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District 11 Fall Meeting

Location: One Well Brewing, Kalamazoo

Date: 9/21/2021

5:30 Pre-meeting - 6:00 Meeting/Dinner

Agenda (Minutes)

1. Call to order and introductions. Reconnect and meet new members.
Dusty Morris, Randi, Chelsea, Liz Loy, Crystal, Ian, Jared, Dewey, Austin, Jake, Trisha, Alex, Julie D, Dennis, Jeff, Greg
2. Approval of agenda **Passed**
3. Approval of your Fall 2019 District Meeting minutes **Passed**
4. Receive treasurer's report – See financial report **Balance of ~\$3,400**
5. September 15th DEADLINE for membership application/renewal – \$385 per school building. Renew online by logging into the website. Please check and update your profile info too! If that doesn't work, call the MSVMA main office at 231-592-9344. You can, of course, still do this.
They will still take your money, even late! Renew your membership as soon as possible!
6. All TRANSFERS for DISTRICT and STATE EVENTS HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED BY NOV. 15, 2021.
7. Honors choir auditions for HS and 6-7-8-9 grades are open. Deadline for 6-7-8-9 is Oct 8. Deadline for HS is Oct 14. HS All-State Jazz deadline is also Oct 14.
These are hard deadlines.
Would anyone like to hear an elaboration on the online process for Honors Choir auditions?
8. Festival Registration/Application process
 - Directors will continue to register using the on-line scheduler for S&E and CHORAL FESTIVAL. Final invoice including required signatures and paperwork must be printed, postmarked and mailed by the registration deadline. Full payment of fees and appropriate paperwork with signatures must be mailed with the invoice.
 - Directors are encouraged to request payment in advance with their school districts.
 - School check, cashier's check or money order is required. Personal checks can be used, but they will be cashed.
 - Changes to repertoire – 2 weeks in advance of the festival!
Connect with a veteran director if you're unsure of how to register online; also look for an email from Dusty in January. Festival fees: can be paid by personal check (not to hold -- it WILL be cashed!), but they are not taking credit cards (yet). Once we agree on the Festival deadlines, those are hard deadlines.
9. MSVMA 'Handbook?' Go to MSVMA.org **This is your first place for questions; if you can't find it there, then email dustinmorris@msvma.org (or text).**
10. Review District Festivals Fees 2020-2021 - unchanged
S&E Fees:
 - Solo - \$20
 - Small Ensemble 2-5 singers \$30
 - Large Ensemble 6-20 singers \$40

We'd love to expand this to include more singers! Let's go for more events! Seventh and eighth graders may participate, but for comments only (we think).

Greg and Jeff will co-host, probably at Lakeview Middle School.

Choral Festival

Date: Wed-Thurs Feb 23-24, 2022 (but Marshall can't host these dates)

Location: Marshall High School?

Host: Ian Baby?

Registration Deadline - January 14, 2022

Ian will check on other dates and get back to us.

11. Proposed Dates for District 11 activities for 2022-2023 (next year)

Solo & Ensemble

Date – Saturday, February 5, 2023

Location – TBA

Host – TBA

Discuss the idea of attempting to merge with another adjacent district?

Choral Festival

Date – Tuesday & Wednesday, February 22 & 23, 2023

Location – TBA

Host – TBA

12. Carolyn F. Leep Scholarship Fund

Donations - Our District donation = \$100

Application (due Nov. 15, 2021)

13. Michigan Youth Arts Festival- Donation

Donations - Our District donation = \$100

14. Communications Plan for All D11 information

- Your new district manager is Dusty Morris
- All correspondence for DISTRICT EVENTS are directed to:
dustinmorris@msvma.org.
- All invoices and fees are sent to:
Dusty Morris
Vicksburg High School
501 E. Highway Road
Vicksburg, MI 49097
- All STATE EVENTS are sent to STATE SUPERVISORS.
ALL MEMBERS MUST VISIT both MSVMA and DISTRICT 11 WEBSITE FOR
UPDATES AND INFORMATION. The district website will be updated soon.

15. District 11 concerns

Is MSVMA making rubric adjustments because of Covid?

What are MSVMA's safety plans for S&E and Choir Festival? (Honors Choir safety plan: masks, space between singers on stage)

If they are masked/spaced, will there be choir mics?

Did MYAF fold or is that just a rumor?

What's the virtual pre-Festival thing?

Can we bring back CDs for groups that perform at Festival (or even just a link to a digital recording, or a Dropbox recording)?

17. Anyone interested in buying sightreading books? Order due by Oct 1. Price \$2.50 each.

18. Recruiting and retaining new district 11 member directors and schools

Who to reach out to? Bronson, Mendon, Parchment Middle, Quincy, Gull Lake, Pennfield,

Galesburg-Augusta, Climax-Scotts

Who has connections to them?

19. Spring District Meeting

Week of May 24?

5:30pm social, 6pm dinner - Watch for survey to be sent in spring to set date.

Location – Clara's on the River, 44 McCamly Street North, Battle Creek, MI

Territorial Brewing instead?

Adjournment

POST-MEETING/addendums: