

SCKMEA Board Meeting

May 5, 2007

Meeting called to order at 10:09.

Present: Mike Connell, Shawn Knopp, Lindsay Hellwig, Melissa Watkins, Jenny Potochnik, Kevin Findley, Scott Hay, Craig Gray, Larry Brownlee. Jeff Yearout arrived at 11:24.

Larry gave minutes of previous meeting and financial report.

Chair Reports

Elementary Choir: Shelly sent an email. Elementary choir will be October 20, 2007. Clinician will be Bob Schofer from Andover MS. Convention speaker is yet to be secured.

MS Choir: Pam Bushouse has been asked to be clinician but has not yet confirmed. A rehearsal CD will be available this year to help the students learn the music. Jenny is going to try to get more of the Wichita schools involved.

MS Band: Discussion was made on trying to improve the selection process and raise the level of music performed. Shawn would like to have the selection of students earlier in the year so the students will have a longer time to prepare the music. The number of songs will be cut to 4 or 5. It was discussed that perhaps the music chair would select the music for the group rather than the clinician selecting it. Deadline for entries will be moved to the second Monday of September. Shawn will try to have a clinician selected by the end of May.

HS Band: Frank Tracz will be the 56A clinician and Richard Tirk the 1234A clinician. Security may be added for the day of district auditions.

HS Orchestra: MarkLaycock from WSU will be clinician.

HS Choir: Paul Tuciker will be mixed chorus clinician. Ken Hakoda will be women's choir clinician. We will continue to use the same schedule and tickets for the vocal concerts.

HS Jazz: Clinician will be secured ASAP. Auditions will be at Andover MS or HS. An attempt will be made to add rooms to the audition process to get the process done quicker.

Website: Mike wants to see if the website could be used for polling, voting, etc.

Facilities Manager: Joe Emery will be the new chair.

OLD BUSINESS

The PSA produced by KAKE, KMEA, and Senseney was viewed.

Mike shared struggles with getting the district mentoring program going. Scott will take on the outlying districts and try to get this going. An attempt will be made to us administrators to find the new teachers.

There was discussion on how to get elementary teachers involved in district convention, KMEA, etc. No conclusions were made.

NEW BUSINESS

There is a need to come up with a new method for voting for Dist. President. Using a web-vote was discussed.

The web-site instructions for billing will be changed so that all payments for District auditions and honor groups will go directly to the Executive Secretary.

Scholarship Program: There was a discussion about SCKMEA sponsoring a scholarship for winds/percussion, strings, and choir students in the District Honor Groups. It was suggested that an application should have a music resume attached to it. The goal is to have the scholarship in place by 2008.

The next meeting has been set for August 25.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05.