

ECKMEA District Meeting – Sept 11

Elise Peterson (President) called meeting to order – 6:45 pm

- Thanked Matt for dinner
- Recognized board members
- Recognized retired members

Matt Bradford report (Executive Director)

- Register and pay on time
- Print off invoice EVEN if you pay online (send payment to chair, NOT Matt)
- Chairs, turn notes in for meetings please!

KSHSAA News - Craig Manteuffel

- New classifications for schools based on size
- Double check Regional festival dates due to new classifications and geographical locations
- 38 entries for Regionals
- Help recruit judges
- State Lg Group – changes coming, be paying attention
 - New locations possible
- Copyright laws, videos on KSHSAA for information
- Festival Manager is being completely redone by Troy Johnson

Recognized Groups from ECKMEA Performing at KMEA

State Honor Groups

- Rehearsal Venues changes
- Performance Venues
 - Choirs no longer do All-State in Concert Hall...will be Convention Hall
- Concert Schedule will change
- Concert Locations will change
- Parent receptions
- KMEA's 85th birthday (cake)

Other Notes

- KMEA – sponsored by KSHSAA. All students in Honor Groups must be members of KSHSAA participating schools. Non-KSHSAA participating schools cannot have groups in the State Honor Groups.
- Orchestra Survey coming for folks
- Oct 1 – Clinic deadline for KMEA
- Freshman will officially NOT be part of All-State groups for this year, but they can in 2019-2020 school year. Committee working to determine freshman eligibility for future honor groups. Choirs fault.
- Committee also working across the state to make audition practices to be more uniform for everyone, etc.
- University Night will only be on even years and will alternate with the President's Concert.
- Board has adopted that we will now allow late registration/late fees across the board.
- Double check instructions when sending in recordings for State Groups because things have changed.
- Voting for President Elect candidate

District Items

- Paypal is now an option, includes fees for Troy's services
- Won't allow students to participate if fees are unpaid
- Handbook – changed items
 - 9th now included in District Choir, just not State
 - All directors who register students must help with auditions
 - If you register more than 20 students, find a 2nd adult to help
 - If you cannot help, find someone suitable to help or you will be fined
 - Website is most up to date source of information
 - Make sure students are eligible
 - Invoice generator, send payments to the CHAIR, not to Exec Director (Matt Bradford)
 - Review eligibility rules for students
 - Scholarship applications are low, encourage kids to apply for scholarships
 - New company for spirit wear

Mentorship – Janelle Brower and Jason Sickel

- Recognized new teachers
- Mentoring Network
 - Sign up to be a mentor
 - Sign up to GET a mentor
 - Meet and Greet Meeting – Sept 24th BVN high school
 - Sign up is posted on District Web Page

District Deadlines

- Outstanding Young Teacher – Sept 15
- Outstanding Teacher of Year – info on Members page (members.ksmea.org), Sept 13
- Outstanding Admin – Sept 14
- Scholarship Applications (missed this date!)
- Nov 3 – audition days
- Dec 1 – mini convention

Breakout Sessions – announced at 7:25 (Will Cooper)