



**REGION 26 SPRING MEETING  
MAY 19, 2007  
GEORGETOWN HIGH SCHOOL**

**MINUTES**

- I. President Charles Aguillon (Georgetown HS) called the meeting to order at 10:08 am. Membership was led in singing of the Doxology by Vice-President Morris Stevens (Westwood HS).
- II. President Aguillon shared the following announcements from the TMEA state office:
  - A. A Job Placement service is available through TMEA. Many school districts post their music educator vacancies on the website – a great resource for those seeking employment. You may also post your resume for potential employers. Go to [tmea.org](http://tmea.org) and look for Job Notices under the Main Menu tab.
  - B. Membership dues will remain at \$50.00 with convention pre-registration also \$50.00. On-site convention registration is \$70.00.
  - C. Provided by The John A. Barclay Agency, Inc. Liability Insurance is available for \$30 annually. Purchase Liability Insurance through TMEA via the membership section of the website or call 888-318-8632 x300 for more information. To discuss coverage issues or submit a claim, contact The John A. Barclay Agency directly by calling 512-476-6566.
  - D. The dates for the 2008 TMEA Clinic/Convention are February 13 – 16. Hotel information will be available in early October through the website and the Southwestern Musician.
  - E. Jim Van Zandt (Director of Fine Arts – RRISD) reported on House Bill 1257/Senate Bill 530. The bill would be up for a vote soon and as amended, would be good for fine arts education. As amended, it allows for flexibility in scheduling at the elementary and middle school levels, but there might be contention from the floor. President Aguillon urged each member to be sure they were getting emails from the TMEA office, should immediate action be required from the membership.
  - F. The Fine Arts Summit VIII sponsored by the Center for Educator Development in Fine Arts will be held again in Austin this summer and they are now accepting TCA matching grants. Enrollment has been extended for groups through June 1, 2007.
  - G. State Board and TEA updates are posted in every addition of the Southwestern Musician. President Aguillon urged the membership to stay apprised of the legislative actions through this resource and the email announcements generated by TMEA. He also urged that each member should know the contact information for their state legislators and be ready to act when necessary.
  - H. Vice-President Morris Stevens addressed the membership concerning the TMEA Mentoring Network. He asked the membership to consider participating in the program. He also gave an alternate summer email for himself : [morris\\_stevens@yahoo.com](mailto:morris_stevens@yahoo.com).
  - I. President Aguillon reported that TMEA had updated their website and urged the membership to log on and see the new services and features.

- J. Sandra Vandertulip addressed the membership concerning the Texas Future Music Educators program sponsored by TMEA. As the RRISD coordinator, she reported that the RRISD chapter is strong and several of their members attended TMEA. She recommended that each school or district look into the prospect of starting a chapter.
  - K. President Aguillon reported that Travis Ancelet and Stephanie Rodriguez would be representing Region 26 at the TMEA Summer Symposium.
  - L. The NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) will be holding their annual convention in Austin on July 29 and admission is free to TMEA members. Look for information in the mail.
- III. Mr. Mike Ware, UIL Executive Secretary, presented the following:
- A. It has been requested and adopted that Mr. Ware will accept one check for contest/state/ and CD fees for UIL contests. He hopes this will make it easier for schools and districts.
  - B. Piano entries will be made through each division (band/choir/orchestra) for solo & ensemble contest. This has been very confusing in the past as there was a separate entry for pianists. You are to enter your pianist entries with your other band, orchestra or choir students.
- IV. Mr. Perry Morris, Region 26 Representative to the Music Advisory Committee gave the following updates:
- A. The MAC has proposed extending the UIL Contest Program to include mariachi. After discussion, Region 26 recommends that mariachi be represented as a medium ensemble through UIL Solo & Ensemble contests.
  - B. The MAC has proposed that the UIL descriptors be aligned with TAKS objectives. After discussion, Region 26 voted to not be in favor of this proposal.
  - C. The MAC has proposed to allow high school choir programs to enter a non-varsity mixed group as long as a varsity treble group was entered. The Region 26 Vocal Division would discuss this in their breakout session.
- V. President Aguillon gave the following announcements to the general membership:
- A. Calendars must be approved in the division meetings and given to Mr. Aguillon. Note in your discussions that all calendar proposals were created based on facility availability.
  - B. The date for the Fall Region Meeting was voted on and Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> was selected by the membership. The meeting will be at Georgetown High School and will begin at 10:00 am preceded by a light breakfast served at 9:30 am.
  - C. Under new business, President Aguillon congratulated the following organizations:
    - 1. The Henry Middle School Varsity Treble Choir, Kimberly Williams and Spencer Wiley, directors for their selection as the TMEA Honor Middle School Treble Choir.
    - 2. The Cedar Park Middle School Band, Manuel San Luis, David Barnet, and Jessica Gonzales, directors, for being selected to perform at the 2007 Midwest Clinic in Chicago.
- VI. President Charles Aguillon adjourned the meeting at 11:24 am and dismissed the membership to their divisional meetings.

Minutes from this meeting were taken and are respectfully submitted by Secretary Brian Sedatole.

Thursday, June 29, 2007

