

Ark CDA Central Region
July 26, 2008
Reading Clinic–Summer Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Elaine Harris.

Introductions were made.

The Treasurer’s report was given by Treasurer, Tina Neiderbrach.

- ▶ Tina distributed a final year’s report. She is asking everyone to make sure All–Region audition and clinic checks list if it’s paying for Sr. High or Jr. High students.
- ▶ She made a motion that we make a \$250 honorarium donation in the name of Jan Jones to J & B Music. It was seconded and passed. Jan was the late wife of Craig Jones and a long–time accompanist for the Region.
- ▶ Tina also made a motion that was later seconded and passed that we make a honorarium donation in the amount of \$50 in the name of Parkview High School’s choir director, Carolyn Forman’s stepfather who recently passed away.
- ▶ The report was accepted.

The Secretary’s report was given by Amber Holden. It was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

All–Region Clinic

- ▶ There will be a Code of Conduct (similar to the one used for All–State participates) available for All–Region participates. It will be ready by the auditions in October and will also be online.
- ▶ Due to the excessive talking and traffic in the balcony there is a need for ALL directors to be

seated in the balcony. A seating chart will be handed out at our September meeting.

- ▶ Craig Jones will check with Harding University security about having one or two officers on duty at the concert. The officers will be positioned around the entrances of the balcony.
- ▶ Please prepare your students on what is expected of them for the day and all parts of the “Code of Conduct” BEFORE they arrive for the day’s rehearsals and performances.
- ▶ The issue of cell phones in rehearsals and during the performances was discussed. The question still remains, “can anything be done about them?” You may e-mail Elaine with suggestions before the September meeting.
- ▶ Name tags will be available for all directors. You are asked to wear them on the day of Clinic including the night performances. Tina is in charge of researching the cost and ordering them.

All-Region Auditions

- ▶ There will be five judges at both Jr. High and High School auditions. Those directors who “cross over” will be paid \$75 for the day.
- ▶ Elaine will have a letter prepared by our September meeting addressed to principals. It will explain the need of parent chaperones for the day because directors are required to judge.

NEW BUSINESS

08-09 Dates

- ▶ The date for our Fall director’s meeting is September 15th. The location is TBA.
- ▶ All-State auditions are February 6th in Russellville. The location is TBA.
- ▶ In the absence of Cliff Ganus, who will be out of the country, Craig Jones will host Invitational Festival, November 11. This event is open to grades 7-12. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

- ▶ All-State performance uniform requirements will be voted on in the ArkCDA business meeting. We as a Region might consider one as well for our All-Region Clinic. It will be tabled until the September meeting.

- ▶ The All-Region Audition rubric was discussed. There is a new total of 300 pts. We can give zeros in categories but the total score must be greater than zero. The rubric will be online.

CPA

- ▶ The date for submitting music for approval will be voted on in the ArkCDA General Business Meeting.

- ▶ There is a rubric developed for section music chairs to use when reviewing music for approval.

- ▶ All groups may now do a quick warm-up or vocalization to familiarize themselves with the acoustics of the performance area before beginning to perform. It must fit into the 10 min. (ensembles), or 15 min. (large groups) that is allowed for the total performance.

- ▶ We were encouraged to bring groups to CPA.

- ▶ A reformatted (easier to read) constitution will soon be available online.

- ▶ Don't forget to register your school online. This year you will be required to enter the number of participants in each of your groups. This is for research purposes.

- ▶ Also, make sure you're on the mailing list.

- ▶ In order to receive professional development, you must sign-in. Sign-In sheets will be kept on record for five years.

FUNDS

- ▶ It was stated by our treasurer that we have an excess of funds. Suggestions...

- Central Region Scholarships:

- All 1st chairs in each Jr. High section - receive a \$100 scholarship to

a choir camp of their choice.

All 9th - 11th grade 1st chairs in each High School section - same as Jr. High

All 12th grade, 1st chairs - \$100 scholarship to a college of their choice.

Tabled for September meeting.

-Lower All-Region or Clinic Fee: tabled until September meeting.

▶ 08-09 All-Region audition and clinic fees are \$8 each.

The meeting was adjourned.