

MSBOA District IX Spring Meeting

May 7th, 2012

Willow Tree, West Branch, MI

Call to Order: 5:23 PM

Present: Ed Falls, Cathy Kitner, Megan Miller, Joe Hellberg, John Hawkins, Ray Reynolds, Kim Gordon, Melissa Sapienza, Bryan Akers, Karen Lopez, Ashley Ford

Secretary's Report: Bryan Akers

Report distributed to the General Meeting. Cathy moved to accept report for Fall Report. Ray moved to accept motion for January Minutes, Joe seconded, motion passes for both.

Treasurer's Report: Cathy Kinter

Report distributed to the General meeting. Balance is \$7511.85. We have not been billed for conference. Every festival we made money on. Cathy made a comparison from last year's festival to this year's festivals. John moves, Ray accepts. Motion passes.

B & O Report: Karen

Report Distributed---break down of dates, pros and cons of doing one site.

Cathy moved, Joe accepts.

The idea of having one festival site was discussed. Point was made that if that change was going to be made, it would have to be decided at the Fall Meeting.

S & E Report: Joan Dillard

Report distributed to the general meeting. Question about the medal count regarding what information was included in the report. Cathy moved, Joe seconds.

Adjudicator Report: Megan Miller

B & O: Matt Shepherd, Jim Huber, Bishop, Eric Senkmajer for both weekends.

S & E: December Jim Mcaffery, Eagans

2nd Weekend: Jim McAffery and Tom Golden

President's Report: Ed Falls

Report Distributed. Report Accepted.

All Star Reports: Kim Gordon

Nothing to report. Ideas for Guest Conductors? Ideas for music? The idea for distributing the Percussion music was brought up regarding how each student was chosen to fill a part.

Music Ed Report: Joe Hellburg

There were many members who had not done the survey. Joe will be sending out the link to the survey so we can all take our survey.

Music Technology: No report given.

It was noted that Paul was featured for the Band and Orchestra magazine covering what he doing with technology in the classroom.

FIC: No new information.

Old Business

All Star Music Updates: Using the same music---advantaged---preparing is easier, increase in numbers, easier to distribute. Disadvantage---may not be difficult enough to weed out woodwind players.

Joe proposed setting a steady tempo for scales, as well as a piece that is more educational.

Ed proposed making music more accessible for students and judging not only right notes, but judge more on phrasing and musicality.

Megan proposed having an audition date so we could hold live performances.

John pointed out the benefits of making the audition part of your program---would help out the numbers who not only audition but who are accepted into the All Star Band.

Ray moves that we break our All Star Audition music down into 4 categories: Upper voices (Flutes, Clarinets, Saxes), Middle Voices (Trumpets, French Horns), Low Voices (, and Percussion. Joe seconded.

After discussion, it was decided for an upper part (flutes, clarinets, alto saxes, tenor sax, trumpet, mallets) and lower part (low woodwinds, low brass, mallets) and percussion (snare, timpani).

Discussion was to leave the scale as it is---encourage students to play as high as they can in their range and then come back down the scale.

The motion was made to create/compose for All Star Band: an upper part (flutes, clarinets, alto saxes, tenor sax, trumpet, mallets) and lower part (low woodwinds, low brass, mallets) and percussion (snare, timpani). Motion passed.

Music Recordings:

Ed made a note that instructions and someone comfortable with recording will be assigned to the recording.

During All Star Band we will have a training session for those operating the recordings so we are familiar with the equipment.

Ed will be bringing a proposal for a digital recorder for the fall meeting.

New Business

Future Committee Proposals: A Proposal Packet listing the 22 Recommendations was distributed to the general meeting. Discussion held over various recommendations and the general meetings feelings and questions regarding the proposals.

State Office Evaluation (Letter from Garret Earnst distributed on the back of Ed's report). If you have specific comments (positive/negative), please send them in an email to Ed and he'll address those issues with Garret.

Site Selection: Please confirm dates with appropriate administrators.

Elections:

Solo and ensemble: Karen moved to accept Joan as chair.

Ed and Cathy are staying as President and Treasurer, respectively.

Committee Chairs: No changes in committee chairs.

Ray Reynolds was voted as our District IX Teacher of the Year Nomination.

Joe moved to adjourn the meeting. Megan seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm

Report Respectfully submitted by Bryan Akers.