

# SCKMEA BOARD MEETING

Jan. 17, 2009

Members Present:

Mike Connell, Shawn Knopp, Craig Gray, Melissa Watkins, Scott Hay, Jeff Yearout, Larry Brownlee, Jenny Potochnik, Kristy Smith

**Financial Report:** Agreed to offer clinicians the cheaper of airfare or mileage and they can choose which way they want to travel. This was a result of paying the 56A Band clinician mileage from Texas at a rate of over \$600.00.

A motion was made that in next years instructions we will add that any fees not paid by Feb. 1 will be doubled and if a school has an outstanding balance by auditions of the next year students will not be allowed to participate. Motion was approved. 6-0.

## REPORTS

**MS Choir** Jenny Potchonik discussed raising fees because the cost of CDs, clinicians, etc is going up. No action was taken. Jenny is having trouble finding someone to take her place as MS Choir chair. Serving lunch in the cafeteria for the MS choir and band students was a much better way to do it.

**MC Band** Shawn Knopp had a problem with a school that wanted sixth graders admitted to the group but chose not to admit any. It will be made more obvious that we will not accept 6<sup>th</sup> graders for this group in the future. 125 will be the maximum number of students selected. Earlier performance time for the MS band was good.

**HS Choir** Melissa Watkins stated that auditions went well. Had some difficulty with a judge who was "cheating" by scoring his students very high. Those students were disqualified from the competition. Will try to make some changes so that directors will stay away from the Chairs while they are compiling scores.

**HS Band** Craig Gray reported that the 2009 clinicians have been selected. Vic Markovich will do the 56A Band. Selection of percussion was discussed. It was moved by Craig that the top scores in each instrument will be selected for those instruments. Other percussionists will be selected by their total combined score from auditions on all instruments. Motion passed 6-0.

**Facilities** Jenny moved that we pay the custodial fees for the day of auditions at Andover Central. Motion passed 7-0.

Joe Emery will check to see if the conference room in the FAC would be available for clinicians. Discussed that there wasn't a need for a hospitality room for the teachers. It hasn't been used much since we began providing the breakfast.

We need a master schedule for the mini convention that lists what, where, and when everything is happening. Scott Hay will do this master schedule. Signs will be posted on each room that will be used with a schedule for events in that room.

**Orchestra** Kristy Smith reported that this was the first time that the orchestra had done blind auditions. Had some problems but got things all sorted out. Craig will try to get 4 more door monitors for the string audition rooms. They are having a difficult time finding enough teachers to judge and do the other things necessary.

**Web Master** Discussed doing voting for president elect. It worked well, though not too many voted. Discussed taking the need for MENC ID # off the voting form. It would make it impossible to verify membership but might encourage more people to vote. No action was taken.

Discussed how to handle nominations for outstanding educators. Larry Brownlee will compile a list of past recipients and Jeff Yearout will put it on the web site. Members will be allowed to email nominations to Larry Brownlee by August 1. Larry will send the info to Jeff that will need to be included in the email.

**New Department Chairs:** We will need a new MS Choir, Jazz and Elementary chairs for next year. Larry Brownlee will check with Cindy Anthony to see if she would be willing to do the elementary position. Craig Gray will also check with his elementary teachers.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Scott would like to have the information for the District auditions posted on the district web site by the end of July.

Larry Brownlee will email upcoming dates to chairs so that they can get the information out to their membership.

District Auditions will be on Nov. 7 in 2009.

District Mini Convention will be on Dec. 5, 2009

Jazz Auditions will be Oct. 7, 2009

Elementary Concert will be Oct. 24, 2009

Audition Deadline for HS band, choir, orchestra will be Oct 8, 2009

Absolute deadline (doubled fees) will be Oct. 13, 2009

Jazz Audition deadline Sept. 30

MS Band audition deadline Sept. 14, 2009

MS Choir entry deadline Sept. 28, 2009

Elementary choir entry deadline Oct. 1, 2009

May meeting will need to include discussion on Student Scholarship.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM