

# WTSBOA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

(Meeting #4) May 19, 2007  
AMRO Music Store

Barry Trobaugh called the meeting to order at 9:38.

Motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes as they are posted on the website.

Darrell Evans gave the Treasurer's Report. The remaining balance after paying the yearly expenses of the Association was \$2,538.99. Monies left in reserve were \$20,770.03.

Motions were made and seconded to approve the report as read.

## ***Event Reports:***

- Karla Phillip reported that in the transfer of Orchestra Concert Festival results they were misplaced. She asks all orchestra directors who participated in the event to contact her with their individual school results. Darrell will post results as soon as this is completed.
- Barry Trobaugh gave the TMEA update and reported 56 people were in attendance at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussion continues regarding the All-State jazz audition procedure. Each association was asked to encourage members to enter the State Concert Festival Event. Each association was asked to submit 3-5 music educators to serve as new teacher mentors. Barry asks members to volunteer after the meeting adjourns. Barry encourages WTSBOA representation of All-State performance groups. Apply, apply, apply. Discussion at the All-State caucus recognized that the representation from each section of the state needs to be equalized. This includes middle school and high school groups in band, orchestra and jazz. Go to the TMEA website link for an application.

## ***Old Business:***

**Motion** was made by Carol Chipman: *to move All-West Jr/Sr Band auditions for the upcoming school year (December 8, 2007) to Arlington High School, with the auditions beginning at 9:00 a.m.* Rationale given included Phil Hughes recent appointment as Arlington HS Band Director, the site being more than adequate and convenient to the interstate. Mention was made that observation of the audition site procedures had not been observed as discussed. Discussion included Tom Grant confirming that University School of Jackson had an adequate number of rooms for the auditions and that he had not been given the opportunity to "shadow" on the audition day because he had been placed in an audition room. He has been in contact with Phil Hughes and feels confident in hosting this event. Cindy Haffly noted that the Jackson site is more centrally located for the entire membership and that it would help band directors of schools in the outlying areas increase participation by their students. After much discussion the vote was taken and the motion failed. **All-West Band auditions will be at University School of Jackson on December 8, 2007.**

## ***New Business:***

Brad Turner made a presentation on the subject of future funding for the All-West Band, Orchestra and Jazz Clinic venues. After outlining the moneys brought in for each clinic and the cost of securing the facilities, clinicians etc. he projected a \$6,500.00 deficit for the orchestra/jazz event and the Cannon Center event just breaking even. He reported that within 5 Years both facilities projected an increase in rental fees of \$5,600.00 per year. He suggested options such as looking at an increase in association fees for auditions, solo and ensemble and clinic registration. He also mentioned that we could save \$9,000.00 per year by judging All-West auditions ourselves. Discussion included Karen Henning mentioning that registration fees for marching festival currently stand at \$1.00 per student. She suggested an increase in this fee amount. Many ideas were shared about increases in fee amounts. On the topic of judging All-West auditions, Darrell pointed out that membership must attend the try-out if students are registered for the try-out. If they cancel you still need to attend. Barry called for an informal poll as to which course of action was preferred. The choices were to increase entry fees or for the membership to judge all-west band, orchestra and jazz try-outs. The preferred option was judging our own try-outs. After a healthy discussion Barry asks to table this topic and called for Brad Turner to chair a committee of volunteers to formulate some options for increasing revenue and present this in the form of a motion at the August meeting.

**Motion** was made by Darrell Evans to *use the same audition music for All-West orchestra wind players as are used for those wind instruments for the band audition.* After discussion the **motion failed.**

David Ryan will be writing the Senior High Band All-West Audition music as was voted in the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## ***Announcements:***

Barry Trobaugh announced that Jennifer Reeves from Peabody High School was the recipient of the Ralph Hale scholarship this year. He reminds us to encourage students to apply for this scholarship each year.

With no further business a motion was made to adjourn at 10:28.