

Region Meeting Minutes
ATSSB Region 8
Saturday, May 6, 2022

The TMEA meeting was called to order at 10:02 by Darrell Umhoeffer, UIL Region 8 President. All TMEA region officers (Darrell Umhoeffer - President, Sarah Baker - Vice President, and Deb Barrick - Secretary/Treasurer) were all reelected to their offices by acclamation. All of these are 2 year positions.

Please check the TMEA website for job placement. Please do everything you can to mentor young teachers and keep them in the profession.

TMEA membership is still only \$50. Convention fees are expected to be still \$60. Get your TMEA liability insurance... it works! The next TMEA convention is February 8-11, 2023. The TMEA website has a link to submit clinic proposals. Housing will open up early in October. Honor bands/competitions will return in 2022-23 for band and orchestra.

The fall region meeting will be Saturday August 6 at Temple College. No other options were proposed.

Check the Southwest Musician or the TMEA website for legislative updates.

Tony Clines, Region 8 UIL:

483 groups participated in UIL; this was only 5 fewer groups than in 2019, pre-Covid. Our region had the 2nd most entries in the entire state! We had 66 marching bands and 417 concert groups. Of those, 217 concert groups and 46 marching bands earned sweepstakes or 1's. Bartlett, Cameron, Lorena, Troy, China Spring, Lake Belton, A&M Consolidated and College Station high schools all advanced to the State Marching Band Contest. Bryan, Rice and University high schools all earned 1s at UIL Mariachi Contest with Bryan HS advancing to State. Solo and Ensemble entries were down this year; we had about 800 fewer entries than the year before. 1982 students performed solos, with 1004 earning 1s; 1618 ensembles performed with 817 earning 1s.

Tony really appreciates the calendar & planning committee and their hard work.

It is the contest host's responsibility to contract judges. Please give suggestions for judges to these hosts! Links to the region Google calendar are on Darrell's Umhoeffer's website at this link: <https://www.midwayisd.org/Page/20741>

Tony recognized Darrell for his tireless, selfless contributions to the region.

Bob Vetter, Texas Bandmasters Association Region 8 representative, announced: Come to TBA, it will be amazing! Dates are July 21-23, featuring Gene Corporan, Omar Thomas, and Dr. Tim is the keynote speaker. Featured bands are the Navy Band, Cedar Park Winds, and El Paso Winds. DCI will be back on Saturday evening. There is a TBA discount for DCI tickets!

UIL dates and sites are as follows: (these are also available at <https://www.midwayisd.org/Page/20741>)

Twirling Sept. 17 @ Fairfield HS.

3A Marching Oct. 19 @ McGregor HS (site was affirmed with a vote, see below).

4A-6A Marching Oct. 15 @ Midway HS.

1A-2A Marching Oct. 19 @ La Vega HS.

3A/5A Area Marching Oct. 22. 3A @ Robinson HS, 5A @ Pflugerville HS.

2A Area Marching Oct. 29 @ Bastrop HS.

4A Area Marching Oct. 29, site TBD..

Solo & Ensemble contests are not using "zones" anymore since Tony allows schools to choose their preferred contest site. Dates and locations for UIL Solo & Ensemble Contests:

Feb. 4 - Groesbeck HS - there have to be enough entries to hold a contest.

Feb. 18 - A&M Consolidated HS.

Feb. 18 - University HS, Waco.

Feb. 25 - Temple HS.

Concert and Sightreading dates and times:

March 1-2 1A-4A schools (East Zone - Groesbeck HS, West Zone - Cameron Yoe HS).

March 7-8 West Zone - Chaparral HS, Killeen.

Central Zone Middle School (Temple, Belton, Jarrell, Salado) - March 8 @ Lake Belton HS.

March 28 South Zone Middle School - Rudder HS.

March 28-29 Middle School North Zone - Midway HS.

April 13 South Zone High School - College Station HS.

April 19 Middle School Groesbeck Zone (with a possibility of moving to the 12th).

Thanks again to the calendar planning team!

Bre Osborn was reelected by acclamation to continue as Region 8 Band Division Chair.

Event announcements:

Collin Anderson announced for the 2022 FCA Bowl.

