

TMEA Region 25 Orchestra Division
Minutes – Fall Region Meeting
August , 2008 – Lovejoy High School

Meeting was called to order by Orchestra Division Chair Andrew Goins.

New teachers and returning teachers in new/changed positions were introduced by their colleagues. Members were asked to fill out the volunteer/information form.

Andrew Goins went over suggested changes to the Region handbook: no longer needing to submit hard copies of region entries, raising clinician mileage fees from \$.445/mile to \$.50/mile, and raising the stipend of schools hosting events from \$150 to \$200. The changes were open for discussion. Betsy Thomas moved to accept the changes and Christina Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed. Let it be noted that Brain Coatney voted against the changes.

The Region 25 All-Region orchestra auditions site has changed from Clark High School to Carpenter Middle School. The clinicians for the middle school orchestras will be Sara Wharry for Bach, Kathlene Goodrich for Beethoven, and Karen McAfee for Brahms. The clinicians for the high school groups will be Ron White for Philharmonic and Dr. Clif Evans for Symphony.

Randy Bartlett requested information from people in new positions and reported on UIL procedures.

Andrew Goins discussed region audition procedures. Region entries are \$10, submitting hard copies of entries is not required, and if a director has a student participating and is unable to be present, he or she must send a proxy. The proxy must be approved in advance by the orchestra division region chair. There is a place for parent email on the entry form. If no email is provided for the entry forms, please use na@tmea.org.

The region entry deadline is October 3, 2008. Audition packets have been posted by David DeVoto on www.region25orchestra.org.

Middle School Coordinator, Kari Zamora discussed about music difficulty of the middle school region orchestras and about trying to raise the quality level of the middle school groups.

Allstate judging is at R.L. Turner High School to help defray travel costs of judges. Andrew Goins requested that members volunteer to judge to help keep costs down since we are in the area.

The UIL Solo and Ensemble entry deadline is January 23, 2009. Any questions may be submitted to Randy Bartlett. The UIL concert and sightreading entry deadlines are as follows: middle school, March 2, 2009 and high school, February 9, 2009. There was no other old business.

New business:

Congratulations were extended to all of the honor groups and honor group finalists.

Members were asked to include their TMEA number on the volunteer forms. Do not forget to renew your TMEA membership (exp. Aug 20).

Jo Wallace-Abbie gave an update on the UIL music advisory board and agreed to attend their next meeting.

Nominations were taken for orchestra division vice president. Margaret Johnson nominated Jeff Turner and spoke on his behalf. Ron moved that the nominations cease. Kari Zamora seconded. Andrew Goins moved to accept the nomination. There was no call to oppose. The motion passed.

Andrew Goins reminded the region of the dates for the upcoming region events. Josh Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting and Beth Romig seconded. The meeting was adjourned.