

# **ATSSB Region 18/26 Fall 2024 Spring Region Meeting Minutes Smithville High School - 8/10/24**

- **Anthony Tiger discussed the band app as well as how and why to join the app.**
- **Meeting called to order by Ann Lowes Mueller at 12:32 pm**
- **Director introductions**
- **Approval of minutes from spring meeting**
  - Henry Dreitner from Hallettsville High School made the motion.
  - Adam Lynskey from Shiner High School seconded the motion.
  - Minutes were approved unanimously.
- **Financial report was given by Ann Lowes Mueller**
  - \$14,548.99 balance for the region.
    - Clinicians have become more expensive than in the past.
    - Entries help to boost the balance for the region.
- **Report from July State Board Meeting**
  - No report from SARC regarding auditions.
  - State Web Page
    - This is a work in progress. March Nicholson is having to rebuild the website.
  - Color Instrument Audition Changes
    - Motion to not have color instruments in the 3A track. This motion was tabled back to discussion and to be sent through the SARC.
  - Name changes for All-State Bands
    - All motions voted down.
  - Motion to change the membership deadline to October 15th failed with the State Board of Directors.
  - Motion to allow recorded auditions if they have a conflict with the audition date.
    - Discussion was had on how to make this equitable.
      - Referred back to SARC for further discussion.
- **ATSSB/UII Update to Competing Bands File**
  - Updated during roll call.
- **Region handbook**
  - Entries sent to the wrong address will be charged a late fee. The address change has been in effect for three years.
  - Clinic programs are QR codes.
    - The advantage of being able to make changes immediately was greatly appreciated.
  - Jazz auditions discussed
    - Our region will be judging area Bass Trombone auditions on November 9th.
    - 5 judges needed for the panel. Anyone interested needs to contact Ann.
- **MS Clinic & Concert discussed**
  - New times reviewed.
- **UII marching reminders and contest discussed**
  - Online safety training is a state law to be completed for band directors.
  - Wet bulb and rapid cooling zone mentioned.
  - One time video of performances are allowed if you complete the educational use agreement. It can not be sold, only for educational use.
  - Marching band contest forms discussed.
  - Electronic rules reviewed and discussed.
  - Marching band entry procedures discussed.

- Twirling ensembles will now be under one code. You can have a twirling ensemble from 3-10 members.
- 4A and above classifications will be utilizing the 7 judge system at the state marching contest.
- October 21st is the backup date for the region marching contest.
- Marching and Solo and Ensemble checks go to Jim Van Zandt
- Concert and Sight Reading checks go to Gerald Babbitt.
- HS auditions are **BEFORE** the JH auditions because the HS area participants have to be verified by December 13th.
- JH music was discussed and where to find it was reviewed.
- Region cuts decided the day of the audition
  - At least 50% of the audition
  - Scales decided by the panel.
- Entry fee doubles for late entries.
- JH entries can be started on November 1st.
- James Wilbanks from McDade HS volunteered for MS symphonic band organizer
- Adam Lynskey from Shiner HS volunteered for the MS symphonic Band percussion organizer
- HS All-Region Auditions discussed
- HS Entries start November 1st.
- At the end of this school year we will evaluate the 3 all-region bands to see if this is something that we keep moving forward. All comments should be addressed at the spring region meeting.
- Solo & Ensemble discussed
- MS/1A C&SR discussed
- 2A/3A/4A C&SR discussed
- Spring Meeting Date is April 22, 2025 at 5:30 pm at Smithville HS
- Jason Montier from Brentwood Christian discussed allowing students to double on instruments for all-region auditions. Any discussion regarding doubling needs to be addressed at the JH All-Region Clinic & Concert meeting at 2 pm.
  - Discussion at that meeting in January at the JH All-Region clinic and concert meeting. To be voted on at the spring meeting in April.
- **UIL Report**
  - Reviewed having the Babbitt's register new directors through
  - Sight-reading pilot has a 96% approval rate. It should become an approved procedure soon.
  - Check your MS numbers
  - Rubrics and critique sheets for C&SR have been updated.
  - Adjudication is strongly encouraged to be done electronically.
  - PML will be updated September 1st.
    - Lots of new level 1 and 2 pieces.
    - Solo and ensemble has been revamped as well.
  - Entry deadlines are to be strictly adhered to.
  - Mr. Babbitt implored directors to read the late fee policy.
  - Area marching contest entries and who to send it to was discussed.
- **ATSSB Old Business**
  - Hall of Fame Nominations
    - Zach Sims nominated Carl Idelbird in June for the Hall of Fame. The final decision will be made in January.
- **Items for State Board Meeting in February**
  - Chris Cooper nominated Dustin Moses from Wall High School for class 3A representative.
  - Zachary Sims from Shiner High School nominated Brian Sours for president elect.

- **ATSSB New Business**
  - Donation for scholarship fund in the name of Kenneth Griffin's wife.
    - Zach Sims from Shiner High School made a motion to donate \$1000 to the fund.
    - Wayne King from Smithville High School seconded the motion.
    - Motion unanimously posted
- **UIL Drawing for Placement**
  - Schools are listed in the order of a random sort
    - Thrall MS moved to C Varsity instead of Non-Varsity
    - Ann Richards MS moved to CC Varsity instead of Non-Varsity
  - Any trading occurred in the meeting.
- **Ann called the meeting to adjourn at 2:56 pm**