

September 9th, 2013
MSBOA District IX
Oscoda, MI
Tait's Restaurant

Call to Order: Ed Falls called the meeting to order at 5:23 pm

Present: Paul Shimmons, Natalie Smith, Ray Reynolds, Cathy Kintner, Kim Gordon, Ed Falls, Paul Lichau, Karen Lopez, Joan Dillard, Joe Hellberg, Megan Wolfgang, Bryan Akers

Secretary's Report: Report distributed to the general meeting. Cathy made a motion to accept the report and Karen seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$6364.63 in account. Karen, motioned and Ray accepted. All fees stayed the same. All Star went up last year to \$20.

S & E Report: Joan Dillard. We will be ordering new medals. She reminded everyone about deadlines---all entries need to be in the mail by the deadline. Let Joan know about any issues with payment before the deadlines. Entry fees are the same. Karen motioned and Cathy seconded.

B & O Report: Karen Lopez. The dates and locations are all set for B & O. Website will be up and running soon. B & O registration won't be open until Nov. 15th. Oscoda 1st weekend, Roscommon 2nd weekend.

Adjudicator Report: Ashley sent report. Joan motioned and Joe seconded. Suggested to recommend Tom Golden for B & O.

President's Report: Ed distributed a report to the general meeting. Reminder to renew the membership for MSBOA. Paul reminded everyone that as long the office has verbal communication, they can adjust the date (but it has to be done prior to the deadline). Please be aware of the rules so there are no surprises at Festival or S & E. Cathy motioned Ray accepted.

All Star Report: All state Auditions in October 26th or 27th (Saturday or Sunday 9-3, 10-2 respectively). October 1st is the Deadline and must be registered online. All Star Band in Alpena January 24th and 25th. Scott Burma (WMU) for HS and Cynde Swan-Eagen for Middle School. Listening session January 6th. Music will be posted on the website.

Emeritus Report: No report.

FIC Report: Ray Reynolds. At the last meeting a motion was made to remove the rule of limiting a student of performing in just one event. They made a motion to allow students who play string bass to come into the band for one piece that requires a bass without fully registering for the class.

They also discussed having just one piece for sightreading. Pros and cons were brought up. They are also working on having each class have their own piece for sightreading (no C/D music, A/B music, etc).

Music Ed Report: Communication. Timeline and email blasts protocol. Michigan meeting for Educator effectiveness. Email Joe for more info.

Ed has a website if you want more info regarding the organization this is giving Music Educators a voice in all of the Michigan State Education standards.
Essential Elements Interactive.

Charles Menghini will be presenting at the Director Survival Camp now called the Director Development Days on November 1st and 2nd at CMU. It is geared towards both new as well as experienced directors.

Technology: Smart Music does have a new rubric tool as well as linking to State Standards.

Old Business: New constitution and by-laws were distributed for discussion. Ray motioned and Karen seconded.

Motion to accept the constitution and by-laws as presented. Cathy motioned and Paul seconded.

We may have to make a motion in the Spring Meeting regarding the elected positions.

Policy Manual: Presented by Karen and Natalie and greatly appreciated by the membership for all of their hard-work putting this together.

New Business:

No conflict with District Festival with MSVMA Festival.

State S & E is the same for MSBOA as is MSVMA.

B & O Dates: conflict with ACT Test Dates. Table discussion until the January Meeting.

Discussion held about finding a more central location for State S & E.

Cathy reminded everyone that there are many Emeritus members who are willing to help out in the classroom.

Paul: October 1st deadline for Festival transfers (schedule conflicts, testing, etc), new MSBOA program is coming starting Nov. 15th. District websites will be linked to that. Deadlines will have the option to pay with Paypal.

Jazz Workshop: Matt Shepherd's School Sanford Meridian November 9th of this year.

All State: William Owen is conducting.

Yearbooks and calendar will be mailed this week and is posted on the Website under members. PDF File for download.

Fall State Meeting is tied in with Director Development Days Nov. 2nd.

2015 MMC 10 year anniversary.

80% of the ratings from the pilot project were the same between the two sets of judges. They felt that the ratings were more realistic from the Pilot Project Ratings.

Middle school registration will be through the old system.

If you run into problems with the new systems, be sure to communicate your problems and we'll get them resolved so we all get registered.

The issue of being able to afford to pay for memberships with diminishing school budgets was brought

up. Joe also brought up the idea of a a tiered membership for members that want to participate in certain events.

Membership fees haven't been increased for the past 9 years.

General meeting closed at 7:00 pm. Cathy moved to adjourn the meeting and Joe seconded the motion.