

SCKMEA Board Meeting
1/30/2016

Present: Amy Brown, Larry Brownlee, Shawn Knopp, Matt Hanne, Dawn Blue, Jarl Morland, Maureen Berry, Mark Walker, Roberta Banks, Kim Pfeiffer, Mary Halsig.

Amy introduced Roberta Banks as the new co-orchestra chair. Dawn Blue will be resigning as the Middle School Choir Chair and her assistant, Mary Halsig, will be taking over the position.

Board members shared celebrations and activities that their school programs have been involved with.

CHAIR REPORTS

Executive Director: Larry shared the financial report. Kim moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Matt seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

Elementary Choir: Maureen reported that the elementary clinic went very well. They had great clinicians. 186 students participated. There were no students from Wichita involved in the clinic. Possible reasons for the Wichita absence are the lack of money and difficulty with transporting students to the event.

MS Choir: Dawn reported that 237 singers from 30 schools participated in the MS Choir. The repertoire was great and all the students worked hard and had a great experience.

MS Band: No report.

HS Jazz: Kim reported that they had great clinicians for the two jazz bands and had a good day with the students. They have some things they would like to tweak on the audition process.

HS Orchestra: Roberta reported that the orchestra clinician worked a lot with the orchestra on emphasizing color and emotion in the playing. They added a percussion ensemble to give that section more to do. Amy said that from an audience perspective, the addition of the percussion ensemble on the concert was very fun and entertaining. There was discussion about including this in the future whenever there is literature selected for the orchestra that does not include much percussion or brass/wind performance in the orchestral pieces.

HS Band: Shawn reported that his December event went well. He is working on finding someone to take over the audition process. He has not yet found someone to fill that position.

The Board had a long discussion about the possibility of giving feedback to the students who don't make the district group. No decision was made to change the way that auditions are done.

HS Choir: Matt shared that the audition process went very well. He reported that the Women's choir was the best it has been in years. They had one glitch with literature selection from the mixed choir clinician.

Amy asked that the chairs work with the clinicians and make sure that they understand what level and type of music the groups can perform and how many selections are acceptable.

OLD BUSINESS

Website: Amy asked that the board look at the SCKMEA website and see if there are any recommendations for improvements.

Calendar: Troy has asked that we not have district registration deadlines on Fridays and Saturdays.

May 1 Deadline for selecting clinicians for the following year

May 1 Give Amy a list of celebrations in our district programs

June 1 Deadline for nominations for Outstanding Music Educator and Administrator

July 1 All web pages should be updated with current dates and information for the upcoming year

All registration deadlines will be set for a Sunday. Chairs will set their registration dates and send those to Amy.

Late Registration and Payment: The board discussed the acceptance of late registrations for district groups. Matt moved that the chair will set the registration deadline for all district honor groups and late entries will be accepted up to one week following the deadline. Shawn seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Shawn moved that the late entry fee for auditions be an additional \$25 per entry. Roberta seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0 with one abstention.

Shawn moved that all registration and participation fees must be paid by the day of the event. If fees are not paid on time, then registration or participation fees will be doubled. Matt seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

Mary moved that all registration, participation and late fees must be paid by March 1. If fees are unpaid, students from that program area (band, choir, jazz or orchestra) will not be eligible to participate in SCKMEA District events the following school year. Motion passed 8-0.

Matt, Jarl and Amy are going to work on setting up a data base listing all schools in our district and numbers of music teachers in each school. This information will be used to send out mailings including all information they will need for the upcoming SCKMEA year.

Matt moved the meeting be adjourned. Kim seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

Next Meeting will be Aug. 20 at 10:00 AM.