

Members Present: Joe Hellberg, Bonnie Moore, Carol Begian-McGuire, Megan Miller, Bryan Akers, Dianne Myer (Arenac-Eastern), Cheri & John Hawkins, Karen Lopez, Cathy Kintner, Kim Gordon, Renee & Paul Lichau, Sandy Ahlers, Ed Falls, Joan Dillard, Paul Shimmons

Meeting Called to Order: 5:28 P.M.

Welcome! Introductions.

Secretary's Report: Tina Donze

Move to accept: Kintner, 2nd Lopez

Discussion: Friday & Saturday festival

Motion Passed.

Treasurer Report: Cathy Kintner

Balance: \$3,832.66

Move to accept: Kintner, 2nd Donze

Discussion: \$115 for Ed to attend fall executive

Mike Yaros Survival Camp \$75

Winter executive meeting - \$401.76

Festival expenses - \$107.90

\$694.66 – state office expenses

When we run a surplus on festivals, it pays executive fees

Recording for B&O is an expense we are saving, now. If we were not doing our own, we would be in the red. Recording equipment is paying for itself.

Motion Passed.

B&O Report: John Hawkins

Move to accept: Kintner, 2nd Hellberg

Discussion:

Apply for money now for checks for band festival. As soon as it is setup through MSBOA, get it done right away. Better for the schools.

Reminder – voted to make Alcona Friday & Saturday site. Checking to see if MSVMA moved off band festival weekend – no conflict!

Motion Passed.

S&E Report: Joan Dillard

Make sure two copies for S&E; get S&E done ASAP

Sites Clare JH & Beaverton HS

Move to accept: Kintner, 2nd Miller

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Adjudicator's Report: Ray Reynolds

See handout. Make sure we have a full day for judges. Piano and percussion – judges that can do both.

Move to accept: Kintner, 2nd Lopez

Motion Passed

President's Report: Ed Falls

Everything is in Google calendar on the web site.

Scratch S&E and put in B&O

Scratch conflict with MSVMA.

Deadlines – make sure you are aware of them and follow them. Get stuff done ASAP. Follow up with office to make sure it goes out on time. Contact Ed if any questions.

Move to accept: Miller, 2nd Lopez

Motion passed.

Paul Lichau

Advocacy – election year. School & education funding is most important right now – let people running for office know. Contact your candidates! Talk to the people who call – concerned about our state and education. September 25 – jazz director's workshop, Shepherd HS, Joan Gross is hosting. Take a director just getting started and teach them basics. Will teach simple techniques for improvising – never done it? Will be by the end of the hour. New teachers – Survival Camp. Also attend general MSBOA meeting. E-mail system improved. Need permission to send an e-mail to everyone: ask state office or district president. State office will not send out unnecessary e-mails. Check MSBOA website often. Feel free to call state office: Paul, Charles, or Ann.

Committee Reports

Medals: Sandy Ahlers

Spring meeting B&O medals were handed out.

S&E medals. Need to order blue medals. Some red medals left. Everyone is set. Any problems, see Sandy Ahlers.

Direct ship to everyone in the spring? Students count out for districts, then there are errors. Most people are using Bale medals.

All Star: Kim Gordon

No directors are officially hired.

Ed will be posting the audition music. He will send an e-mail when it is up.

Member emeritus: None.

FIC: John Hawkins

Added accuracy to S&E forms. Philosophical discussion with terminology and phrasing. Numerical ratings or I or II (non-specific)? Put grades on sheet to make the rating happen. In the end, you have to decide what do you want band festival to accomplish in terms of educational goals that helps your program before you make changes to it. Numerical system – judges will do the same thing? There are places that are numerical. MSBOA is getting involved with trying to unify the state as far as how they evaluate instrumental music.

Music Ed looked at a rubric-based scoring for festivals. MSVMA has done this – first year problems, 2nd year better as everyone got used to it.

MSVMA rubrics makes rating easier. At what point does it go from one number to the next?

Someone else checks the math on the rubric and posts them – some judges do not always know the final number.

Music Ed: Joe Hellberg

Morning revolved around rating system. Need consistency across the board. Consistency of judging as well. Three year plan to see how judges are judging across the districts, schools, or time frame? See handout. September 11 meeting agenda. Advocacy: sign-up for ArtServe. Easy and takes two minutes. Adjudication at S&E. Afternoon - advocacy. Statewide push to get administrators to talk about what every school system is offering in the arts. Make sure our information is correct from the inside – so MSBOA is also going to keep track of what is going on in schools. Problem for other schools with releasing budget and salary. Information stays for membership only so no one has problematic information released. Hoping to have questions when you register. When you go in to MSBOA website – there will be a pop-up asking you to complete the survey. The survey is coming – we just do not know when and how. The more information we have, the more we can advocate for our programs. That way we can have backing from our own colleagues across the state. Endorsements on the back page of packet. Look up

some of this advocacy information. Form for jazz workshop. Great for anyone! They use their band as guinea pigs to try things.

Advocacy page on MSBOA website. How to contact legislators. Sign up for e-mail alerts for ArtServe. Place to communicate between the state, parents, and fine arts teachers. ArtServe e-alerts. Good information, but not always local. Set up last year – did it meet goals? No. Legislators listen to individuals of e-mails and phone calls more than the lobbyists (it is their job). We do not always know what is happening with the school system – knowing when we have to fight for our job. Start an advocacy file for emergency purposes. There is a lot of good and powerful information at ArtServe. Get parents to sign up for this e-information. Get people involved so you have power and backing. Google music advocacy – you can find a large variety of helpful information. Present advocacy bits of information at concerts – it is our responsibility to educate our parents and community. Put advocacy information in programs, PowerPoint, etc.

Music Technology: hopefully, the site will be updated and by the end of the week, you will have the audition music.

Old Business

Need an All Star site – John Hawkins is checking the dates for West Branch, and Ed will keep us informed.

S&E fees – we lost money, need to adjust fees. Raise all solo and ensemble events \$1 per person. Quintets and above are capped at \$35.

Karen moved that we raise all solo & ensemble events \$1 per person with a cap on quintets and above at \$35. Motion made by Karen Lopez, Joe Hellberg 2nd.

Motion passed.

New Business

Direct shipment of medals to your school and whatever shipment costs. Bale – order your own medals like state, see if Redman is equipped, and if the prices are going to change. On individual directors cf. state. Must do some more research before making a decision, and report back information.

Carol said thank you for the plant.

News – Sandy's school hired a choir director after not having one for six years.

We are all getting membership books and year books.

Move to adjourn by Kintner. 2nd by Lopez.

Meeting ended 6:58.

MSBOA Fall Meeting

Tait's, Oscoda

September 13, 2010

Report respectfully submitted by Tina M. Donze