

TMEA Region 3
May (TMEA) General Meeting Minutes
Meeting Held at Sachse High School
Saturday, May 14, 2022 - 10:00am

President Ryan Forkner called the meeting to order at 10:06am. The first order of business was approving the minutes from the TMEA Region meeting in February. A motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded, and the motion passed. Next, dates were discussed for the Fall region meeting. August 6th was suggested as a possible date and after a vote, August 6th was selected for the meeting date. With no other sites suggested, Sachse High School was selected as the location for the meeting, which will begin at 10:00am. The Orchestra Division will provide refreshments. Mr. Forkner then expressed his gratitude for everyone who hosted an event this year, as well as all the region coordinators and chairpersons.

President Forkner then spoke from the following agenda items provided:

- **TMEA Job Placement Service** - Vacancies are listed on the TMEA website.
- **Membership Renewal Alert** - Dues will remain at \$50 for next year. Regardless of when dues were paid, all memberships expire on June 30. Please update information in the TMEA database when you renew your membership. Mr. Forkner encouraged members to not wait until All-Region audition entries are due to renew.
- **Liability Insurance** - Liability insurance has not changed at \$30 for the year. It is recommended that you get this insurance coverage before you set foot in the classroom. Attorney's fees are reimbursed up to \$10,000. This amount applies to criminal cases, win or lose, and for civil/contractual disputes which ultimately are settled in favor of the defendant. Liability per insured per occurrence will remain at \$1,000,000 and the consultation fee paid without regard for final judgment will be \$1,500. If you had liability insurance last school year it will expire on August 20. Visit tmea.org to join or renew your membership and purchase liability insurance.
- **TMEA Clinic/Convention February 8-11, 2023** - Follow the TMEA website and Southwestern Musician for future information.
- **Clinic Proposal Period:** May 1-June 1, 2022 - proposals can be submitted online through the TMEA website. Research has shown that members want to attend clinics in programs like theirs (limited funds, resources, and staff). The May Southwestern Musician magazine gives topic ideas that members shared in a survey after the most recent TMEA clinic/convention.
- **Ensembles to Perform at the 2023 Convention** - Honor Band & Orchestra competitions have been reinstated. The Vocal and Elementary divisions will continue with the invited ensembles, with minor adjustments to the process. Please consult the TMEA website for the exact process.
- **Legislative and State Board of Education Updates** - The next election cycle is in full swing; most candidates have been selected for the November elections. Several of our strangest supporters will not be running again. There will be a TON of new people in both the house and the senate and we do not have long relationships with them yet. Mr. Floyd will continue to work to build those relationships. Everyone is encouraged to get

involved with www.texartsed.org. Mr. Floyd's goal is to double the number of people involved.

- **CEDFA Summit 23** - The Texas Fine Arts summit is open for registration. Charging the Creative Engine is the title of the online convention.
- **State Officer Nominations and Elections** - Candidates can be nominated for the state offices at the fall region meetings for the divisions of Orchestra, Vocal, and Elementary
- **State Board Members**
 - Region President - Ryan Forkner was voted in as the region president.
 - Region Vice-President - Margaret Wis was voted in as the region vice-president.
 - Secretary - Heather Becker was voted in as the region secretary.
- **Calendar** - The Region 3 Google calendar has been live for about 6 weeks. Region coordinators are working hard to fill a few of the hosting responsibilities. Check the region website for updates and the most up-to-date calendar.
- **UIL Music Advisory Committee Notes** - There are no items to bring before the general meeting. There are no agenda items for the vocal and orchestra divisions. There is one discussion item for the band division about marching band.

Mr. Forkner gave instructions for divisions to split after the conclusion of UIL business. The Elementary Division was dismissed.

UIL Business with Bonnie Bartlett - Bonnie thanked everyone for picking up awards before the meeting today. She also thanked everyone for their patience with the delay of some of the awards from UIL. She let us know that there are no plans to extend the COVID rules/policies/requirements for next year. Middle school zones may be adjusted for choir and band based on the number of entries for next year. The zones do not always adhere to geographical zones. The UIL calendar (including ATSSB) is posted on the Region 3 website, including fees and entry deadlines (that will be updated before the fall meeting). Bonnie thanked all of the people who will be hosting events next year.

New Business - Mr. Forkner let the membership know that any changes to the divisional handbooks and policies must be submitted now, so he encouraged us to discuss those things in the divisional meetings. With no other new business, Mr. Forkner requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35am. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Becker

TMEA Region III Secretary
Hudson Middle School Band Director