

## **SCKMEA Board Meeting**

**January 22, 2011**

9:30 AM. Senseney Music, Wichita, KS

**Members Present:** Scott Hay, Cindy Anthony, Gretchen Bixler, Craig Gray, Larry Brownlee, Brian Kirk, Dawn Blue, Matt Hanne, Nick Engels, Melissa Watkins, Kyle Hopkins

Arrived at 9:56, Jeff Yearout.

Minutes were approved as presented.

### **SCHOLARSHIP:**

Scholarship winners for 2010 are:

Taylor Ensminger, Peabody-Burns—Winds/Percussion

Hannah Cartwright, Wichita East—Strings

Myeah Westhoff, Vocal—Newton

A discussion was held on the process of the scholarships applications. The application will state that all scholarships “be claimed by September 1 of the following calendar year.”

It was moved by Craig Gray that the application separate the involvement into:

- 1) KMEA Honor Groups, (all grade levels)
- 2) KSHSAA Solos and Ensembles with years and ratings
- 3) Extra curricular and community music opportunities.

Remove the “add any additional information” section.

Motion was passed. 10-0

Discussed whether there should be a more specific rubric for selection criteria. The board decided not to make any changes in the way it is currently done.

### **CLINICIAN CONTRACT**

A discussion of whether we need a specific contract that is used for all groups. Larry Brownlee will provide a clinician contract that will be used for all honor groups.

### **OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR**

Nominations will be open on-line in March. Jeff Yearout will get it on the SCKMEA website.

We want to produce a master list of email addresses of ALL directors in our district.

### **REPORTS**

**ELEMENTARY** Cindy reported that the workshop went very smoothly. They made a little money this year because expenses were lower. They had a very small clinician session with 28-30 elementary teachers in attendance. Most teachers seemed to feel that it was nice to have more time for the teachers to just sit and visit instead of attend a long clinic session. We will recommend to future Elementary chairs that they not fill the morning up with clinic workshops for the teachers.

**MS BAND** Shawn Knopp was not present to report. Scott reported that he did a fantastic job this year and we're glad that he will be doing it again.

**MS CHOIR** Dawn Blue reported that things went well and that it was a great learning experience for her. It was a struggle to get basses this year, so Dawn had to ask for schools to send additional basses. There were approximately 175 students from 30 schools participating in the festival group. It was a recommendation of the board that Dawn work to get an assistant.

**HS JAZZ** Things ran smoothly. Currently, the jazz students are not receiving lunch from the district. Craig Gray moved that we provide the jazz members with pizza and water. Motion was moved 10-0. Kyle discussed changes that need to be made in registration (put a deadline in) and a need to get more help from directors judging.

**HS CHOIR** Melissa Watkins reported that auditions went very smoothly and the room setup was much better. Nick Engals reported that the district day also ran very smoothly. Only difficulty was that each clinician cut one piece from their list because they had an hour less rehearsal than in the past. The choral directors would prefer to return to Weidiman Hall when WSU is available.

**HS ORCHESTRA** Travis Hale was not in attendance. Scott Hay commented that Travis had done a marvelous job of running the auditions this year. We need to have a discussion at the next meeting regarding regulations for students who wish to participate in district orchestra but do not have an orchestra in their school district.

**HS BAND** We had a discussion on the need to specify the requirements of directors judging for auditions.

**MENTOR** There will be a luncheon at KMEA again this year. Holly Taylor will no longer be the Wichita area mentor.

**WEBMASTER** Jeff is looking at using a slightly different look for the web page. He is also working on setting things up so that each chair could make some changes to his/her page instantly, without having to go through the webmaster.

Discussed the possibility of using Constant Contact to help with email sending. They would help our bulk emails go through without being perceived as spam. Cost is

approximately \$10 per month. Craig Gray moved that we subscribe to the service.  
Motion passed 10-0.

**FACILITIES** Brian Kirk reported that facilities worked well.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** Larry Brownlee reported that we made a profit of \$6,622.55. He also requested that all chairs who order music from Senseney send a copy of the receipt to him so that he can tell where the bills go.

### **DECEMBER MINI CONVENTION**

Schedule was good and all felt that everything worked well.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **NEXT MEETING**

Gretchen will email options for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35. Motion passed 9-0.