

YOUR ORGANIZATION

The District V Vocal Music Teachers' Organization was instituted in 1967 and is opened to vocal music teachers in the parishes of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jeff Davis, and Vernon. Although many of our activities have a direct connection with LMEA, we are an independent organization. At this local level we take an active role in:

1. selecting judges for district festivals,
2. supporting three District Honor Choirs,
3. encouraging students to participate in the LMEA High School All-State Choirs, LA-ACDA All-State Choirs,
and OAKE National Choirs,
4. selecting a Vocal Music Teacher of the Year,
5. discussing local, state, and national level issues and elections,
6. developing unified methods of promoting our music programs, and
7. aiding one another in professional growth.

Meetings for VMTO are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at 4:45 pm. Meetings for 2012-2013 will be held at Lake Charles Boston Academy of Learning in the choir room and in the choral room at F. K. White Middle School. Please check the VMTO Calendar to learn where the meeting will be each month. Notices are e-mailed prior to the meetings as a reminder. Attendance at these meetings is most important to you and your program as this is where we vote on judges for festivals, keep up to date on local and state rules, regulations, and deadlines, and develop a working relationship with fellow teachers.

Available to all VMTO members is a music library containing a wide variety of literature. This library is housed at F. K. White Middle School. Music must be checked in and out using the adopted library procedures. (A copy of those procedures is located in this handbook.) Schools failing to return music

checked out from the library or used during Honor Chorus will be assessed the price of the music.

Sharon Stephenson, LMEA District Director of District V, serves as the link between VMTO and LMEA. Her responsibilities include operation of all LMEA activities on the local level (festivals and All-State auditions), keeping members aware of the changes and developments in LMEA, serving as spokesman for local sentiments to LMEA, and serving on the LMEA Board of Directors.

Initial Meeting Attendees

Earl Alexander	Nelda Boese	Peggy Corley
Jerry Crews	Nell Erwin	Bill Groves
Bob Landry	Ellis Lebouef	Tom Nix
Al Reynolds	Frank Ricard	Jeanne Thompson

Original Membership

Earl Alexander DeQuincy	Anna Lou Babin T. S. Cooley Elementary M. J. Kaufman Elementary T. H. Watkins Elementary
Nelda Boese Dolby Elementary Henry Height Elementary	Betty Caudle Mill Street Elementary
Linda Chapman Western Heights Elementary	Rose Chretien Marion High Lincoln Middle
Mary Lou Chavis (Jones) W. O. Boston High	Peggy Corley LaGrange Middle
Martha Coe W. W. Lewis Middle	Jerry Crews Lake Charles High Oak Park Middle
Finers Cryer	Esther Davis (Vincent)

S. P. Arnett Middle Westlake High	Jackson Street
Kay Franklin Maplewood Middle	Willa Golden Cherry Street
Dorothy Hanna Vinton High	Nell Irwin Oakdale High
Ann Ivey Oak Park Elementary	Bob Landry Jennings Northside
Harriet LeDay Ralph Wilson Elementary Central Elementary	Mavis Lovitt Frasch Elementary
Tom Nix LaGrange Senior High	Leonie Prudhomme (Kingham) Henning Elementary E. K. Key Elementary
Al Reynolds Sulphur High	Frank Ricard Jennings High
Marie Richardson Barbe Elementary Hamilton Elementary	Lamar Robertson Prien Lake Elementary
Leslie Spinks	J. M. Thom Grand Lake
Jeanne Thompson Moss Bluff Elementary	Sarah Todd Rosteet Elementary
Jessie Warner Pearl Watson Jr. High	