

**SCKMEA Board Minutes**  
**Saturday, January 28, 2012**

Members present: Gretchen Bixler, Larry Brownlee, Rick Ives, Matt Hanne, Craig Gray, Shawn Knopp, Brian Kirk, Dawn Blue, Jordan Northern, DeeAnn Freeman

The board approved a raise for the Executive Secretary. The salary will now be \$1000 per year. They also approved the purchase of any technology needed to make the job easier.

Matt Hanne moved that the minutes as presented. Motion approved.

**STATE ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS** Travis Hale reported that some orchestra directors reported results of the state auditions before they were finalized. Changes will be made in the audition process to avoid this problem in the future. No directors not directly involved in the audition process will be allowed in the tabulation room.

**CHAIR NOTEBOOKS** The board will update the notebooks. Each chair will look over their job description and make changes as needed.

**CHAIR REPORTS**

**Elementary Choir.** Approximately 220 students were involved in the elementary choir. They had a great day with the students and clinician, Nick Engels. Many positive comments were received from parents and educators. A brief business meeting was added to the agenda this past year and it was a positive addition. DeeAnn moved that the teacher fee for the elementary workshop be eliminated. Craig seconded. The motion passed.

**MS Choir.** Dawn reported that 191 students from 22 schools were involved in the choir. Carol Krueger will be the clinician in 2012. Dawn will continue to remain on as MS chair.

**MS Band.** Everything ran well. The biggest challenge is selecting students for the band. Deb Lewis will be the new chair for the MS Band.

**HS Band.** The process continues to run well. Craig thanked Nathan Biggs for all his work in the audition process.

**HS Jazz Band.** Rick Ives will be the new chair of the jazz band. Clinicians will be Lindsey Williams from UMKC and Tim Doherty.

**HS Orchestra.** Travis Hale reported that the audition process went smoothly this year. There were plenty of teachers this year to help with the audition process. Clinician for 2012 will be Steve Letrell from KSU.

HS CHOIR. Matt reported that the audition day went smoothly. There were fewer auditions this year in the past few years. There were a few glitches with the report to the state, but Matt got those figured out. There were good reports from the directors on both clinicians.

FACILITIES. Brian Kirk reported that the Maize district would be willing to host the entire convention if the board chose to do that. Maize South would host the choirs and Maize would host the band and orchestra. Brian will work with Gretchen to get costs for use of the facilities.

ADVOCACY. Jordan presented a report on the work that Dr. Burrack has done on the advocacy survey and advocacy network.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. Larry Brownlee reported that the district is in sound financial shape. There are a few schools that still need to pay for outstanding fees. Larry will send invoices to those schools soon.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was a consensus from the instrumental and choral directors that the convention be at the Maize district and not go back to Wichita State University. No direct action was taken by the board.

### **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Gretchen Bixler directed each chair to read through the job descriptions and make any changes that need to be made. Changes and additions need to be sent to Gretchen so they can be put into the policy book by the June board meeting.

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Next meeting will be on June 16 at 10:00 AM at Senseney Music. Chairs need to have bios on clinicians ready to be published, a rough draft of policies and procedures and a written job description.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40.