

## WTSBOA Membership Meeting Minutes #3

May 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chris Piecuch at 9:33.

A motion was made by David Chipman to dispense with the reading of the February 11, 2016 minutes as they are posted on line. A motion and second to dispense with reading the minutes passes.

The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Darrell Evans with a balance of \$24,727.73 and \$4,361.67 left in reserve. A motion and second to approve the report passes.

**All State Report** given by Barry Trobaugh. Thanks to all who helped with the All State Convention especially if you served as a judge. We need to make sure West TN is represented on the judging panel. The All State performance venue was not good. Please email Barry with All State concerns.

**Band Report** no senior high band report was given. Jr. High report from Carol Chipman read by Chris Piecuch, Special thanks to Kayla Price and Bryan Scott for serving as the Jr. high band chairs. Carol also thanked all who helped with the all west clinic event.

**Jazz Report** given by Ollie Liddell. The Jazz Festival this year had such a huge number of participating groups it was necessary to make it a 2 day event. Ollie praises all who participated and encourages the membership to expose our students to jazz. Ollie reports that All State jazz audition requirements will be adding improvisation using F blues as well as the rhythm changes in Bb so WTSBOA will mirror those same requirements for the All West jazz auditions.

**Advocacy Committee** -Skipp Quinn reports that an "advocacy" tab will be added to the web page with current advocacy information.

**Orchestra Report** -Ptotia Furlow reports that the All West Clinic was a success from the orchestra perspective.

### Old Business

- NAFMe memberships need to be renewed with NafMe not through WTSBOA. Pay when your membership expires.
- Darrell Evans makes the following financial recommendations: **1.) All West Clinic fee is increased from \$30 per student to \$40 per student. 2.) Concert, Jazz and marching Festival fees be increased by \$25 per entry.** The rationale being that when we moved to the Cannon Center in 2003 the band clinic cost was \$3,000 in 2016 the Clinic Cost including jazz, orchestra and band was \$30,000. Discussion. Paula Turner makes the motion as listed above. The MOTION PASSES.
- Pam Wilensky reports from the orchestra caucus meeting at TMEA that work has begun on merging the orchestra festival music lists from all three regions. Chris asks to form a committee to come up with the WTSBOA plan for compiling our approved selections. The executive committee will share the information in our August meeting that they receive from the TMEA summer meeting.
- The subject of compiling a jazz music list is discussed and Ollie Liddell shares that our goal is to increase participation in jazz festival not decrease it. He feels a list would be too restrictive and would discourage participation.

## New Business

- Election of Officers. As Karen Henning leaves the board Chris Piecuch commends her unwavering 20 year commitment to WTSBOA on the executive committee and thanks her for her service. Call for nominations. Ollie Liddell is nominated as President Elect of WTSBOA. Motion to accept by acclamation. Ollie Liddell approved as President Elect. The office of Recording Secretary is being vacated by Leigh Boyce after 10 years in this position. Chris Piecuch praises her for her faithful service to WTSBOA. Carol Chipman is nominated to fill the position of Recording Secretary. Motion to accept by acclamation. Carol Chipman is approved as Recording Secretary. A motion is made to re-elect Darrell Evans as executive secretary/treasurer by acclamation. Darrell Evans continues as executive secretary/treasurer. Chris discusses the wish of the executive committee to divide this position into a treasurer office and an executive secretary office. Please give us your feedback and let us know if anyone would be willing to take on the job of treasurer.
- Tennessee Bandmasters Association summer symposium is June 2,3,4 at Freedom Middle School in Middle Tennessee. Barry encourages membership to participate. Dr. Alfred Watkins is the speaker on Friday. This will be added to the calendar and a reminder will be posted under "What's New".
- Proposal to add to the by-laws a release date for the orchestra all west audition music. The suggestion was made for the music not to be released before the August meeting. Another suggestion was made that music would be posted on the Monday after the August meeting. Discussion. *Motion: to develop a release date each school year for when the band and orchestra audition music will be available.* The MOTION PASSES.
- Discussion regarding the need to develop a new 4 year rotation for the string audition music.
- Discussion for combining orchestra and band solo and ensemble festival in to one mega event. 9 total string rooms needed, with one room having a piano.
- Proposal to increase the size of the All West Middle School String Ensembles by adding 8 violins (40 total), 4 viola (16 total), 2 cello (14 total), 1 bass (8 total). Paula Turner speaks to the scores and by adding additional people the scores would stay in an acceptable range for the middle school students. The high school string sections are not ready for this increase. The MOTION PASSES.
- The proposed Calendar for 2016-2017 is presented. Request to look at moving the proposed date for Memphis Solo and Ensemble festival because it is so close to Concert Festival and testing windows. The proposed calendar will be posted under the member announcements and we ask for feedback regarding the proposed event dates. A request by Britta Hall to find someone to replace her as the host for orchestra Solo and ensemble festival.
- Lifetime Achievement Nominations are due at the May meeting. No names have been submitted. Suggestions made from the floor were Jeff Huddleston and Lanny Byrd. Please submit any other nominations by the end of May.

### Announcements:

- High School Honors String Orchestra patches are now available.
- Thanks to AMRO for hosting the meeting. Don't forget the golf tournament on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Congratulations to David Chipman for being selected as the TMEA band chair.
- Please look at the TMEA website at the criteria for entering a performance ensemble for All State
- Recognition of directors retiring this school year. John Lane, Paula Turner, Debbie McCoy, Jim Smith, Phil Hughes and Rick Neal.

Motion was made for adjournment at 11:00.

