

TMEA Region 3
August (TMEA) General Meeting Minutes
Meeting Held at Sachse High School
Saturday, August 7, 2021 - 10:00am

President Ryan Forkner called the meeting to order at 10:08am. The first order of business was presented. Dates were discussed for the spring region meeting. May 7th, 14th, and 21st, were suggested as possible dates. A vote was taken to select the date and May 14th was selected by a large majority of members. Sachse High School was proposed as a site for the meeting. With no other sites suggested, Sachse High School was selected as the location for the meeting, which will begin at 10:00am. The Band Division will provide refreshments.

President Forkner then spoke from the following agenda items provided:

- **Elections for State Board Representatives** - *President-Elect*: no nominations were made by the membership, so discussion was tabled until a later date. *State Band Chair* nominations will be made during the Band Division meeting. *State College Chair*: no nominations were made by the membership, so discussion was tabled until a later date.
- **Region Communication** - Mr. Forkner and the Division Chairs are working hard to make communication groups accurate. There has been much turnover in the region. Directories from TMEA in the spring of 2021 are not completely accurate. Members should update all personal information in the TMEA member portal when jobs, addresses, emails, phone numbers, etc. change. Mr. Forkner pointed everyone to the QR code on the agenda and asked that everyone fill out the Google form with updated personal information for the region directory. There is a new Remind group being created for TMEA Region 3. Members should join the NEW Region 3 Remind by texting "@tmeareg3" to 81010.
- **TMEA MEMBERSHIP** –Membership dues remain at \$50, and the liability insurance remains the same at \$30. 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.
- **The TMEA Clinic/Convention, February 9-12, 2022**– The TMEA Executive Board is committed to providing a face-to-face convention, barring any new developments in the COVID-19 outbreak. Follow the TMEA website and Southwestern Musician for future information.
- **MEMBERSHIP CONVENTION HOUSING** – Housing through the TMEA website will open Thursday, October 7. Please read all housing information carefully before you reserve your room, especially relative to deposits. The housing portal will likely open at 6:00am.
- **TMEA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS** – The TMEA scholarship program continues to help both undergraduate and graduate students attend college. Last year \$195,000 was

awarded to deserving students. Remind your members to have their students apply for these scholarships if they plan to major in music education. See the TMEA website for details. Please encourage members to make tax-deductible contributions to the scholarship fund to benefit future music educators. With a significant drop in contributions from the royalty program by businesses, member donations will be even more important to sustain the number of scholarships we have given in the past into this school year. The deadline to apply is November 1.

- **TEXAS FUTURE MUSIC EDUCATORS** – Establishing more TFME chapters is a goal of the TMEA Executive Board. TFME sponsors may request up to \$300 in grant money for chapter events. This year there will be additional grant monies offered to off-set TFME student travel to the Annual Clinic/Convention. Please visit the TFME Webpage for more information and assistance.
- **MUSIC SCHOLARS** – This past year TMEA awarded a patch and certificate to over 1,987 high school students in recognition of their musicianship, academic standing, and citizenship. It is hoped that this recognition will encourage these students to become future music teachers. Encourage your best students to work towards becoming a TMEA Music Scholar. There is more information on the TMEA website.
- **DISTINGUISHED ADMINISTRATOR AWARD** – Encourage members to go to the website and familiarize themselves with this program to recognize upper-level school administrators (e.g., superintendents, deputy superintendents, principals, boards of education) across the state who have been instrumental in preserving quality music education programs on their campuses and in their districts. Through this recognition program, TMEA has the opportunity at the state level to thank these individuals for their dedication and support now more than ever in this post-pandemic time period. Recognize them!
- **Religious Holidays** – Please check the TMEA Statewide Calendar for religious holidays before TMEA events are scheduled. tmea.org-->Regions-->Calendars

Mr. Forkner gave instructions for divisions to split after the conclusion of UIL business. A motion to approve the minutes from the spring meeting was made and seconded by many. The motion passed and the minutes were approved. The Elementary Division was dismissed.

UIL Business with Bonnie Bartlett - There were no UIL Music Advisory Committee items to discuss as a general membership, although a few items will be discussed in divisional meetings. The 21-22 Contest Calendar includes deadline dates, entry fees, contest dates and sites, etc. Bonnie asked for members to send her emails with any new position information, new people to the region, and any information that would help her have the most up-to-date directory of directors in the region. Texas Music Forms (TMF) includes Charms. This year there will be specific information needed to set up profiles and entries including each school's TEA code. www.uilregion3music.net is the Region 3 website and includes all contest information needed throughout the year. The site is updated as changes are made. Bonnie reminded members to be aware of all copyright laws and ensure that each school is in compliance with copyright laws for all contest performance music. She reminded the members that www.uil texas.org/music is the ONLY official platform for the approved PML, which should go live on September 1. She

discussed the UIL Sightreading process and reminded the members that there will be no restrictions on spectators unless there is a change later due to COVID. Mrs. Bartlett told us that the system for TSSEC entries opens on April 1, 2022 and the deadline for entries will be April 15, 2022. Ineligible students *are* allowed to perform at TSSEC, however, this is ultimately a district decision. School districts have the authority to allow non-enrolled or homeschooled students to participate in UIL events. Students must be listed on the Form 1 for each event and they must participate with their home school (if they were enrolled in public school). Mrs. Bartlett shared that plans for UIL events will be held under pre-pandemic structures and rules. There *may* be an adjustment for music grade level requirements and sightreading grade levels, but this has NOT be decided yet. Directors should plan on all events using pre-pandemic requirements.

With no new business, Mr. Forkner requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50am. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Becker

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Hudson Middle School Band Director