

# **SCKMEA Board Meeting**

## **May 3, 2008**

In attendance: Mike Connell, Larry Brownlee, Kristy Smith, Kevin Findley, Scott Hay, Shawn Knopp.

**Minutes and Financial Report:** Minutes approved as presented. We lost \$1000 this year, due to the fact that we raised our prices for clinicians by a total of \$2500. Discussion was made about the possibility of raising audition/participation fees to help offset the costs of clinician fees.

Kevin moved that audition fees be raised to \$8. Moved by Shawn. Motion carried.

Mike will check into serving pizza to the HS students at the mini convention instead of ordering box lunches through the CAC food service.

**Middle Level Band:** Scott Freebie from Manhattan as asked to be clinician. Shawn is waiting for a reply from him. Shawn will ask other directors to assist. It's a struggle with paper audition to get students who can really perform at the level that is expected from them. Shawn has asked that the MS Band performance be earlier to reduce discipline problems. Discussion was made about requiring directors to attend if they have students participating.

Scott made a motion that directors who have students participate in the MS band/choir honor groups must be on site to help with HS auditions or MS supervision. Districts who do not have directors show up to assist will be charged \$100. Motion seconded by Kevin. Motion was approved.

Discussion on moving the order of concert with MS band first followed by the Jazz Band. Possibility of Jazz Band rehearsal beginning an hour later with auditions for jazz band members being scheduled between 8 and 9.

Shawn and Kevin agreed to change the schedule for this year and evaluate afterwards. MS Choir 3:00, MS Band 3:30, Jazz 4:00, and 4:30.

**HS Orchestra:** Dr. David Neely from KU has verbally agreed to be the orchestra clinician. One of the Carmen Suites or Peer Gynt Suites will be one of the selections. Dr. Neely will select the other pieces.

**High School Jazz:** Auditions will be October 1 at Andover MS. Money for auditions should be sent directly to the Executive Secretary. Clinicians will be Daryl Batchelor from Hutch for the 1234A and Todd Wilkinson from KC area for the 56A band. Kevin will ask Rob Tirney to replace him as Jazz Chair.

District Auditions and MS/Jazz performances will be November 8 this year to avoid KSHSAA conflicts.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Scholarship Program:** Mike gave a “draft” of Scholarship Criteria to be discussed. Students should be responsible for filling out the application. Checks will be made out to the University they are enrolled in and given to the recipient. Mike will make another draft of the suggestions offered and present it at the next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**District Advocacy Chair** Denny Senseney has resigned his position as chair. Mike asked Lori Supine to replace him.

**Outstanding Teacher.** Make online nomination for people to submit names for outstanding educator. Nominations will be due by the end of June. Web site will send nominations to Executive Secretary.

The next meeting will be held on Aug. 16.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20