

ATSSB Region 8 Winter 2024 Meeting
Saturday, January 13, 2024
Compiled by Eric Senzig, ATSSB Region 8 Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 1:01.

The minutes from the fall 2023 meeting were approved with a motion from Sara Vajgert and a second from Mark Dorsey.

Webmaster's report, Rachel Berg:
if you are hosting any sort of festival, contest, or event, contact Rachel to have it advertised.

Treasurer's report, Stephanie Schmidt:
Mark put a link to the treasurer report on the Region 8 website. Last year we were \$5000 in the negative for the region clinic and concert (expenses exceeded entry fees by \$5000). This year, the number of entries went up, plus we cut costs, so we are actually \$1200 in the black for hosting the clinic and concert this year. One unexpected expense this year was the purchase of all of the music that the clinicians requested; the total cost of this music was \$1250. If you are a band organizer, please check with Collin Anderson to check the ATSSB region and state libraries before you buy music for your clinicians.

Jazz auditions came within \$500 of being in the black.

Stephanie cannot deposit checks made out to ATSSB, TMEA or Kenneth Griffin! Please make checks for entry fees payable to ATSSB Region 8, Attn: Stephanie Schmidt. Please get this right (check with your business office if necessary) and save Stephanie hours and days of work, and months of waiting on correct checks, to deposit your checks! Stephanie also requests: if you tell her on December 2 that your check is in the mail, and she gets a check dated December 20, she has a real problem with being lied to. That is unprofessional. Stephanie is resigning as treasurer after this year. Do not treat the new treasurer in this way.

Vice coordinator's report, John Schriver: no report.

Middle school Groesbeck Zone report, Kristi Flusche: no report, but adds a request to fill some open spots on the ATSSB State Judging panel. Collin Anderson added: if you come to the Groesbeck zone middle school auditions, do not let your students trash our gym again. Jon added: if you are in the Groesbeck middle school zone, talk to your students and make sure this does not happen again. Please bring a parent to help supervise your students in the gym, like Marc asks you to in your emails leading up to the audition.

Middle school Robinson zone, Mark Dorsey: no report.

Region coordinator's report, Marc Nichelson:
Next year's high school audition music is Year D. Check your email surveys regarding jazz auditions. Comparable dates for next year are in the agenda Marc sent; we are only putting them out today for review, and not voting to approve them until the May meeting.

If you have suggestions for All Region clinicians, pass them along to Marc. Send suggestions for jazz clinicians to Jon Shriver.

OPS deadlines for spring 2024 on the ATSSB website.

The ATSSB meeting at TMEA is Friday February 9 at 2:30 in CC214. Officer election runoffs will take place then.

The spring region meeting will be Saturday May 4 at Midway HS. Marc will send email reminders as we get closer to the meeting.

If you have any suggestions or proposals, send them to Marc. We are always open to ways to streamline what we do.

Vote for state ATSSB officers if you haven't voted yet. Ballots were emailed to you.

Announcements of events:

Crystal Senzig spoke for the Riesel Solo & Ensemble contests taking place on February 23 and May 3.

Sara Vajgert spoke for the pre-UIL concert and sightreading contest in Cameron on February 21st.

Tim Grace spoke for the pre-UIL concert and sightreading contests in McGregor on February 14 and March 20.

Rick Kleine spoke for the FCA Band, which will take place on June 1st; a flyer with more information will be available on the region website soon.

New Business:

Stephanie Schmidt requested that Region 8 pay Groesbeck ISD \$1100 for custodian fees for everything GISD has hosted this year. GISD has indicated that they feel they should not have to pay overtime for their employees to work long hours at the auditions they host. Chris Moix made a motion to approve this expense for this year, with future discussion to approve this expense on a yearly basis. Crystal Senzig seconded the motion, which was then approved. Chris, Crystal motions to approve this expense for this year, with further debate to continue on

Jon Schriver requested that all directors check the spelling of your school email in your TMEA profile. He noted that about 10 of directors in our region have typos on the emails we provide to TMEA; our email information needs to be correct because Marc pulls our information from the TMEA database to make judging assignments.

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 with a motion from Chris Moix and a second from Ramon Carrillo.