The UMHB Marching Invitational will be Thursday Oct 6. This is the first time in a few years that the contest has been held. UMHB will also host a spring pre-UIL invitational.

The Midway Marching Preview will be Oct.1.

Marc Nichelson, ATSSB Region 8 coordinator:

The meeting agenda can be found at this link:

<https://www.atssb.org/files/Region-8/2022-Spring-Meeting-Agenda.pdf>

A vote was held to choose between McGregor and Groesbeck for the 3A UIL Marching Contest site; the vote was to remain at McGregor.

Darrell Umhoeffer pointed out that we have the 2nd largest # of ATSSB bands of any region in the state.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved with a motion from Kristi Flusche and a second from Freddy Gonzalez.

Rachel Berg, Webmaster:: send any announcements of contests, events, etc. this weekend as she will send out an email blast soon.

Stephanie Schmidt, treasurer: the region's balance is same as it was last year minus \$200.

Everyone paid their contest entries on time, and no bills are outstanding. The treasurer's report was not at the meeting in a hard copy but it was approved with a motion from Collin Anderson and a second from Kristi Flusche.

Jon Schriver, ATSSB Region 8 Vice Coordinator :Michael Childs will be next year's region jazz clinician. Auditions will be Sept. 21.

Brian Boecker, Groesbeck Zone Middle School Coordinator: Groesbeck Zone will be using Year B audition music. Rachel Berg is working on getting music on the website, hopefully this weekend.

Mark Dorsey, Robinson Zone Middle School Coordinator: Robinson Zone will be using Year B music which will be on the website soon.

Check the state Prescribed Audition List every year for any updates or errata for region/state audition music and cuts. HS auditions will be using Year B.

Dates are listed in the agenda for ATSSB auditions and the clinic/concert, and were approved in January at the winter meeting. Darrell Umhoeffer's calendar does not have correct dates/times, but our agenda does.

Area auditions are on January 7, 2023, at Robinson HS, even though this date is the end of some of our Christmas breaks. The All-Region Clinic and Concert will be on January 14. For future clinician suggestions, forward both the name and contact info to Marc.

A vote was held to determine the host site for the All Region Clinic and Concert, between Groesbeck and Jarrell. Both head directors spoke in favor of their facilities, and the vote was 23-11 in favor of Groesbeck hosting.

The region rules proposals were voted on as a package, not one at a time. The Region Rules and Procedures, with proposed changes highlighted, can be found at:

<https://www.atssb.org/files/Region-8/ATSSB-Region-8-Rules-Proposed-Markup-2022.pdf>

Additions/changes included: date range deadlines for entries, a standardized parts matrix for each band, and a librarian upload structure (providing both individual chair folders and a master set of each piece). The changes were approved with a motion from Chris Moix and a second from Kristi Flusche.

A percussion organizer is needed for the West Zone Middle School region band. Blake Sykes will be the band organizer.

Marc requests: to make the region directory easy at the beginning of the year, please, if you know you'll be moving within the region or are leaving, email Marc now so he can update his email directory.

If you have any input for Marc's "After Action Review" of audition procedures and implementation, email Marc.

Collin Anderson, reports that the Outstanding Performance Series deadline is May 22. Contact him with any questions.

There is no new business at this meeting; officer elections will be held in the fall.

Announcements:

There will be two TBA clinics with small schools in mind, on Friday and Saturday of the convention.

Collin Anderson announced that if he calls you, it's to ask you to judge OPS..

Event announcements:

Lake Whitney marching contest will be Saturday October 8.

Troy HS will host a marching contest in October.

McGregor HS will host an invitational marching contest on October 1 with a UIL format.

McGregor will also host pre-UIL concert and sightreading contests on Feb. 15 and March 22.

Madisonville HS will host a USBands marching contest on Sept 24. There will be 5 judges with an afternoon 30 minute clinic with one of the judges. Register at USBands.org.

Teague HS will host a marching contest on Oct. 1.

Marc announced: if you didn't get your All Region patches, let him know, as he mailed them out already. If you didn't get your patches, Marc didn't have your mailing address.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 with a motion from Rachel Berg and a second from Chris Moix.