

**VCDA District II September Meeting  
Monday, September 11, 2017  
Tallwood High School, Virginia Beach**

## **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order **Time: 7:28 PM**
  
- II. Confirmation of Agenda **Motion: Sarah Haigh  
Second: Patrick Garrison**
  
- III. Approval of Spring Meeting Minutes **To Be Approved online.  
Motion: DeLena Poe  
Second: Carl Copon**
  
- IV. Roll Call by Sign In
  - A. Please update and sign the VCDA District II Roster. If you are willing, please include your cell phone number so I have contact information for you during non-school hours.
  
- V. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. Introduction of 'Returning' and 'New' Faculty
  
  - B. All-District Chorus Event 2017 Report
    - i. James Fedderman and Delana Poe, Co-Chairman
  
  - C. DISTRICT CHORAL ASSESSMENT 2017 Report
    - i. Tamieka Sawyer
  
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. HONOR'S CHOIR AUDITIONS 2017
    - i. When: Saturday, October 14, 2017
    - ii. Where: Longwood University, Farmville, VA
    - iii. Online registration due: Wednesday Sept. 13th by 7PM
    - iv. Financial Postmark Deadline: Friday Sept. 15th
    - v. We will have a brief informal coordinating of carpooling/sharing chaperone responsibilities at the end of this meeting assist the separate cities in coordinating.
  
  - B. DISTRICT CHORUS AUDITIONS 2017
    - i. When: Saturday, November 4, 2017
    - ii. Where: Corporate Landing Middle School, 1597 Corporate Landing Pkwy, Virginia Beach, VA 23454

1. HOST: Mary Letson
- iii. Who: Ashley Adams, Co-Chairperson
- iv. Who: Mary Letson, Co-Chairperson

Registration dates: Sep 25-Oct. 13. Payments due by October 13.

C. VMEA IN-SERVICE CONFERENCE

- i. When: November 16-17, 2017
- ii. Where: Homestead, Hot Springs, VA
- iii. Pre-registration for the VMEA conference deadline is Nov 1 - <http://www.vmea.com/index.php/vmea-conference-preregistration>
- iv. Please attend the VCDA meeting Friday afternoon

D. DISTRICT CHORUS EVENT 2018

- i. When: February 9-10, 2018
- ii. Where: Kellam HS
  1. HOST: Carl Copon
- iii. CHAIRPERSON: Mary Letson (finances)
- iv. CO-CHAIR: Carl Copon
- v. WHO: Cindy Forbes - Food
- vi. Conductors:
  1. Festival Chorus - Dave Cowell
  2. SSAA (Treble) Choir - Sarah Froom- Gallo
  3. SATB Choir - Dr. Bryson Mortenson
- vii. FUTURE CONDUCTOR LIST  
Please consider names for our spring meeting
- viii. Check availability for schools to be used as host sites in the rotation:
  1. 2019 - Tallwood
  2. 2020 - Booker T.
  3. 2021- Ocean Lakes
  4. 2022- Green Run
  5. 2023- Cox
- ix. Update in the VCDA manual - Absences from rehearsals must be approved by the All District Committee, PRIOR TO THE EVENT, and are limited to only ONE rehearsal block or less (not limited to VHSL).  
"Form committee of at least 5 to set guidelines prior to event in order to develop policy."
- x. Housing for Eastern Shore students and directors  
The membership does not think host families is a good option  
No dorm rooms are available

E. ALL-STATE CHORUS AUDITIONS 2018

- i. When: February 6, 2018
- ii. Where: Tallwood High School, 1668 Kempsville Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23502
  1. HOST: Corbin Pinto

- iii. CHAIRPERSON: Corbin Pinto
- iv. Audition piece is online, but slight changes are being made - Lyric correction: "climes" NOT "chimes", voice parts on music PDF, and bass clef for Tenor and Bass
- v. Auditions are open to 9-12 graders
- vi. Audition procedures
  - 1. when are the auditions
  - 2. when to make the announcement

Discussion: "Draw 20 per room."  
 "Look at administration wants also, not solely what teachers want."  
 "Look at bringing in more judges and splitting the voice parts."  
 "Parent Chaperone or designated representative must attend with underage student for All-State. Look at parent involvement."  
 "Can organize rooms by grade level."  
 "Thursday night sectional day/night and audition that night?"  
 "Pull out for audition during the rehearsal may be disruptive to rehearsals. Consider the tally's, runners, teacher coverage in the rehearsal rooms."  
 "Spaces in order to have Thursday night rehearsals and open rooms in order to have auditions also occurring at the same time."  
 "Perhaps research the schools in order to see the percentage of schools that actually use these methods in order to look at the data to help predict what could happen."  
 "Perhaps two different days for rehearsal/auditions. Ex: Tuesday night for women and Thursday night for men. Rehearse on alternate nights of audition. However consider the family aspect as well as students coming from out of the area."  
 "Check with other districts and possible judges also coming from there."

Motion: "Thursday night sectional that also includes All-State Auditions. Auditions would then be held at Kellam HS. Feb 8th" Made by: DeLena Poe  
 Second: Patrick Garrison

#### F. DISTRICT CHORAL ASSESSMENT 2018

- i. When: March 16-17, 2018
- ii. Where: Norview HS, 6501 Chesapeake Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23513
  - 1. HOST: Sarah Tilghman
- iii. CHAIRPERSON: Tamiaka Sawyer

#### G. ALL-VIRGINIA CHORUS 2018

- i. When: April 5-7, 2018
- ii. Where: Richmond, VA
- iii. Conductors:
  - 1. SATB: Dr. Lee Nelson, Wartburg College
  - 2. SSAA: Dr. Kristina MacMullen, Ohio State
  - 3. Housing at All - VA is now the responsibility of each school or district (using the event hotels)

Motion: "Move forward as a district to put students into rooms in order to help subsidize costs per student instead of having individual school look for housing options. Inclusion of chaperones as well to help alleviate overtaxing of Choral Directors. Form committee to plan district rooms, grouping by age."  
 Made by: Corbin Thomas Pinto  
 Second: Everyone in attendance.

H. VCDA Directory and Communication

- i. It is each director's responsibility to register in the online directory. The registration must be completed by October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The link has been emailed to you:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/Ua0l0S6AKwkMVyOo1>

I. Literature Manual Submissions

- i. Submissions should be given to Brian Kelly by 4:00pm on Thursday of Conference.
- ii. YOU can be on the committee by contacting Brian Kelly or going to the Monroe room at 8PM Thursday of conference.

J. VCDA "operations" Manual

- i. This has been updated. If you are a chairperson of an event, please read your manual to ensure that you are following all procedures correctly.
- ii. Financial Forms have also been updated  
<http://www.vmea.com/index.php/resources/event-chairing-hosting>

K. FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT...

- i. Make sure you have renewed your membership to NAFME and have your card at all VCDA events this year.
- ii. The VCDA District 2 website is being updated by Ashley Adams.  
Please send updates or changes to her Ashley.Adams@vbschools.com  
[www.VCDA2.com](http://www.VCDA2.com)
  1. Adding a page to the website  
( How to submit to VMEA notes, Music in our schools month, Tri-M, Department of education, other suggestions??)

Add performance dates, musicals, etc to the page in order to keep everyone updated to each others concerts and events.

J. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 8:25 PM

K. City Honors Choir audition carpooling/chaperoning

L. District Committee - review conductor rep lists