

February 4, 2017
SCMEA Choral Division Business Meeting
Columbia Metrolina Conference Center, Lexington A

Choral Division president Pam Brunson called the meeting to order at 2:37 PM.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved with Diane MacFarlane making the motion; Rusty Keesler seconded.

Officer Reports

President-elect, Greg Pittman

1. Credit card usage for events is still in the works. Still working to implement process for next year. Question asked regarding schools still being able to send checks. Checks will still be accepted, ease of purchase cards will aid several districts.
2. Choral Arts clinician – Russell Robinson. Potentially an additional clinician.
3. SCMEA Conference clinicians – Eric Nelson, Jeffery Redding

Treasurer, Lisa Pecarina

1. The report was submitted.
2. Pam indicated that SCMEA budgeted \$1,000 to help off-set expenses for Conference.

Committee Reports

All State Auditions- Lizzi Elliott

1. No new updates at this time, but check website for any updates.
2. Tentative audition dates are November 6-9.

All State Weekend- William Bennett

1. Check e-mails – information will be send out.
2. Review on attire for All-State weekend.

Middle School Committee- David Richardson

1. Meet and Greet session on Saturday morning was beneficial to new members and teachers.
2. There is a need for new committee members to replace those retiring.
3. Spring clinics are ready to go

Solo and Ensemble- Erin Phillips

1. 40 schools registered over all sites.
2. Pins are available for purchase of \$4.00
3. Nikki Belch asked if an April date could be considered. Erin stated that the committee will discuss.

High School Choral Performance Assessment- Lisa Cunningham

1. 65 High School and 110 choirs are registered.
2. Conflict with testing dates for juniors should be discussed with administration to see if students could test on a different date in the testing window.
3. Any conflicts for CPA scheduling need to be provided by next week, or request cannot be promised.
4. Time on stage has changed to 10 minutes total, not including walking on and off stage to allow for safety concerns. Time will begin at downbeat.

5. Several directors have taken cell phones into sight-reading room. Violated regulations and rules. Potential recording is illegal. There will be a timer/clock in the room for timing purposes; however, directors just need to ask for time reminders.
6. Choirs will be able to sight-read up or down one level from classification, if desired. Make preference clear upon entering sight-reading room.
7. Titles for songs due February 17, 2017.
8. Bob Holquist, Isaiah McGee, and Shannon Jeffries will judge, Alicia Walker will judge Sight-Reading.

Middle School Performance Assessment- Nikki Belch

1. Middle School Meet and Greet on Saturday morning was helpful.
2. High School directors encourage middle schools to participate and attend CPA.
3. 62 choirs enrolled.
4. Venue still to be determined. Construction at former facility. Confirmation will be made next week as to actual site.
5. Schedule will be sent out by Sunday, February 12, 2017.
6. Ingram on Tracks will record and a Superior CD will be available for purchase. CDs can be ordered regardless of scoring.
7. Superior with Distinction Plaques available for order if earned. List will be provided to trophy company, director will be given form and purchase and order must be made by director.
8. Titles due by March 1st. Will be entered in Google Spreadsheet. Please do not change any other schools' entry.
9. Program will also be e-mail for proofing prior to printing.
10. Scott Brunson is sight-reading composer and will provide sample examples to be posted on website.

Region Choir

1. 28 schools and 453 students registered.
2. Next year's dates: Eastern and Western Region – January 18-19, Central – January 25-26.
3. Repertoire suggestions should be e-mailed to Dale Roth
4. Gina Jolly asked about when finalized repertoire will be posted. All information for clinics and repertoire must be provided and finalized by May 1, 2017.

Additional items

1. Conference dates for 2018: February 15-17
2. Gina asked about sight-reading examples for High School CPA at JW Pepper. Ask for UIL sight-reading music

New Business

1. Officers on Middle School Clinic committee: email will be sent via google ballot, Recommendations should be sent to David Richardson.
2. Officers on Middle School CPA committee: New chair will be need to be selected, Nikki Belch rotates off committee. New committee members: Casey Kerr at League Academy, Matthew Pedelty at Oakbrook Middle, Sarah Wahl at Beech Springs Intermediate. No additional nominations made. Motion made for full slate approval made by Carla Brock, Heather Wilcox seconded. None opposed.
3. President-Elect Nomination: must be middle school director, committee comprised of Gina Jolly, Lynn Perkins, and June Kirkland. Committee nominated Nikki Belch. No further nominations made, Motion for approval made by Diane MacFarlane, Rusty Keesler seconded. None opposed.

The meeting was adjourned by Pam Brunson at 3:06 PM.