



*Region Chorus 2008  
Directors Meeting Minutes  
March 27<sup>th</sup>  
Girard High School*

- I. Call to Order
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - a. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved
- III. Welcoming Remarks
  - a. Thank you to Carrie Rose
  - b. Acknowledgement of Girard SD Administration
- IV. State Concerns
  - a. All-State Festival, Hershey, PA; April 16-19 – online registration is now available
  - b. Future Music Educators Honors Symposium – application form online and in PMEA News
  - c. All-State chaperones needed from each district (2 minimum)
  - d. Scott Sheehan – new Vice President Elect of PMEA
  - e. New Category of Dues – Retired Membership (only \$25).
  - f. Region Conductor's Contracts – review of policies. It is highly recommended that hosts get conductors approved BEFORE approaching the conductor about guest conducting the festival. Approvals can be made at any of the 3 state meetings.
  - g. All-State Conductor nominations/approvals – only done at July board meeting.

- h. Festival rotations – Jason read e-mail suggesting that Choir always be the first festival. “Floating” idea “SINKS.”
- i. Fran spoke about the summer conference. He encourages everyone to attend. Frank Bianchi will be the choral strand presenter. July 21 – 22<sup>nd</sup> @ The Penn Stater.
- j. Fran also spoke about All-State Chorus. The Chorus concert will be Friday evening followed by the Gala. Rooms are available for students if they cannot go home Friday evening (paid for by PMEA). These rooms are only for students whose parents are not coming to the concert (directors will take them home on Saturday). If a student’s parent attends the concert and chooses not to drive home afterwards, it is assumed that they will make lodging arrangements at their own expense. Discussion concerning issues surrounding the changes in the All-State Festival followed.

V. Region Concerns

- a. Festivals of the Future
  - i. Region II Band – Sagertown
  - ii. Region II Choir – Freeport and Leechburg (tentative)
  - iii. Western Region Orchestra – District 2 – McDowell and Collegiate Academy (D3 in 2010).
- b. Review of Choral Policies
  - i. Add the phrase “one restart is permitted per selection” to number 11 on the Audition checklist. (motion by Fran, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris ). Motion carries.
  - ii. Discussion about making the evaluation scale 1-9 rather than 1-10. Motion defeated.
  - iii. Motion by Fran 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralph . The director supervising the holding room conduct some type of group vocalization at 20 minute intervals (without using concert material). Membership voted, Motion carries.
- c. Introduction of Chris Gankosky – President, District 2
  - i. 2 weeks after the paperwork deadline. 30 people had not turned things in. One week after easter, 17 people had not turned things in. 5 people either faxed or brought paperwork with you. There were several housing problems.....because host did not have allergy info. Chris expressed how this puts undue stress on festival hosts.
  - ii. District hosts will forward Medical forms and student contracts to Region hosts. (necessary changes will be made to paperwork so that we are covered for both district and region festivals. Also – we will check to be sure that both district 2 and district 3 use the same exact forms.

d. Concert Solo Audition Committee:

1. Tom Koharchik
2. Chad Young
3. Zach Covington
4. Susan Huster
5. Jodi Stewart
6. Mary Lynne Peters

e. Incidental Solo Judges

1. Fran Nesta
2. Tina Bennett
3. Rae Jean Urbanowicz
4. Randall Thorn
5. Patty Bush
6. Kim Smreka

VI Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 10:09

Respectfully Submitted,

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