

September 10th, 2012
MSBOA District IX
Oscoda, MI
Tait's Restaurant

Call to Order: Ed Falls called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm

Present: Paul Shimmons, Natalie Smith, Ray Reynolds, Cathy Kitner, Kim Gordon, Ed Falls, Ashley Ford, Karen Lopez, Joan Dillard, Joe Hellberg, Megan Miller, Carol McGuire

Secretary's Report: Report distributed to the general meeting. Karen moved, Cathy accepted. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$6865.12. No report distributed. Karen moved, Joe accepted. Motion passed.

S & E Report: Joan Dillard reiterated deadline for JH S & E is October 15th (Postmarked). HS: Nov. 28th, 2012 (same week as MS S & E---MUST BE MAILED).Karen moved, Ray accepted. Motion passed.

B & O Report: Karen---Standish Feb. 22, 23. Oscoda March 8-9th Second Weekend. Joining it to one weekend is put under new business. Cathy moved, Ray accepted.

Adjudicator Report:

Melissa---Jim Huber was no longer able to judge at some of our events. One more judge for Feb. Two more for December. She is taking suggestions. Mike Moors was suggested for a judge. Dave Smith and Walt Whitmer were suggested. Karen moved. Joan accepted. Motion passed.

President's Report:

Report distributed to the general meeting. Make sure you get your membership paperwork/payment in on time (otherwise the price goes up). Please double check the rules for Festivals, Solo & Ensembles, etc. Questions and concerns please address to Ed. Karen moved, Megan accepted. Motion accepted.

All Star Report: Kim---Houghton Lake Jan. 25th/26th. Kim has contacted the Eagen's and is waiting for a response.

Emeritus Report: Cathy---Michael Moors and John Hawkins may be nominated by the board as Emeritus Members.

FIC Report:

Ray---New items---If power is not available at host site for marching band, power is the band's responsibility. Work Assignments: Motion made on requirements for director work assignment---if a student cancels or withdraws, the director(s) is still responsible for the work assignment. B & O: Scores are recommended for being numbered but should be required (it should NOT affect the rating). It IS a requirement for S & E.

One of the other things that was discussed is that if you are unexcused from missing a work assignment, they were proposing a 2 assignment penalty plus 2 assignments to get off of "probation".

Discussion was also brought up about a District IX Handbook. Currently we use the State Handbook in

place of a district handbook.

Music Ed Report:

Joe: Report distributed to the general meeting. Only 43% did the survey. A list of resources and was distributed to the general membership. Ed highly recommended that we join the Band Directors Facebook Group.

Technology: Paul---anything that needs updating on the website please let Paul know and he'll fix it.

All Star Band Music:

Karen (HS)---presented some new music. Ashley noted the benefits of the decreased difficulty of the music may allow for judging more based on musicality. The idea was brought up to develop an overall rubric that we are using to judge the All Star Recordings.

Ray (Middle School): Individual parts distributed. Ed restated his goals for the music was to keep more students encouraged to do All Star and Audition. More discussion will be held in January after we try the music out. Big thanks to Ray and Karen for their hard work on the music.

New Business:

Discussion on hosting festival at one site---Benefits of our current way leaves us with some scheduling some flexibility. Currently, we are still doing well financially regarding festivals but we may need to look at this issue again in the future.

Festival Recordings: When we do assignments, we need to make sure that workers assigned to the recorders are familiar with the equipment. We may also post the instructions on the website.

Discussion was also made on using Digital Recorders for Festival Sites. We also discussed posting the recordings for director's to access online versus using CD's.

Karen moves that we invest in 3 Digital Recorders and Memory Cards. Motion withdrawn by Karen.

Paul and Ed will look into Digital Recorders for the Adjudicators and Performance Recordings and will bring a recommendation in December for a JH Recording.

Ed brought up the issue of putting up our District Recordings online for all of us to listen to. Ed and Paul will investigate for this year's Band Festival.

Ed proposed the idea of putting together a District IX Facebook Group.

Joan reminded everyone to send in the paperwork on time, even if the check is not written yet from the business office (just include your Purchase Request from the Business Office). Please notify her 3 to 4 days before the deadline so she can make the proper steps to ensure your registration.

Paul: Brass Band---tickets for students to attend rehearsal and performance are \$7. 1st Saturday in December is the first concert.

Carol: A piece dedicated to Harry Beacham will be performed at MSU in December.

Joe made a motion, Paul seconds. General meeting closed at 7:27 pm.