

TMEA Region 12

Orchestra Division Fall Meeting

Minutes – August 7, 2021

- I. Jason Thibodeaux calls the meeting to order. Everyone introduces themselves. Jason asks everyone to update their contact form using the provided QR code. The TMEA Volunteer form is due by Sept. 1st and a QR code is also provided.
- II. Minutes are reviewed from the May meeting. George Fahlund moves to approve the minutes, Katy Gonzalez seconds. All vote and the minutes are approved.
- III. Treasurer's report is given by Anna Trevino. We have \$13,193.44 in the checking account and \$2628.77 in savings.
- IV. TMAC – no new updates
- V. Handbook revisions and TMEA Code of Ethics and Standard Practices: Jason asks that everyone reads and reviews these before they enter a student in a contest. The Standard Practices includes the expectations of students for auditions. Jason says there is a new inclusion about students not wearing smart watches during the audition process. Students are only allowed to bring a tuner or a metronome into their audition. There was a little discussion about students who are diabetic and wear their smart watch for that reason, but Jason said we can cross that bridge when we get to it as this won't involve a lot of students.
 - We review our calendar for the year:
 - Jason says that student do not have to be in a mariachi ensemble at their school to participate in the middle school mariachi auditions
 - Jason explains the pre-area and area contests as they will be virtual this year.
 - In addition, the All-State seating auditions will be recorded through our Region and uploaded. The seating audition will then be virtual.
- VI. New Business:
 - Texas State workshop will be on September 18th or 19th for violins only. Jason will host a clinic on September 11th for Philharmonic and Symphony students.
 - George Fahlund announces a virtual bass clinic through the Texas Hill Country Bass Collective on September 18th.
 - Jason says that all Region 12 officer positions will be up for reelection in the spring. He encourages people to think about taking his job. Jason says that many Region chairs get a stipend for their work, but our Region has never done that. Melanie Sorgi recommends that we add a \$600 stipend for the Region Chair this year and vote on it. George Fahlund moves to add the stipend and Jan Garverick seconds the motion. Everyone votes and the motion is approved.
 - Erik Cavazos asks when students who are auditioning for the Mariachi group will get their music they will be playing for the concert and Jason says it will be early since the auditions are early.
 - Sixto asks if there will be an additional fee for the area chair audition. Jason says once he has more info from Alan Sharps he will send out info via email as to whether or not there will be a fee.
 - Clarification is made about auditioning for Region or Mariachi for Region 11. Region 11 will audition for mariachi through Region 11. Region 11 auditions for orchestra with Region 12.
 - Jason clarifies the high school Region audition music. The All-State cuts are used, so for our Region that includes the two etudes plus excerpt #1 for violin/viola and excerpt #3 for cello/bass. The Region can make reductions in the cuts on Sept. 1st.
 - There is a QR code included in our agenda for the Region 12 website. Use the website to get any information you need. Don Bustos maintains it for our Region.

- All auditions will be done on laptops or Chromebooks this year, so anyone hosting an audition needs to provide a cart of Chromebooks.
- Once the meeting is adjourned, Jason will share all the audition music through Google Drive. It is the expectation that we should all own the music.

VII. Jason adjourns the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melanie Sorgi.
August 8, 2021