

TMEA/ATSSB Spring 2021 Region Meeting
May 8, 2021
(All meetings were online via Google Meet.)

The Region 8 TMEA meeting was called to order at 9:00.

Darrell Umhoeffer, TMEA:

TMEA announcements: the website is still the source for all information. Membership and convention fees are not changing in the coming year. TMEA is 80% certain that the convention will be in person next February 9-12. Get TMEA's liability insurance ... they pay your lawyer directly in case of any issues. TMEA housing may open up in early October. State officer elections will be at the fall region meeting. It is your responsibility to know ALL region audition policies!

Proposed fall meeting: August 7 at Midway HS at 10AM, since Temple College isn't sure they can host. The spring 2022 region meeting will likely be at Temple College. Question was asked if we can keep the Zoom option for future region meetings; Frank Coachman seems to think that is doable.

There will be double door prizes at the next region meeting!

Legislative update from Bob Floyd ...

HB 434 - CTE/Fine Arts bill - mostly dead.

HB 437 - Financial Literacy - halfway dead.

HB 2330 - this bill would create a task force exploring moving Fine Arts to the foundational curriculum - it passed its committee unanimously. This would be very good!

The UIL calendar will become official when the Superintendents Committee votes in July. School directors/schools cannot use the TMEA email list to advertise contests, etc., but the mailing list can be purchased by booster clubs and \$ goes into scholarship funds.

Tony Clines, UIL:

We made it through a weird, weird year!

308 groups participated virtually in Concert and Sightreading this year. Things went almost completely problem free with virtual contests. Don Bierschenk at J.W. Pepper deserves praise for his help with distributing sightreading music. REMINDER: The videos taken for UIL contests CANNOT be shared, they can only be used for the purpose of being evaluated by judges. You cannot share them with students or your community! The videos can however be shared in class. Hopefully within about a week, the events whose deadlines were this week will have results posted. Tony will be dropping off trophies at schools but not visiting directors (i.e. dropping off trophies at front offices).

40 out of 58 marching bands in our region earned 1st divisions. Rosebud-Lott, China Spring and Lake Belton advanced to state marching contests.

There were 3000+ student entries for solo & ensemble. 1789 solos, 1300 in ensembles. All 3 mariachi ensembles that entered earned 1's and advanced to the state mariachi contest.

Entry fees will be the same this year, and the executive committee is rebating \$50 per event per school from last year, due to net overages.

The Calendar Committee met this past week and dates will be discussed in other meetings.

Contest hosts: please get judges lined up ASAP, then give their names to Tony so contracts can be sent out.

Marta Frey Clark, director of Music Education at UMHB, introduced herself and offered her services to music directors in the region.

ATSSB Meeting - called to order at 10:00 AM.

The minutes were approved with a motion from Mark Dorsey and a second from Kristi Flusche.

Rachel Berg, Region 8 Webmaster: the website is updated with new middle school audition music. Email her if there are any changes you need made to the region directory.

Stephanie Schmidt, Treasurer: our balance looks really nice this year. Currently it is \$19,596, up about \$5000 from last year, with no outstanding bills all fees are paid! Refunds from this year's overages (like UIL is doing for their contest entries) would be impractical because, to keep things fair, the surplus would have to be divided among all entries. Also, no one has applied for the ATSSB Region 8 band scholarships so far this year.

Jon Shriver, Vice Admiral:

From the agenda, jazz audition music is Year A this year. Mattei Music now has a download option that is working currently.

Middle school audition report: Both sets of middle school music (Groesbeck Zone and Robinson Zone) are on the website and current for the coming school year. Both organizers (Brian Boecker and Mark Dorsey) stated that if you see any issues with the audition music, let them know and they will correct it ASAP. Schools in Region 8 are free to participate in either zone. The Groesbeck zone uses single etudes for all instruments, and the Robinson zone uses instrument specific etudes.

Marc Nichelson, Region Coordinator:

All dates on the agenda are now locked in. All calendar dates for the 2021-2022 school year, including both ATSSB and UIL events for all schools in our region, are listed on this page on the region website:

<https://www.atssb.org/region-8/calendar/>

All clinicians for 2022 will be the same clinicians that were originally scheduled for 2021.

Clinicians, Region Band organizers, and percussion organizers for each All Region Band are listed in the agenda, which can be found on this page on the region website:

<https://www.atssb.org/files/Region-8/2021-Spring-Meeting-Agenda.pdf>

We are planning on going back to live auditions this fall.

There are no new proposed rules for this meeting.

Discussion: Scott Probst won't be able to profitably make region concert CDs for us anymore.

Mark is suggesting that the region use the \$5000 surplus to fund one year of Scott's streaming service through Probst Audio. This would be a better solution for our surplus than refunding the

\$5000 as a percentage of your entry fees, plus it will give us a good trial run to see how well the concert streaming service works and if it would be worth offering in the future.

Tony Clines, UIL Band, spoke and reviewed all UIL contest dates and sites, all of which can be found on the calendar page on the region website, listed above.

The site for 3A UIL Marching was put to a vote between Troy, Groesbeck and McGregor as potential hosts. After a vote by email in the week following the meeting, McGregor was voted as the site for the 3A marching contest.

All UIL Area marching contests will go back to a prelims/finals format.

This will be the ONLY year that UIL holds a State Marching Contest in all classifications. It will go back to the regular rotation after this year.

Schools are assigned zones for UIL Solo and Ensemble contests, but can choose any zone/contest if you let Tony Clines know in advance.

Note that the site for the 1A-4A West Zone UIL Concert and Sightreading evaluation has changed, and will be held this year at Lake Belton High School.

Marc Nichelson, Region Coordinator:

If you know someone who moves in or changes jobs within our region during the summer, please have them send their contact info to Marc so he can keep the region directory updated. This year's ATSSB All State clinic and concert will be at Melissa HS June 9-12. Music for audition cuts will be out soon.

There are no state officer nominations at this time.

Visit the Outstanding Performance Series website, www.atssb.org/ops, for information and entries. Please send questions to Collin at opsstatechair@atssb.org, not his Groesbeck email address.

Marc opened the floor for announcements for contests and clinics for the coming year.

McGregor HS will host the following contests:

- October 2 pre-UIL marching contest, with a UIL format and a clinic following each band's performance.
- Pre-UIL Concert and Sightreading evaluations in the spring, one in mid-February and one in mid-march.
- Possibly hosting an "Auxiliary Championship" on September 25 for drumline, color guard, and drum majors, with ratings, rankings and trophies. The cost would be about \$200/unit.

Madisonville HS will host their USBands Marching Showcase on September 25. Same format as usual, perform in the morning, then come back in rehearsal clothes for a 30 minute afternoon clinic. Register through USBands.org.

Matt Fisher announced for Schulenberg HS in region 18/26, who will be hosting a small school marching band contest much like Madisonville's on September 25.

Collin Anderson reminded everyone about the FCA Victory Bowl Band on June 11-12. Unfortunately this year it's on the same weekend as the ATSSB All State Band clinic and concert in Melissa.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 with a motion from Matt Fisher and a second from Rebecca Kroll.