

TMEA Region 25 Orchestra Division
Minutes – Spring Region Meeting
May 17, 2008 – Lovejoy High School

Meeting was called to order by Orchestra Division Chair Josh Thompson. Region membership was asked to sign in on the sign-in sheet that was being passed around.

Betsy Thomas moved to accept the Fall meeting minutes. Jo Wallace-Abbie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TMEA and UIL dates and sites were reviewed by Josh Thompson. No old business required discussion.

New business was reviewed as per the printed agenda.

A rule change was proposed that would allow a middle school to enter both the Honor String and Full competitions. Provided that the string competition is judged first, a program winning the string contest and having entries in both contests would have its full orchestra entry removed from the judging process. Dennis Langevin moved that we submit a resolution to the division suggesting this rule change. The motion was seconded by Barbara Fox and passed by the membership.

A proposal was made to add a third middle school region orchestra. Data from the previous year's auditions was reviewed by Josh Thompson, who added that it would be a large logistical undertaking to add a third group. After extended discussion, a motion was made by Betsy Thomas, seconded by many, to add a third middle school group. The motion passed. Discussion of instrumentation ensued. A motion was made by Betsy Thomas, seconded by Brian Henson, to set the Brahms group at 12/12/8/8/4. The motion passed. A motion was made by Betsy Thomas, seconded by many, to set the Beethoven and Bach groups at 16/16/12/12/6. The motion passed. Discussion of grade levels eligible for each group ensued. A motion was made by Betsy Thomas, seconded by Meghan Gomen, to set the eligible grade levels at 6/7 for Bach and 6/7/8 for Beethoven and Brahms. The motion passed.

It was decided by the membership on general consensus to raise the region entry fee to \$10 for all levels. After discussion, it was decided that auditions would remain on one day for now. A proposal was made by Brian Henson to have all of the region groups on one concert and rent the Eisemann Center. The discussion was tabled until a later time.

Music selection meeting dates, times, and sites were set. Middle school will be at Pender's in Addison on 06/12/08 at 2:30 pm. High school will be at PESH on 06/07/08 at 10:00 am.

Nominations were taken for a new region chair. Andrew Goins was the only nominee. Betsy Thomas moved for a vote, seconded by Meghan Gomen. Andrew Goins was selected as the region chair. Kari Zamora was nominated as the new middle school coordinator. Dennis Langevin was also nominated to serve again, but respectfully declined the nomination. Betsy Thomas moved for a vote, seconded by Brian Henson. Kari Zamora was selected as the new middle school coordinator. Meghan Gomen was nominated as the new division secretary. Andrew Goins moved for a vote, seconded by Alicia Alexander. Meghan Gomen was selected as the new division secretary.

Orchestra organizers were chosen. For middle school, the organizers will be as follows: Bach – Christine Towndrow; Beethoven – Daniel Rodriguez; Brahms – Stefanie Hayes. For high school, the organizers will be David Devoto for Philharmonic and Josh Thompson for Symphony.

Jo Wallace-Abbie was selected as the new UIL Music Advisory Committee member for the division.

Region clinician suggestions were taken. No other new business was brought by the membership.

The meeting was adjourned by Josh Thompson.

Respectfully Submitted

Andrew Goins
Secretary, Region 25 Orchestra Division