

## **SCKMEA Zoom Board Meeting Minutes July 13, 2020**

**Members Present:** Bryan Kirk, Larry Brownlee, Eric Stambaugh, Alex McMahon, Jordan Brown, Amy Brown, Greg Bergman, Nick Griggs, Ben Jervis, Kathy House, Jennifer Kirk, Christian Wisner, Jarl Moreland, Wes DeSpain, Amy Ives, Gretchen Bixler, Troy Johnson

### **President's Report:**

KSHSAA is setting up a committee to explore the possibility of hosting online regional and state festivals during the 20-21 school year.

The KMEA Fund will begin offering mini-grants of up to \$200. When that is ready to begin, applications will be made online.

Submissions for performance at KMEA were down by 50-60% this year.

KMEA Mentoring program is working with approximately 170 1<sup>st</sup>- and 2<sup>nd</sup>-year teachers.

Our region of the state will host a mentoring conference on October 10. SCKMEA will be providing lunch for those in attendance. Bryan stated that Andover Central High Band Boosters may help with providing and serving the meal.

Gaile Stevens is the new editor for the Kansas Music Review.

One selection has been removed from the list of songs for the All-State Choir. Any directors who has already purchased the music may return it to Senseney Music for a refund and KMEA will pay Senseney for the returned copies.

A second orchestra will likely be added as an All-State Ensemble. It will be a string only orchestra and will be the students with the next-highest audition scores after the first orchestra has been selected. Number of participants is still to be determined.

KMEA is working to expand the number of Tri-M chapters in Kansas and will pay \$100 to every Kansas school that starts a new chapter.

There was a discussion at the KMEA level about developing a 1A-2A band that would be used as a clinic band at the ISW. Future discussions will continue.

Bryan asked that all chairs and music educators share online resources that they found helpful during the pandemic so that he can compile those and share them with our district directors.

### **Executive Director Report:**

Larry shared the cash flow report for the 2019-20 financial year. Total inflow totaled \$28,841.98 and outflow was \$29,939.11 for a deficit spending of \$1,097.13. He reported that, although we don't want to operate in the red, it happens on occasion and we have the funds to cover it this year. There were several reasons for the deficit spending and those have already been addressed for the coming year.

Current balance is \$27,038.30 plus an additional \$20,000 in investments.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Website:**

Bryan asked that chairs continue to update the website with clinician information, bios, photos, as well as audition and mini-convention information.

### **Honor Awards:**

The deadline for nominations for Outstanding Educator (elementary, middle school and high school), Outstanding Administrator, and Hall of Fame is September 1<sup>st</sup>. All nominations need to be given to Bryan Kirk.

### **SCKMEA 20-21 Calendar:**

July 13	SCKMEA Board Meeting
July 23	KMEA Leadership Camp at Hotel at Old Town
July 24	KMEA Board Meeting at Hotel at Old Town
July 25	KMEA Board Meeting at Hotel at Old Town
Aug. 29	SCKMEA Teacher Kick-off TBA
Aug. 29	SCKMEA Board Meeting TBA
Sept. 1	Outstanding Educator and Administrator nominations due
Sept. 13	MS Band registration deadline
Sept. 15	Elementary Choir registration deadline
Sept. 23	HS Jazz Audition deadline
Sept. 30	HS Jazz late registration deadline #1
Oct. 6	HS Jazz late registration deadline #2
Oct. 7	HS Jazz late registration deadline #3
Oct. 7	HS Jazz Band Auditions at Goddard Eisenhower
Oct. 8	MS Choir registration deadline
Oct. 11	HS Choir audition registration deadline
Oct. 12	HS Band/HS Orchestra audition registration deadline
Oct. 24	HS Band/HS Choir/HS Orchestra late registration deadline #1
Nov. 2	Recorded audition date for those who qualify for NAFME honor ensembles or KSHSAA Boys Soccer championship
Nov. 6	HS Band/HS Choir/HS Orchestra late registration deadline #2
Nov. 7	HS Band/HS Choir/HS Orchestra late registration deadline #3
Nov. 7	HS Band/Choir/Orchestra Honor Group auditions TBA
Nov. 7	MS Band/MS Choir/HS Jazz performances TBA
Dec. 5	HS Band/Choir/Orchestra performances TBA

