

SCKMEA Board Meeting

August 26, 2006

In attendance were: Todd Hollis, Craig Gray, Clark Comley, Lindsey Hellwig, Shelly Cole, Gretchen Bixler, Khawn Knopp, Mike Connell, Bud Meisel, Denny Senseney, Brad Bone, and Larry Brownlee.

I. Reports

Clinicians for the SCKMEA honor groups will be:

- John Taylor—1234A Band
- Jeff Jones—56A Band
- Eef Eley—Choir
- Steve Parry—Women's Choir
- Norman --Orchestra
- Tom Fowler—1234A Jazz Band
- Bob Keeley—56A Jazz Band
- Clark Comley—Elementary Choir
- Cindy Anthony—Elementary teacher workshop
- Richard Turk—Middle School Band
- Scott Hays—Middle School Choir

Craig Gray will work as audition chair for the bands and Nathan Biggs will act as the performance chair for the band.

A hard copy of all elementary clinic information will be sent to all elementary schools in the district to try to improve the numbers of participants at the Elementary Workshop.

Holly Taylor will take care of all the mentoring for Wichita Public Schools and Mike Connell will take care of the rest of the district. There are currently 14 mentor-mentee matches in Wichita with nearly 50 teachers interested in being mentors. A social will be held for new Wichita teachers and their mentors on November 16. A need to find a way to identify new teachers in the district is still unresolved.

Denny Senseney presented the board with information on Music Advocacy. He will work with webmaster Jeff Yearout to put links on the District Webpage to good sources of music advocacy. Many useful sites were looked at, including Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation which provides money for instruments and technology for poorer districts.

Brad Bone reported that facilities are lined up at WSU for the district convention. He reported that he had not been able to track down 4-tiered risers for the choir but Gretchen Bixler advised him of a couple schools that had them. Brad will check into it. Brad will also check on shortening the time that the cafeteria is reserved for the director's breakfast to allow us to save some money.

It was agreed that the district would pay Craig Gray \$200 to hire students to move all the percussion equipment from Andover Central to WSU for the district convention.

II. Old Business

There is a new schedule for the Mini Convention. The schedule is as follows:

8:00	Rehearsals Begin
8:30	Breakfast
9:15	Break-Out Sessions
10:00	General Session
1:30	Inservice Sessions
	Instrument Repair
	Vocal Jazz
4:00	1234A Band Concert
4:30	Women's Choir Concert
5:00	56A Band Concert
5:30	Mixed Choir Concert
6:00	Orchestra Concert

A ticketing process will be used for the choir concerts. Each participant will be issued two tickets. Clark will work to clear the hallway between concerts.

Brad Bone will check on getting a better rehearsal piano for the theater and also check on the possibility of sending a live feed of the choir concerts to the theater for those who do not have a ticket for the performance.

The mileage rate for SCKMEA will match the federal rate, which is currently at \$.42 per mile.

A breakfast for directors has been added to the schedule. The cost will be \$6.00 per plate.

III. New Business

A discussion was held on the problems with the choral reading sessions. Denny Senseney explained the difficulties from the dealer's point of view. No action was taken.

KASTA voted to put at least one student from each district into the State Honor Orchestra.

PBS will do a pro-music broadcast again this year. They will probably do the taping themselves to insure better quality video. Three stations will broadcast the program.

Nominees for the Outstanding District Music Educators were selected. They are:
Marion Latamore—Elementary

Celeste Smith—Middle School
Leanne Anderson—High School

Larry Brownlee will work on setting up a data base of past recipients for the award.

It was moved by Brad Bone and seconded by Clark Comley that the district pay \$200 to Craig Gray to hire student helpers to move and set up percussion equipment for the District Convention.

Denney Senseney will do an advocacy session at the mini convention. Schools will be encouraged to send an advocacy representative to the session. It will be held at 2:30.

Brad Bone will work to see if SCKMEA can get a cut from WSU for the CD sales from the mini convention concerts.

State Board information was given by Todd Hollis. Strings, Kansas! will be working to strengthen the strings programs in Kansas and in 2008 a 1234A State Honor Band will be added to the KMEA State Convention.