

# **WTSBOA Membership Meeting #1**

## **Peabody High School**

### **August 15, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by President, Brad Turner at 9:43 a.m.

A motion was made by Karen Henning to dispense with the reading of the minutes as they are posted on the website. The motion was seconded and approved.

The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Darrell Evans with a balance of \$551.08 with \$30,724.25 in reserve. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read.

## **SEGMENT REPORTS**

**TMEA REPORT** The TMEA board is looking at moving the All-State Conference from Nashville to either Chattanooga or Memphis. The Renaissance and Nashville Convention Center are becoming too expensive for TMEA to afford. Proposals have been submitted by both potential sites.

- September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> will be the dates of the Southern Division of MENC Conference. TMEA will sponsor "young leaders" who want to participate in the emerging leaders program. Nominations can be sent to the WTSBOA Executive Board.
- State Concert Festival will be hosted by Tennessee Tech. on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of 2010. Members who qualify are encouraged to participate. It is also reported that TMEA will be unifying all the concert festival judging sheets to help keep the process and standards consistent from region to region.
- The Tennessee Arts Academy dates are July 11<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> of 2010.
- The All State Conference needs in-service sessions. Please submit a proposal if you are interested in presenting a session.
- New members are reminded to get on "What's New" on the website, make it your homepage and register to receive reminders when the page is updated. Contact Barry if you want to participate in the mentoring program. TMEA is pushing that all regions make it mandatory for members with 3 years and under experience be assigned a mentor.
- Barry Trobaugh and Karen Henning represented WTSBOA on the selection committee that reviewed recordings for performance groups at All-State for this school year, along with 2 representatives from each of the other regions. The committee listened to all submissions and made unanimous decisions regarding the groups they selected. Recordings were numbered, keeping anonymity. Six performance groups were recommended and the group felt good about the work they did and were not allowed to find out which schools were selected. It was explained that official notification would be made in October. Each of the 3 regional associations expected that the decision of the selection committee would be announced that day.

**ORCHESTRA REPORT** Paula Turner gives the report for Andy Palmer. The retirement of Karla Philipp was announced. She retired from Memphis City Schools with 30 years of exemplary teaching.

- The new strings teachers in Memphis City Schools are: Alex Perry and Jonathan Schallert.
- Paula reports that Andy requests strings program updates and news of special student recognition for his State Orchestra Report.
- Andy also asks strings teachers to consider presenting a pedagogical related clinic for All-State Conference.

**JAZZ REPORT** Jeff Huddleston encourages the membership to bring groups to Jazz Festival. He has no new info from the State Jazz Committee. Brad comments about how positive the jazz Festival experience was for his ensemble.

**BAND REPORT** No report was given due to the illness and emergency surgery of President-Elect, David Chipman.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The WTSBOA Calendar was not approved in May. Brad highlights a few changes including the moving of the All West Clinic weekend to January 28, 29, 30. Memphis Jazz Festival moved later to April 26<sup>th</sup> at GPAC. It was pointed out that the Grammy in the Schools event will be changed. A motion was made to accept the 2009-2010 WTSBOA Calendar as presented. **The motion passes.**

Third reading to amend **Article III, section 1 and 2: to place the WTSBOA All State Band Chair on the WTSBOA Executive Committee as a permanent member.** **The motion passes.** This will be a permanent constitutional change.

Second reading to add to **Article II, section 1: (insert) that working All-West Band or Orchestra Auditions will count as one meeting of the two required meetings.** The **second reading passes.** Brad notes that the meeting will have to be after the auditions are concluded.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Brad announces the formation of an adjudicator selection committee to help create a larger base of qualified judges to choose from. Please volunteer yourself or submit people who could help with this task.
- We are also looking at changing to standardized assessment forms that are closely aligned with national standards. The form has 7 assessment areas where our old form had 6 and made it hard to decide what the overall rating should be. We would like to implement these new sheets for Band Concert Festival.
- After discussion regarding recognizing Honorary Members from WTSBOA, it was decided that an instrument for submitting nominations would be introduced at our next WTSBOA meeting.

A motion was made by Van Wadley to amend the By-laws, **Article XV, Section 2 Part F (classification)** to add: *Upon written submission to WTSBOA Executive Committee, middle school students may additionally perform with the high school band or orchestra as long as the director of both ensembles is the teacher of record of both schools.* After discussion, **the motion passes.**

Introduction of new members were made.

### **REMINDERS:**

- Be sure to sign in at all meetings.
- Don't forget to have a picture made for the directory.
- All-west audition music will be posted on the web site this weekend.

Announcements were made regarding contests and special events.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 10:53 a.m.