

## **Minutes**

### **MSBOA District IX**

**Monday, May 12, 2009**

**Matthew's in West Branch**

**5:00 p.m.**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:19 p.m. by President, Cathy Kintner.

Members present: Bryan Akers, Joan Dillard, Ed Falls, Kim Gordon, Joe Hellberg, Cathy Kintner, Karen Lopez, Bonnie Moore, Ray Reynolds, Mike Yarros.

### **Secretary's Report – Karen Lopez**

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.

Joe Hellberg moved to accept the report. Ed Falls seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report – Ed Falls**

An extensive report was distributed and reviewed by the membership.

Current Assets are \$5714.01.

One school still owes money for sight-reading music purchased at the fall meeting.

Mike Yarros moved to accept the report. Bryan Akers seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Solo and Ensemble Report – Jennifer Prince**

Jennifer Prince was not in attendance.

### **Adjudicator Report – Ray Reynolds**

Ray does not like the process used to hire adjudicators. At the time of the meeting, the first B/O weekend was all set, the second B/O weekend has 3 of 4 judges hired. High School Solo and Ensemble was in the process of finalization, and MS Solo and Ensemble had not yet been started.

### **President's Report – Cathy Kintner**

State level meetings will be held on May 29 and 30. General Membership meeting is on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. The district presidents each received a memo from Chris Blackmer asking their opinions on the usefulness of the state office, how MSBOA should be spending money, etc. Ed Falls raised concerns about the website and membership fees. Ed also pointed out that at the General Membership meeting, important issues are voted on, such as the festival classification pilot project which does not benefit small schools.

### **Medals Report – Sandi Ahlers**

Cathy distributed medals to members who were present. Plaques are on their way from Bale.

### **All-Star Band Report – Kim Gordon**

Kim asked for suggestions for ASB Directors. Some suggestions were Alan Jacobus, Dave Smith, Joe Dobos, William Gourley and Roger Weyersberg.

### **Emeritus Report – Jennifer Prince**

Absent. No report.

### **FIC Report – John Hawkins**

Absent. No report.

**Music Ed – Joe Hellberg**

No report.

**Elementary Music – Ted Clous**

Absent. No report.

**Handbook/Host Guidelines – Ed Falls**

No Report

**Music Technology – T. Paul Shimmons**

Absent. No report.

**All State – Kim Gordon**

The new recorder purchased by the district will be used in AuGres for All-State auditions.

**Old Business**

Ed Falls suggested purchasing an additional recorder for adjudicators to use at Festival. He believes that a bad cord caused the problems with the adjudicator discs in Alpena. The approximate cost is \$600. We will discuss this further at the fall meeting.

Full day work assignments really helped things run smoothly at all festivals this year.

**New Business**

New officers were elected for the 2009-10 school year. They are:

President: Ed Falls

Treasurer: Cathy Kintner

VP S/E: Joan Dillard

VP B/O (one year term): Mike Yarros

Cathy Kintner was voted Director of the Year for MSBOA District IX.

No fee increases were recommended for next school year.

The group discussed posting S/E ratings in the Warm Up room, rather than outside the Performance Room at Solo and Ensemble Festivals. This cuts down on Performance Room Chair responsibilities, and cuts down on noise/crowds outside of performance rooms.

The group discussed protocol of cancellations of festivals due to bad weather. Some groups cancelled in Alpena this year because of snow days. Some simply did not show up, without calling. Whenever possible, the festival will go on despite the weather. If travel is impossible, or if school district policy prohibits bands from participating on snow days, bands will be rescheduled to a later festival, if possible. Members should assume that festivals are proceeding as scheduled, unless they hear otherwise.

Ray made a motion that “Our district President should be reimbursed expenses including lodging and mileage, not to exceed \$500.00 annually, for days that the President is required to represent the district at state functions, providing that the President submits receipts for said expenses.” Mike Yarros seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Recommendations to the state office included:

- Moving the Executive Board meeting back to Thursday, instead of Wednesday of conference week to save on expenses and time away from students.
- Lower membership fees, as most budgets have been cut substantially.

Sites for 2009 – 2010 were discussed.

9/12/09 FIC/Music Ed Meeting  
 9/14/09 District Fall Meeting at Tait's Bill of Fare in Oscoda  
 9/21/09 Deadline for Membership  
 10/19/09 Deadline for MS Solo/Ensemble  
 11/1-2/09 All State Auditions at AuGres-Sims High School  
 12/5/09 District MS Solo/Ensemble in Alpena  
 12/14/09 Deadline for HS Solo/Ensemble  
 1/9/10 FIC/Music Ed Meeting  
 1/11/10 District Winter Meeting and ASB Listening at Kim's mom's house in AuGres  
 1/11/10 Deadline for District B/O Registration  
 1/20-23/10 Michigan Music Conference  
 2/6/10 District HS Solo/Ensemble at Beaverton High School  
 1/30/10 *MSVMA District Solo/Ensemble*  
 2/26-27/10 First District B&O Weekend in Gladwin  
 3/6/10 *MSVMA District Festival*  
 3/12-13/10 Second District B&O Weekend in Oscoda  
 3/10-12/10 *ACT/MME Test Window*  
 3/27/10 State Solo and Ensemble  
 4/4/10 Easter  
 4/16-17/10 District All-Star Band in Houghton Lake?  
 5/3/10 District Spring Meeting at Matthew's in West Branch.

### **Adjournment**

The president adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen R. Lopez, Secretary  
 MSBOA District IX