***District VII VCDA Directors Meeting***

***February 9, 2013***

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Cindy Freeman.

The use of dry erase boards during All-VA auditions was discussed. The purpose of using them was to lessen distraction, but it did not really succeed in doing that. The fact that some of the SSA girls did not know their audition number was discussed. It was suggested that a list be posted in each rehearsal room. It was voted that we continue to use dry erase boards. It was moved (Kristy Price) and seconded (Chandra Harmon) that we post a list of audition numbers each rehearsal room. The motion passed.

Raejie Harman was thanked for hosting.

We discussed the use of the sheets for screens during auditions. It was moved (Kristy Price) and seconded (Darren Goad) that the district will purchase sheets for use in the auditions.

Sectionals: As part of the discussion on how well the sectionals worked this year, we talked about dividing the hosting duties because of how much there is to do, and having the co-hosts splitting the honorarium. It was moved (Raejie Harman) and seconded (Glenda Martin) that the host will decide whether to enlist help and split the honorarium, or to do the job him/her self. The motion passed. It was emphasized that we need to be willing to help with sectionals if we are going to continue to do them. It was agreed that we would try having them with the directors and accompanists on a volunteer basis next year.

***New Business:***

*District Assessment:* District Assessment will be held on March 22, 2013 at Patrick Henry High School. Directors were told to inform Kristy Price if you were interested in bringing students.

*Jr. District Event:* Terry Hall said that he would be getting the letter out to us concerning the event as soon as possible. It is being held at Southwest Virginia Community College on March 8th and 9th. Because there is not enough room for the choirs to listen to each other during the concert, they are going to take some time and perform for each other on Friday evening. Area motels were discussed, as well as a discussion of putting the students in motels vs. housing. It was pointed out that some of the smaller districts simply cannot afford motels.

*Sr. District Events 2013-2014:*

Auditions: November 9, 2013

Site: Galax (9:00 AM registration)

Backup: Chilhowie (8:00 AM registration)

Event: February 7-8, 2014

Site: Carroll County

Backup: Giles

Director Suggestions: SSA Nancy Klein

Elaine Stafford

Laura Ebelbrock

SATB Keith Hampton (Moved and seconded that he is first choice.)

Robert Matthews

Alan Friedman

Zachary Marshall (ETSU)

Discussion was again held on the difficulty of the music chosen for the SSA choir. We need to be careful to have the SSA director pick appropriate and attainable music for them. It was suggested that we have some stronger soprano voices audition for the Soprano II section.

*District Representative:* Elections were held for a new District Representative. Darren Goad and Jessica Snow were nominated. Both of them stepped out of the room while voting was held, and by a narrow margin, Darren Goad was elected our new representative.

*All-Virginia Chorus:* The results of the All-Virginia Choir auditions were passed out and read aloud. Directors who had students chosen were asked to stay and receive the music and further directions.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Spirup