

TMEA Region 25 Orchestra Division
Minutes – Fall Region Meeting
August 25, 2007 – Lovejoy High School

Meeting was called to order by Orchestra Division Chair Josh Thompson.

New teachers to the region were introduced by their colleagues.

The minutes from the spring region meeting were mentioned. Betsy Thomas moved to accept the posted minutes, with a second by Jo Wallace-Abbie. The motion passed.

Josh Thompson reviewed the orchestra division calendar as contained in the fall meeting packet, including locations, clinicians, and organizers.

The All-Region audition procedures were briefly reviewed. Josh Thompson stated a rule change that the numbers listed in the region handbook for sections of region groups must be filled. Audition panels will no longer be able to decide to take less than the listed numbers based on the quality of the student auditions.

The entry deadline for All-Region auditions was covered. Audition packets will be posted on the region orchestra website by the end of the next day.

All-State auditions were covered. Dates, locations, and the posting of the audition material were discussed.

Josh Thompson indicated that UIL Solo & Ensemble contest for orchestra would be held in conjunction with the choir contest. Josh also indicated that all questions relating to UIL activities should be directed to Randy Bartlett, as that is Randy's responsibility. A question was raised by Ruth Kurtis regarding the idea presented at the spring meeting to hold the orchestra contest in conjunction with the region 3 orchestra contest. Josh indicated that the decision to combine the contest with choir was made by Randy.

UIL Concert/Sightreading dates, locations, entry deadlines, and judging panels were reviewed.

Old business was reviewed (see agenda):

- The state audition material is posted and errata are being added often. Check the TMEA website often;
- Josh Thompson reviewed director ethics regarding region events and reminded the membership that directors must be at all region activities in which their students are involved. Only a school official who knows the students may be used as a proxy. No parent proxies may be used.

Randy Bartlett requested to address a few items, in particular the UIL Solo & Ensemble contest being combined with the choir contest. Randy asked about anticipated participation in an attempt to assess the number of judges that would be needed. Randy requested emails from participating districts with suggestions for judges.

New business was addressed (see agenda):

- The Rice Middle School Orchestra was recognized for being selected as this year's TMEA Middle School Honor Orchestra.
- Directors were reminded to fill out the volunteer form and return it at the end of the meeting. Josh requested that any director that did not have his/her TMEA member number email it to him ASAP;
- The rules regarding dual certification of students were reviewed;
- Josh reviewed the chain of command for any issues related to region activities as being the director first, followed by the region chair.

The motion to adjourn was made by Betsy Thomas, seconded by Jo Wallace-Abbie, and passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

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