

WTSBOA Minutes
May 14, 2005
Amro Music

The meeting was called to order by David Wood at 9:36 a.m.

The minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given with a current amount of \$13, 922.81

TMEA Band Caucus report was given by Barry Trobough
TMEA Concert Festival 2006 is tentatively set for April 27, 28, 29 (27 and 28 if 2 days)
Vanderbilt cannot/will not host next year and we are looking at Belmont University

All-State Jazz

A motion was approved to NOT use the "Stylistic Etudes" book any more; have the etudes for audition originally written along with the sight reading. Improvisation requirement: use a cycle of blues scales and "rhythm" changes instead of all Bb Blues. Obtain the etudes via website or from All-State chair (with composer permission) New selections each year if money ok; otherwise develop a rotation. Money is available through the state chapter of IAJE for this.

Tony Burris reported on TMEA meeting including 9th graders in the All-State experience. The issue was tabled because of so many questions. Tony asked for comments from our membership.

Pam Wilensky brought up that orchestra already uses 9th graders in the WTSBOA Orchestra Clinic.

Tony brought up the problem of extra facilities and the extra cost.

David brought up the major negative is taking 9th graders from our regional jr. high ensembles could hurt the level of playing.

Skip Quinn brought up that the All-West ensembles were mainly 9th graders. Moving 9th graders up could eliminate many 9th graders from being involved.

All-State War Memorial will be used next year; in 2007 attempts will be made to use the Nashville Symphony Hall

New Business

Sheryl Lane made a motion to move that the string audition music for All-West Orchestra excerpts be taken from the music that will be performed that school year during the All-West Orchestra Clinic.

Motion failed

Regarding the Concert Festival list: It was proposed that we allow directors to submit new scores for approval every year instead of every two years.

Motion passed

Scheduling of All-West Clinics is a problem. Next year the clinics are scheduled:

Orchestra 3rd week of Jan., Band 4th week of Jan.

David addressed the problems of scheduling for next year.

Auditions will still have to be in December because of scheduling difficulties at Cannon and GPAC.

Barry Trobough asked that Spring Break dates be e-mailed to David Wood.

David Wood suggested that the Memphis Site Solo Ensemble be run the same as UT Martin and Jackson.

Directors/schools are assigned a specific block of time that their students play. This prevents directors and students from being at the event the entire day.

A separate judge will be assigned for students not able to perform during the assigned time slot.

John Easley and Barry Lumpkin will work out details and give a report at the August meeting.

August 2005 WTSBOA meeting is changed to August 20th.

David Wood addressed some issues that he has encountered this year.

1. Before events he is receiving e-mails from directors not wanting to attend for various reasons
2. David suggests fines imposed on directors not following rules.
3. Missed deadlines of entries could be assessed a \$100 fine.
4. Meetings could be assessed \$100 meetings
5. Deadlines need to be clarified in order to do this.

Barry Trobough suggested a WTSBOA Hall of Fame highlight a director, living or deceased, that has really dedicated a lot of his/her life to music. Place name on a plaque possibly posted at U of M.

Asked for volunteers to meet as a committee. Darrell Evans volunteered.

David encouraged membership to use discussion board.

All-West Festival report by Jack Cooper

This year we combined the U of M and the WTSBOA festivals.

Jack gave suggestions of making judging more consistent so that ensembles will feel that they have been judged fairly.

Some directors expressed concern over scheduling early in the year because they are unable to have ensembles ready in time.

Jeff Huddleston

Live auditions next year (05 – 06) for All –State Jazz band. Students will go to Nashville for these auditions. Auditions will be either on a weekend or week day.

Announcements

Darrell wants to start on the directory as early as possible; please contact him asap by e-mail with any address/phone/email/fax changes.

Darrell thanked the association for all that was done for his family honoring Pete.

Elizabeth Weimer announced the Jackson Summer Music Camp on June 27 – July 1st.

David thanked Amro Music and Tommy Aarendale for allowing us to use their facilities for this meeting.

Arlington High School will be hosting a marching festival Sept. 17th

UT Martin Sept 10th Marching Festival.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52.