

## Spring Meeting

Wed, May 8<sup>th</sup>

Willow Tree of West Branch

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by president Jason Lowe. The secretary's report was read and accepted by Cathy, second by Phil.

Treasurer report was read with a motion to accept by Ed, second by Megan. Motion passed. We are in healthy finances this year with a total of \$10, 839.77. We took in a large profit for B/O due to it only being one weekend this year.

VP of Adjudication- Judges are hired for next year. We are waiting to hear back from one woodwind judge. Motion to accept by Cathy, second by Karen. Motion passed.

VP of B/O-Festival was held at Oscoda again this year. Having one site works well for our district, and Karen does a fabulous job hosting each year (even on one leg). We want to continue with one site for B/O festival. Motion to accept by Megan, second by Paul. Motion passed.

VP of S/E- Matt had to leave early but his report was read and moved to accept by Cathy, second by Karen. Motion passed.

President report- Jason said it was great to see everyone in attendance! If you haven't set your dates for next year please do so. June 1<sup>st</sup> in Okemos is the State meeting. Let Jason know if you have something to bring up. Looking at B/O festival, is there a way to rotate hosting duties around? If anyone is interested please let Jason know. The Pioneer Marching Show is Tuesday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. If you didn't go last year and want to come this year, please do. Contact Jason with any questions. Motion to accept report by Phil, second by Karen/Megan. Motion passed.

All-Star Band-

Alpena is happy to host again this year. Suggestions for HS directors are David Thornton (MSU), and Sam Mcilhagga (Albion College). Suggestions for MS are Arris Golden (MSU) and Tiffany Engel (Calvin College).

Emeritus-Cathy will check the guidelines about Emeritus for Jeanine Henning, and Ed Falls who are both retiring. Congratulations!!

Festival Improvements- nothing to report

Discussion of State Festival-

- Better served at District Festival so all bands could benefit and participate
- Should sight-reading be done at state to make it more challenging
- Did the new format fix the problem of not as many schools participating
- Clinician needs to have a microphone
- Placement of clinician and judges should be the same

Music Ed- They didn't have a meeting but look at the website, there is a lot of good information. If you have special needs students, the director needs to bring it up and fill out a form at registration. If you have something you would like to see discussed let the ed dept. know.

New Business-

We are low compared to others with our mileage reimbursement. Cathy made a motion to raise our mileage to \$.50 per mile. Second by Karen. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Cathy and second by Megan to pay S/E and B/O judges \$200 a day. Motion passed.

An idea of doing a scholarship for either a college person or a camp for MS/HS student was discussed. We need to ask the State Office to see if this would be allowed.

New officers were voted in. Emma Pendgrass will be the new treasurer and Matt Van Ham will continue as S/E chair.

Director of the year nominees were Megan Wolfgang and Paul Shimmons. Megan was the winner of Director of the Year Award. Congrats Megan!!

Meeting adjourned t 7:15.