

TMEA Region 3
May (TMEA) General Meeting Minutes
Meeting Held on Zoom
Saturday, May 15, 2021 - 10:00am

President Ryan Forkner called the meeting to order at 10:01am. The first order of business was approving the minutes from the February meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded, and the motion passed by poll. Next, dates were discussed for the Fall region meeting. Both August 7 and 14 were suggested as possible dates. A poll was taken to select the date and August 7th was selected by 63% of voters. No sites volunteered to host the meeting, so that issue was tabled for now.

President Forkner then spoke from the following agenda items provided:

- **Gratitude** - to all divisional chairs, region chairs, region coordinators, and hosts for all of the work that has been put into making this year work. He spoke to Michelle Bennett (vocal chair), Lance Walker (band division chair), and Jarrod Beard (jazz chair) for their service to the region as they are moving on to other endeavors and will be vacating their positions.
- **TMEA Job Placement Service** - vacancies are listed on the TMEA website and updated daily.
- **Membership Renewal Alert** - Membership renewal will remain at \$50 for next year. There has been no increase in 20 years. Regardless of when dues were paid, memberships expire on June 30. It is strongly encouraged to renew memberships online.
- **Liability Insurance** - remains at \$30 for the year. It is highly recommended to have this insurance before setting foot in a classroom. If liability insurance was purchased last year, it expires on August 20.
- **TMEA Clinic/Convention February 9-12, 2022** - The executive board is committed to hosting a face-to-face convention, barring any developments from the Covid-19 outbreak. Cost will be \$60 for convention pre-registration and \$80 for on-site registration.
- **Clinic Proposal Period** - runs from May 1 - June 1. There will be approximately 300 clinics at the convention. All sessions will adhere to TMEA's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and access for all.
- **Invited Ensembles to Perform at the 2022 Convention** - The 2021-2022 Honor Band and Honor Orchestra competitions have been cancelled to recognize fairness and equity to all programs during the pandemic. The invited process is NOT a substitute for the honor process. It is a way to continue to celebrate great ensembles across the state. June 1 is the deadline for Band, Choir, and Orchestra invited ensemble applications. In the choral division, a director must be the director of the ensemble for 4 years (instead of 2) to apply. June 15 is the deadline for Elementary invited ensemble applications.
- **Legislative and State Board of Education Updates** - The Texas Arts Education Campaign has made a big push this year on social media for people to join and support the campaign. Consider joining if you have not already done so. HB 434 (any CTE course meets fine arts requirements) died due to lack of support. HB 437 (every student takes ½ credit in personal financial literacy) pulled before vote due to lack of support

from superintendents and ISDs. The Senate version of the bill *may* pass, but will not take away an elective. HB 2330 was voted out of the house public education committee and encouraged for passage in the Senate. They are working on scheduling a floor vote on this bill. The legislative session ends on the last day of May and currently includes no bills that will negatively impact fine arts programs in the state.

- **CEDFA Summitt 22** - Register online at www.cedfa.org. Resilience and Recovery through the arts is the theme this year.
- **State Officer Elections** - President Elect, Band Division VP, and College Division VP will be up for election next year. Nominations will begin at fall region meetings. Candidates must be active teachers and must receive nominations from 4 regions to be considered an official candidate.
- **Calendar** - Committee compiled and published the 2021-2022 Region 3 calendar in March. The calendar can be access at www.tmearegion3.com and is live. We are still looking for people to host a few events. Please talk to your division chair about hosting if you have an interest.
- **Member Profile Updates** - should be completed on TMEA website with change of jobs, emails, phone numbers, etc. to ensure all contact information is accurate.
- **UIL Music Advisory Committee Notes** - The committee is NOT meeting at their normal summer convention. Discussion items/Region feedback will be done at the Fall region meeting on August 7.
- **UIL Report** (Bonnie Bartlett) - Bonnie had technical issues, so Mr. Forkner gave her update. She wanted to thank all of the site hosts for all of the UIL events, whether they were virtual or in person. She is also working on preparing for the TMEA executive committee meeting and updating the budget for next year. The projected budget will be based on how many groups would have performed in the spring of 2020 (before the pandemic). If the number of performing groups on your campus will change, please communicate that with Bonnie ASAP.

With no new business, Mr. Forkner requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35am. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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