

SCKMEA Board Meeting

August 20, 2011

Members Present: Gretchen Bixler, Craig Gray, Shawn Knopp, Larry Brownlee, DeeAnn Freeman

Shawn moved the minutes be approved as amended. Craig seconded. Minutes were approved as amended.

Presidents Report The state is still considering holding District Meetings at the KMEA ISW. It is the opinion of the SCKMEA Board that this would not be a positive move.

Chairs will be asked to continually communicate with their directors throughout the year to get input on the online version of the KMR and to be informed about advocacy efforts in KMEA. Gretchen will make up an informational flier that the chairs will distribute to all of their directors.

KMEA will provide trolley service for students between rehearsal venues and Century II hotels and to transport directors from Century II to Old Town dining.

Discussion was held on the possibility of re-districting the NE district. A committee has been formed to look into it. Gretchen will be on the committee.

MENC will be changing their name to NAFME, National Association for Music Education.

Our directors are encouraged by KMEA to have students audition for National honor groups and for directors themselves to get membership in national organizations. Gretchen will include that information in her flier.

The new solo/ensemble rubric will be use this year at all regional and state festivals.

Advocacy Report Jordan was not able to be at the meeting but sent a report. NAFME has an Advocacy Groundswell link that will provide people with information and a way to connect with one another.

KMEA is establishing an advocacy network as well. Each director will be asked to identify two or three influential people in their community who would be positive advocates for music in their community. A survey will be sent to all directors and we are being asked to make sure that all directors complete the online survey by December 31.

Gretchen asked Craig to set up computers at auditions and/or at the December convention so that people can take the advocacy survey at that time.

Outstanding Teacher Nominations

Elementary: Kelly Middleton, Circle
Holly Taylor, Wichita
Karen Hemberger Lange, Conway Springs
MS: Brian Williams, Sedgwick
Kevin Brightup, Andover Central
HS Travis Johnson, Cheney
Beth Novotny, Pratt Skyline

Since there were only four voting members present, it was decided that Gretchen would send the list of nominees to the board for voting.

Elementary Choir: Discussion was held involving contracts. It was decided that a contract should be collected from every person receiving pay for services at SCKMEA, including clinicians, workshop clinicians, and accompanists. There was a discussion about creating practice tracks available for the elementary teachers to use. No action was taken.

MS Band: Deb Lewis will be taking an assistant chair position. She is band director at Reno Valley MS. She will take over Shawn's position next Fall. Discussed the distribution of music and it was decided to continue distributing the music through email and having the originals at the date of the rehearsal and performance.

HS Band: Craig presented the schedule for the Mini-Convention.

HS Orchestra: Travis is writing sight reading excerpts to be use at auditions.

Financial Report: Larry attended a meeting with the other district executives had their financial books reviewed. Our books passed with no problems. He also reported that our district has no outstanding accounts.

OLD BUSINESS

No changes were needed for the scholarship applications so they will be left as they are on the web site.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on January 28 at 10:00 AM at the Presbyterian Church in Wichita.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.