

# WTSBOA Membership Meeting #3

## AMRO Music Store

### Saturday, May 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President, Brad Turner at 9:42 a.m.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes from January 29, 2009 as they are posted on the website.

The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Darrell Evans with a balance of \$1,496.00 with \$30,724.25 in reserve. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read.

## SEGMENT REPORTS

**BAND REPORT.** Brad Turner opens the floor for comments on band events during the past school year. Phillip Hughes points out the issue with the lighting at Memphis Concert Festival. Brad confirms that the location will be changing and lighting issues will be solved. Ollie Liddell expresses concerns about the consistency of judging at Concert Festival based on their perspective and where they are seated. Brad explained that the new venue, Colonial Middle School is a new school with a new state-of-the art performance facility. He assures the membership that the new venue will be examined for the best (most equal) perspective for the judges seating. Lucy Ofinowicz asks how the judges are briefed about the levels of difficulty especially the standards for beginning students. She comments that we shouldn't offer the opportunity to perform if the experience isn't going to be positive. She suggests that the judging criterion or a different rubric is used to allow for the beginner level and asks if sight reading could also be selected for beginners that is not the same as the grade 1 sight reading that grade 2 performance bands read. Brad Turner suggests we form a committee to look into this. He cautions that the goal is not to loosen standards so that it effects State Concert Festival. We might need to consider clarifying that beginners are not eligible for State Festival or that they go for comments only. He calls for volunteers to serve on this committee see him after adjournment. A final question was asked we could eliminate using the same Concert Festival judges year after year. Barry Trobaugh clarifies that the thought is by keeping the same panel from year to year it keeps the expectation level consistent. Barry Trobaugh asks that we help with recommending adjudicators and providing contact info.

**ORCHESTRA REPORT.** Andy Palmer comments that from the perspective of the Orchestra directors, the Mega Weekend was a success. He requests that we consider separating Orchestra and Jazz Concerts. Brad interjects that we would have to shorten the rehearsal time to start the concert earlier. We have to pay if the concerts go over time. A suggestion was made to start Orchestra at 6:00 and Jazz at 8:00. In order to do this, rehearsals would have to stop for everyone at 4:00 to accommodate directors with students in all ensembles. It will also cost more money. Brad comments that some more time can be shaved off the concert by working on the transitions between groups and not allowing the extended warm up on stage. He promises that this matter will be on the Agenda for the **Summer Executive Board Meeting**. One final request was to look at moving the Orchestra Solo and Ensemble Festival to the Fall. The date and site for the 2009-2010 school year have already been set, but this request will be **revisited for the 2010-2011 school year.**

**JAZZ REPORT.** Numbers of participating groups for Jazz Festival were disappointing. Five groups in Memphis and 3 in Jackson. We moved the dates to try to accommodate more participants. GPAC is too expensive for only 5 ensembles. The Jackson site was free. We will have to look at how to make this more attractive. A suggestion was made to move to a professional

venue oriented to Jazz (downtown) and open performances to the public. Suggestions are welcomed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

A second reading of a **motion** : **Article III section 1 and 2: to place the WTSBOA All State Band Chair on the WTSBOA Executive Committee as a permanent member.** **Motion passes.** A final reading will need to be made at August meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Brad Turner presents WTSBOA Event calendar for 2009-2010. The dates and venues have been confirmed. Attention is drawn to the All-West Audition dates. Orchestra strings, winds and percussion auditions will be in November. The Junior, Senior Band and Jazz auditions will be in January. The Mega Clinic meeting is in February for next year. Concert Festival in Memphis is in a new facility. The Martin Concert Festival will be moved to Liberty High School. The Crockett County date for Solo and Ensemble Festival is during All State, that will need to be moved. The calendar will be available on-line this summer.

A **proposal** was made by Mike McKenzie. **Article II, section 1** insert: *that working All-West Band or Orchestra Auditions will count as one meeting of the two required meetings.* Discussion: Mike McKenzie goes on to say that the by-laws state that we will have 4 meetings each year, last year only 3 were available because of combining weekends with orchestra and jazz. This was not changed in the by-laws. Barry Trobaugh reminds us that in the past dropping meeting requirements was discussed and the membership wouldn't pass the motion. It was pointed out that a meeting could take place while we wait for the results. The problem with that is that executive committee members are busy processing audition results. It was suggested that the meeting could be at lunch during the Try-outs. The other thing that was pointed out is that many people sign in at meetings and then leave before it is over. A sign out sheet was suggested. The proposal does not mention that a meeting will be conducted at the auditions. Call for question. A hand vote was taken. 28 people in favor. 21 people opposed. The **motion passes.** **NOTE: it was discovered after the meeting that Article II, section 1 as cited in the proposal is not part of the by-laws, it is in the constitution. As stated in Article IV of the constitution, this proposal to amend the constitution will require two more votes with 2 thirds majority of those present and voting.**

A **proposal** was made Tom Grant: *to create and establish a All West Junior High Jazz Band starting with the 2009-2010 school year. It would be a full instrumentation the same as Sr. High Jazz ensemble. Auditioning students would be in the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades with the 9<sup>th</sup> grade students choosing to audition for either Jr. High or Sr. High Jazz Bands.* Discussion: It is already hard to get enough to audition for the High School Jazz groups. It's especially hard to get the 2<sup>nd</sup> group full instrumentation, this would take some 9<sup>th</sup> graders out of the HS jazz groups. Concerns for the additional cost of space for rehearsals and a clinician. Call for question. The **motion fails.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Brad Turner encourages participation in State Concert Festival.
2. MYSO Alumni Concert on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Memphis Music Camp June 1<sup>st</sup> for JR/SR. High band and orchestra students.
3. Memphis City Marching Percussion Camp. FREE. June 8-12.

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment at 11:02.