

Minutes
MSBOA District IX
Monday, January 11, 2010
Au Gres
All-Star Audition Listening Session

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:44 p.m. by President, Ed Falls.

Members present: Sandi Ahlers, Bryan Akers, Joan Dillard, Tina Donze, Ed Falls, Kim Gordon, John Hawkins, Joe Hellberg, Cathy Kintner, Karen Lopez, Carol McGuire, Megan Miller, Ray Reynolds, Mike Yaros. Also present was Joe Greer.

Secretary's Report – Karen Lopez

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.

John Hawkins moved to accept the report. Cathy Kinter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Cathy Kinter

Assets are \$6317.42 as of December 31, 2009. This includes fees paid for the upcoming High School Solo and Ensemble Festival.

John Hawkins moved to accept the report. Megan Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Band and Orchestra Report – Mike Yaros

31 bands have registered so far. Mike will try to have a schedule posted by next weekend. There was discussion about the 24 hour grace period, and yes, according to the Yearbook, registration could be postmarked one day late. John Hawkins moved to accept the report. Joe Hellberg seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Solo and Ensemble Report – Joan Dillard

Our district lost money on MS Solo and Ensemble. A complete report was provided for membership. The main reason for the financial loss was that one room was scheduled only until shortly after 10 a.m., and that judge was paid for a full day, provided accommodations and paid a substantial amount in mileage. It would have been more cost-effective to have a couple of room scheduled later, and paid a bit of overtime to a few judges. The state office is costing our district money when they schedule our festival(s) this way. Cathy Kintner moved to accept this report. John Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Adjudicator Report – Ray Reynold

All adjudicators have been hired at this time. Gary Sutton was recently added as the HS Solo and Ensemble low brass judge. John Hawkins moved to accept this report. Mike Yaros seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President's Report – Ed Falls

There is a new advocacy link on the MSBOA website. The Yearbook is available only online this year. The Basic Music List is available only online this year. Karen Lopez will take responsibility for mailing AA and A/B sight reading music to Ernst after the festival in Oscoda. Cathy will fax a copy of the bill to Karen for the sight-reading music. Be aware and be covered

for deadlines and work assignments. There are consequences in place for missing either of these. MMC State Winter General Membership meeting will be at the Friday luncheon on January 22, 2010. Cathy Kintner moved to accept this report. John Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Medals Report – Sandi Ahlers

We have enough medals for the upcoming High School solo and ensemble festival, and Cathy already has them. Sandi will order All-Star Band medals.

All-Star Band Report – Kim Gordon

Kim should have the program from the guest directors by the end of February, and hopes to have the music distributed by mid-March. Bill Gourley will be the Senior Guest Conductor and Dave Smith will be the Junior Guest Conductor. Mail checks to Cathy for All-Star Band participation. The cost is \$15 per student. The event will take place on April 16 and 17 at Houghton Lake High School.

Emeritus Report – Mike Yaros

No report.

FIC Report – John Hawkins

The Festival Improvement Committee met on January 9. They are working toward making lucid the yearbook and clarifying festival rules. Another goal is to make all the rules for all of the festivals stated in the same format. Another goal of this committee is investigating the merits of using a numerical rating system, rather than an alphabetical system so that there does not need to be a consistency of grades in order to produce a rating.

Music Ed – Joe Hellberg

The Music Ed Committee met on January 9. They discussed the Music Advocacy link on the website. Please let Joe, Ed or the State Office know if you have any suggestions for the website. The committee would like to have three categories for advocacy: Political, Academic and Community. Foxbrite out of Grand Rapids would like to incorporate Mail Chimp. Each MSBOA member would be asked to provide 10 names to keep the flow of information flowing to concerned parents and community members.

Elementary Music – Mike Moors

Mike was absent from the meeting.

Music Technology – Ed Falls

Get your school band website information to Ed so he can link it to our MSBOA District 9 page.

Old Business

A discussion was held on how the membership felt about having ratings posted in the warm up rooms, rather than outside the performance rooms. Overall, the membership thought it was a positive improvement. One concern was the safety of the adjudication sheets. A suggestion to provide large manila folders for the sheets so that students do not peruse them, or take them before the sheets can be collected by the runners. Ray suggested that each accompanist be limited to 10 events per session, so that the rooms didn't get backed up.

New Business

The proposed 2010-2011 calendar was distributed to members present. These are the dates that Ed will try to secure at the upcoming state meeting.

We need to revamp the ASB audition music. The expert(s) should total 32 measures for each instrument. Directors were assigned different instruments. These directors should bring suggestions of audition music for Junior and Senior auditions to All-Star Band in April.

Flute: Tina Donze; Oboe: Mike Yaros; Bassoon: Karen Lopez; Clarinet and Bass Clarinet: Sandi Ahlers and Joan Dillard; Alto, Tenor and Baritone Saxophones: Carol McGuire and Cathy Kintner; Trumpet: John Hawkins and Ray Reynolds; Horn: Mike Yaros; Trombone: Megan Miller; Euphonium: Bryan Akers; Tuba: Ed Falls; Percussion: Ray Reynolds.

Ray Reynolds moved to allow ninth graders to choose between Junior and Senior All Star Band. They would be allowed to audition for either or both bands. John Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed. This means that we will need to have a fourth set of audition music for Senior All Star Band.

Ray Reynold

s suggested that our President create an adhoc committee to discuss how to involve the retired members in our district. Ed decided that this falls under the Member Emeritus position and several volunteers offered to work with Mike. They are: John Hawkins, Carol McGuire and Ray Reynolds. They will have a proposal at our Spring meeting so we can implement their suggestions in the Fall.

Adjournment

Megan Miller moved to adjourn the meeting. Karen Loepz seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen R. Lopez, Secretary
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