

## **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 Choir, LA-ACDA Elementary, Junior High, and Women's 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 P. M. in the choral room at F. K. White Middle School with the exceptions of August and September. 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 S. P. Arnett Middle Westlake High	Ester Davis (Vincent) Jackson Street
Kay Franklin Maplewood Middle	Willa Golden Cherry Street

Dorothy Hanna  
Vinton High

Ann Ivey  
Oak Park Elementary

Harriet LeDay  
Ralph Wilson Elementary  
Central Elementary

Tom Nix  
LaGrange Senior High

Al Reynolds  
Sulphur High

Marie Richardson  
Barbe Elementary  
Hamilton Elementary

Leslie Spinks

Jeanne Thompson  
Moss Bluff Elementary

Jessie Warner  
Pearl Watson Jr. High

Nell Irwin  
Oakdale High

Bob Landry  
Jennings Northside

Mavis Lovitt  
Frasch Elementary

Leonie Prudhomme (Kingham)  
Henning Elementary  
E. K. Key Elementary

Frank Ricard  
Jennings High

Lamar Robertson  
Prien Lake Elementary

J. M. Thom  
Grand Lake

Sarah Todd  
Rosteet Elementary