## **SCKMEA Board Roster**

President	Bryan Kirk
Vice President	Amy Brown
President Elect	Greg Bergman
Executive Director	Larry Brownlee
HS Band Chair	Eric Stambaugh
HS Choir Chair	Nicholas Griggs
HS Jazz Chair	Ben Jervis
HS Orchestra Chair	Kathy House
MS Band Chair	Jennifer Kirk
MS Choir Chair	Cortney Woodruff
Elem. Choir Chair	Christian Wisner
HS Asst. Band Chair	Alex McMahan
HS Asst. Choir Chair	Jarl Moreland
HS Asst. Jazz Chair	Jordan Brown
HS Asst. Orchestra Chair	Wes DeSpain
MS Asst. Band Chair	Jayme Hayes
MS Asst. Choir Chair	TBA
Elem. Asst. Choir Chair	Amy Ives
Mentoring	Gretchen Bixler
Mentoring	Ron Chronister
Webmaster	Troy Johnson

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **New Advocacy Chair**

Bryan has asked Kenneth Tysick from Maize Middle School to serve as the advocacy chair for SCKMEA.

### **SCKMEA Honor Choir**

Gretchen Bixler moved that the grade levels for the SCKMEA Honor Choirs be as follows: Elementary Choir grades 3-5, Middle School Choir grades 6-8, High School Choirs grades 9-12. Amy Brown seconded. The motion passed 9-0.

### **SCKMEA HS Band Registration**

Alex and Eric presented some proposed changes to wording and policy in our current policy and procedure for registration and assistance for SCKMEA Auditions for HS Band. After discussion,

it was decided that implementation of changes in wording would happen immediately. Changes in policy would be discussed more at a later meeting. Other groups were asked to look at the proposed changes and see if they should be implemented in their areas as well.

Changes that were implemented include:

Changing "Trombone/Low Brass" in the registration menu to "Trombone/Euphonium."

Changing "Baritone/Tuba" in the registration menu to "Tuba."

Removing the "Strings" option and adding "Judging in String Area", "Judging in Vocal Area," and "SCKMEA Event Operations."

Adding a textbox for "Principal Email" to the menu.

Change the selection for group preference from "Either (default), Band, Orchestra" to "Band (Default), Orchestra, Either."

### **By-Law Review**

Chairs were asked to look over their job descriptions and procedures and send any suggestions for possible changes to Amy Brown.

### **SCKMEA Board Elections**

Elections will happen in November 2020. Any nominations need to be sent to the SCKMEA Executive Committee. They will in turn send a list of nominations to Troy Johnson to be placed on the SCKMEA website for voting.

### **Recorded Audition Day**

Students who are participating in NAFME All-National Honor Ensembles or the KSHSAA Boys' Soccer Championships will be allowed to submit a recorded audition for SCKMEA HS Honor Groups. Those auditions will take place on Monday, November 2 at Andover Central High School.

### **Regional Mentoring Conference**

KMEA will hold a regional mentoring conference at Andover Central High School on Saturday, October 10. SCKMEA will provide a meal for the participants. All directors are encouraged to let our mentoring chairs know of new teachers in our area.

### **Covid-19 Contingency Plan**

There was much discussion involving auditions and district performances and whether or not those events would be able to happen because of restrictions from the Covid-19 virus. The three options

presented included: 1) events will happen face-to-face as they have in the past; 2) events will happen face-to-face but with appropriate social distancing, and 3) events will all happen online.

Troy Johnson shared information about the Festival Scores software and how it can be used by SCKMEA for online auditions. The cost of using the software would be \$2 for each completed audition.

Much of the concern shared during the discussion centered around the availability of facilities to host auditions and performances. It was decided to table any action on this topic until after the results from the Colorado aerosol study are released. A special Zoom Board Meeting has been scheduled for 2:00 pm on Sunday, August 2 when a final decision will be made by the board.

### **Cancelation Policy**

Jennifer Kirk moved, and Gretchen Bixler seconded, that SCKMEA adopt a policy stating that, in the event of cancelation of SCKMEA Honor Group Events, if the cancellation occurs more than a year in advance of the event, clinicians will not be paid their contracted fee. If the cancellation occurs less than a year in advance, but more than 30 days before the event, clinicians will be paid half of their contracted fee. If an event is canceled less than 30 days in advance of the event, clinicians will be paid their full contracted fee. The motion passed 9-0.

Larry will send an addendum to the current contracts to the chairs for them to share with their clinicians. The cancelation policy will be added to all future contracts.

### **Adjournment**

Gretchen Bixler moved and Nicholas Griggs seconded that our meeting be adjourned. The motion passed 9-0.