **September 24 in Davison**
 - **Any known big conflicts with our membership?**
 - **Schedule:**
 - 9-9:30 registration
 - Mid morning break
 - Sack lunch 11:30-12:00
 - Final singing and recordings if desired
 - Leave at 1:00
 - Expectation is that notes will be learned
 - Cost \$15 per kid, incl. Music and t-shirt

2. **Registration Deadlines for ALL 2026-27 Festivals**
 - **S&E Wed Jan 6, 2027**
 - **Choral Tues Feb 9, 2027**

3. **Festival dates for 2026-27**
 - Solo & Ensemble
 - **Date: Sat. Feb 6, 2027**
 - **Location – Imlay City HS**
 - **Host – Caleb Sinclair**
 - Choral Festival

- **Date: Tues Mar 9, Wed Mar 10**
 - **Location – Davison HS PAC**
 - **Host– Garth Starr**

3. Potential Festival dates for 2027-2028

- a. **Sinclair prefers a date later in March, maybe third week, because of their musical. Still have to be mindful of state festival deadlines**
- b. **Davison has intersession 3rd week in Feb.**

○ **Solo & Ensemble**

- **Date:**
- **Location:**
- **Host:**

○ **Choral Festival**

- **Date:**
- **Location:**
- **Host:**

4. Other dates to note

- June 15 - Registration Deadline for Choral Student Leadership Conference
- June 17 - Choral Student Leadership Conference (Calvin University)
- August 12 - Summer Membership Event: COMMUNITY
- **Membership Dues - Final Due Date**
 - **September 15, 2026**
- **District Events and Transfer Request**
 - *District Transfers are Due **November 15**, select your site*
 - *To transfer, email the DM of the district you are transferring to and Matthew Callaghan.*
- **Honors Choir Dates/Deadline/Music**
 - **MS/JH** - October 11, 2026 (audition)
 - **HS** - October 8th, 2026 (audition)
 - **All State Jazz** - October 20, 2026 (audition)
 - **FEES:** All Honors Choir Fees are now \$15

5. Nominations for 2026-2027

1. Honors Choirs Directors (2028)

- a. **6,7,8 SA Michelle Wilson, nominated by Sinclair**
- b. **7,8,9 SSA Michelle Wilson, nominated by Sinclair**
- c. **7,8,9 TTBB**
- d. **HS SATB Garth Starr, Nominated by Wilson**
- e. **HS SSAA Garth Starr, Nominated by Wilson**
- f. **HS TTBB Garth Starr, Nominated by Wilson**

2. **Teacher of the Year:**
3. **All-State Musical Theater Director:**
4. **Emeritus:**
5. **Nominations for Listening Panel:**
6. **President-Elect:**
7. **Treasurer:**
8. **Secretary:**
9. **Director of State Events:**
10. **Director of Specialized Events:**
11. **Director of Conferences:**
12. **Director of All-State:**

6. Descriptions:

Emeritus, Teacher of the year, Honors choir director nominations

- a. Emeritus guidelines:
 - i. Taught vocal music or been actively involved with a choral music program for twenty-five or more years.
 - ii. May have spent part of his/her career as a supervisor, coordinator, chairman or director of a school music program which includes choral music.
 - iii. Demonstrated significant service to MSVMA.
 - iv. Spent part of their careers in Michigan and with credit given for choral teaching or supervising and active vocal music organization membership in other states.”
- b. Teacher of the Year nominees must:
 - Be a current member of MSVMA
 - Have taught a minimum of 15 years, at least 10 of which are on the secondary level in Michigan
 - Have demonstrated consistent excellence in performance
 - Have been influential in creating a love and understanding of music for the masses
- c. Honors Choir Directors are selected using the following criteria:
 - Potential candidates must be MSVMA members and can be from any educational level.
 - Potential candidates must have taught a minimum of seven years with two years at the same academic level.
 - The choirs of potential candidates must have received a large proportion of Excellent final determinations at district or state festivals.

7. Adjudication

a. Adjudication Evaluations-

- i. **Please do them! [LINK HERE!](#)***

- b. *Adjudicator training is for ALL! Even just to observe*
- c. *Encouraging adjudicators to use Gender Neutral language*
- d. *Adjudicators are requesting more variety in repertoire (time periods, skills, etc)*
- e. *At Choral Festival, the adjudicator who clinics does NOT need to turn in a rubric unless it is a 3 judge panel (3 scores are REQUIRED)*

8. Next Meeting

- a. **Last year's meeting was 9/20, social event on Friday 11/21**
- b. **Choose a similar date? Anyone want to host a gathering at their home or in their town?**
- c. **Caleb Sinclair tentatively planning to host at his home in Lapeer, Friday September 25 (the day after MS Vocal Arts Day)--pencil this in!**

- 9. Don't forget that you have Clinician Consultant monies through your MSVMA membership. \$185 toward a clinician or two you bring in to work with your kids.**

10. Adjournment:

Notes from our meeting:

- **Can we bring photography to Festival?**
 - **Yearbook class have equipment and need to practice?**
 - **Caleb knows a parent in Imlay City who has taken inexpensive or free photos for their choir**
 - **Garth knows a Davison alumni who has done the same**
 - **Can still pursue photofactory in Davison**
- **Can we bring recording back to S and E for large ensembles?**
 - **Media arts teacher at Imlay City**
- **Can we bring group lunch back to S and E?**
 - **Michelle and Caleb will discuss; need to make sure everyone contributes \$**

Questions for membership:

- **Are there any big conflicts with the Sep 24 date for MS Vocal Arts Day?**

Questions for MSVMA:

- **Aug 12 is pretty late for a summer conference event if directors are to use it as a time to *prepare* before school starts. Also, impossible for teachers with balanced calendars to attend.**
- **Can SCECH credit be offered for adjudication workshops?**
 - **Some teachers get PD for adjudicating--can SCHECH be offered instead of payment for this time if the adjudicator prefers?**