Junior High All-District VII Director’s Meeting

Saturday, March 10, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Kristy Price at 10:05AM. The minutes were read, corrected and approved. The following people volunteered to pass out programs: Teresa Male, Ashley McLaughlin, Carter Edmondson, Rose Payne and Ashley Pyles.

Angel Talbott brought the Lost and Found from All District Senior High Choir for directors to claim.

It was discussed that we reinstate an old District VII form listing the student’s name, school, director, voice part and choir designation because so many school systems are not allowing housing so the form was not effective. Judy Hall made the motion to reinstate the old form and it was seconded by Sue Spirrup. The motion was passed.

It was also discussed that we reinstate an All District Checklist for the year. Jane Call had created one and Angela Talbott also had one. Tim Woolwine will be putting it on our website:

vcdadistrict7.weebly.com.

Our audition piece for next year is:  
All Ye Who Music Love” by Baldassare Donato and Edited by Greyson (Publisher: Bourne Co., NY) It is an Early Secular Music Piece.

It was discussed that there were a large number of Male Altos and Sopranos because we thought that some would change voice parts. We actually attributed it to the audition piece, “The Lord Bless You and Keep You.” A motion was made by Cindy Freeman and seconded by Raejean Harman that we remove this piece from the rotation because of the tenor range. The motion passed. Every director must bring at least one piece as a possible audition piece for the JH Spring Meeting with enough copies for everyone. (35) Please also think about bringing some in a foreign language.

The audition date is Saturday, November 3rd, 2012. Sue Spirrup will be hosting auditions at Holston High School beginning at 9:00AM. The backup school will be Wise County Christian, Director, Donnie Henry.

Cindy Freeman notified everyone that the Fall Meeting will be Saturday, August 25th at

12:00noon at the Riverfront Café in Chilhowie, VA. Everyone must attend. (JH and SH)

A motion was made by Rose Payne that we reconsider 50% of our currently enrolled choir members or 20 choir students whichever is greater be allowed to audition for All District JH Choir. It was seconded by Terry Hall and was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Cindy Freeman and seconded by Angel Talbott that we continue to allow schools to volunteer to host the auditions and if necessary we will go to a possible rotation if needed. If a school is beyond a central location of Marion High School to John Battle HS, we will begin the auditions at 10:00AM if necessary.

It was mentioned that Senior High Auditions will be at Fort Chiswell High School with registration beginning at 9:00 and going until 11:00AM. The director’s meeting will be at 9:30AM and the auditions will begin at 10:00AM.

As a reminder, a stipend of $250 is given to anyone hosting auditions and $350 to anyone hosting the events. Make sure that this amount is put in your budget.

Next year’s event is scheduled for Friday, March 8th, 2013 with the backup date being March 15 and 16th. The host for next year’s JH All District VII event is Terry Hall at Richlands Middle School with the backup school being Galax High School, Director: Jessica Snow.

Conductor suggestions for next year’s SATB Choir are as follows:

1. Vincent Oakes
2. Mary Beth Yoder White
3. Dan Stokes

Conductor suggestions for next year’s SSA Choir are as follows:

1. Kevin Fenton - FSU
2. Jennifer Snodgrass – Appalachian State
3. Lynne Whitescarver Gregory – Battlefield HS
4. Charlotte Smith – Blacksburg

Accompanists who will be contacted are as follows:

1. Corrie Wagoner
2. Joey Trivett
3. Bryan Underwood

Judy Hall made a motion to elect Robin Brickey as secretary of the district. It was seconded by Cindy Freeman and it was a unanimous decision. Robin Brickey agreed to be the All District secretary and take over from Judy Hall.

District Festival is still going to be at Patrick Henry High School and they are looking for a

second adjudicator. The first one is Jim Shepherd from Concord University. Please give her any names you think might be good.

Terry Hall mentioned that they are looking for performing groups for Conference and they would like to have groups form less represented areas. Go to the website to apply.

Powell Valley has out of print music available to borrow. The list will be posted on our website.

Randy needs directors to help take down risers after the program today. Stay if you can.

Everyone was introduced at the end of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Hall