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VCDA BUSINESS MEETING - Minutes

All Virginia Chorus – Blacksburg, VA
Friday, April 28, 2017

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Introduction of Officers**
- III. **Confirmation of Agenda**
- IV. **Review of Motion and Voting**
- V. **Roll Call by Districts**

1	6, n	5	9, n	9	8, n	13	6, y
2	5, n	6	10, y	10	4, n	14	7, y
3	11, n	7	5, y	11	8, n	15	6, n
4	9, y	8	10, y	12	8, y	16	9, y

VI. **Reports**

- A. Secretary's Report
- B. Treasurer's Report

VII. **Old Business**

- A. VCDA Website – Please send District Audition and event Handbooks for posting
 - a. Mandi requests that the district reps create a digital version of their district handbook by June 30 and they will be uploaded to the VCDA website
- B. ACDA Middle School Honors Choir Report – Bill Podolski, Philip Keirstead
 - a. Bill discussed the interest sessions and expresses gratitude for collaboration between VCDA and ACDA.
 - b. ACDA is looking for someone to chair this event next year – please communicate with Philip or Bill if you are interested

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- C. All-Virginia Chorus 2018, 2019 and beyond – Combined Event with VBODA - Update – Mike Horanski
All-Virginia Chorus 2018
- Richmond, VA
 - April 5-7, 2018
 - SSAA director: **Dr. Kristina MacMullen**, Ohio St.
 - SATB director: **Dr. Lee Nelson**, Wartburg College
- a. Mike will be serving a coordinator for the entire event, between all of the organizations
- i. In addition to working with the organizations, Mike is working with the City of Richmond and tourism to get corporate sponsorships to reduce cost for all
- D. **All-Virginia Chorus Audition Rotation and Committee – Lynne Babcock**
Current Rotation:
- “She Walks in Beauty” (2017-18)
“Whither Must I Wander” (2018-19)
“Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind” (2019-20)
“Where’er You Walk” (2020-21)
- E. Assessment Rubric Feedback
- a. If you have feedback on this rubric from this year, send the information to Mandi via email
- F. Adjudicator Training – Mike Horanski
- a. Mike is willing to come to districts to provide training, please communicate with him regarding your needs
- G. ACDA Voices United Conference - Bill Podolski
- a. August 3 – 5
 - b. Christopher Aspaas – Conducting seminar and Director of Director’s Chorus
 - c. Honor Children’s Chorus (10 – 14) Sophia Papoulis and Voices United Chorus (ages 15 – 100), Thomas Colohan
- H. Honors Choir Update – Joe Eveler
- a. First Christian Church – Rehearsal location
 - b. 2017 - Dr. Deen Entsminger
 - c. 2018 – Dr. Elaina Sharkova
 - d. Audition piece will change to “If music be the food...” – website to be updated
- I. Leadership Seminar at Conference – Mike Horanski
- a. Please submit names to Mike of those who might be a good fit for future leadership

VIII. **New Business**

- A. Sight Reading Committee- Need Volunteers
- a. Laura Lazarevich
 - b. CJ Redden-Liotta
 - c. Megan Cartwright
 - d. Jennifer Jarrett
 - e. Mary Letson
 - f. Michelle Edwards
 - g. Lynne Ballou

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h. Barbara Perry

B. Conference- consider performance application, due TODAY.

C. All District Contract Revision Motion- Laura Lazarevich

Members of All-District Chorus may not miss any rehearsals during the event. The only exception is if the **student is granted an excused absence**, in which case the student may only miss one rehearsal block. One rehearsal block is defined as break to break on a single day. Students involved in such a conflict must submit a written request including: name of student, ~~VHSL~~ event conflict, rehearsal block to be missed to the All-District Chorus Chairman prior to the event. The chairman is responsible for determining a ruling with the All-District Chorus Committee. An excused absence may be a Virginia High School League (VHSL) sponsored competition or **any other reason approved by the committee**. If a student does not communicate this information prior to the All-District Chorus event, he/she will not be excused regardless of the reason.

Motion: Laura Lazarevich Second: Kathy Haberman - Passes

Amendment: *"but not to exceed two hours" (M: Judy Belzer, 2nd: Michael Ehrlich) – Fails

Amendment: "an excused absence that would be recognized by the local school authority" – (M: CJ Redden-Liotta, no second) - Fails

Amendment: remove "one rehearsal block" (M: Emilio Pesante, no second) – Fails

Call to Question voted and passed

D. Grade Requirements for All-Virginia Auditions – Judi Belzer

Any high school student who has fulfilled the All-District Chorus requirements and is currently enrolled in a school choral performance organization recognized by the school division, and recommended by the school choral director, is eligible to audition. Schools using an alternative form of scheduling may request a waiver from the President's Committee before auditioning.

Respectfully submitted by [motion] Judi Belzer, (Second CJ Redden-Liotta) - Passes

E. The Art of Vocal Music Institute

IX. **Closing Remarks** – Mandi Steele