

WTSBOA Membership Meeting #1

Trenton Rosenwald Middle School

August 21, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President, David Chipman at 9:36 a.m. Dwight Dodd requests that a moment of silence is observed in memory of EJ Eaton, Professor Emeritus of Music from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

A motion was made 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 \$1,955.23 with \$30,724.25 in reserve. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read.

Introduction of new members and position changes of current members were made.

****Agenda Change.** In order to accommodate members who will be attending EJ Eaton's funeral a few items of business were handled out of the order printed in the agenda. For purposes of this report they were placed in the order they should have occurred.*

SEGMENT REPORTS

TMEA REPORT/FIRST TO THE TOP ASSESSMENT: Karen Henning and Barry Trobaugh discussed the First to the Top initiative and the need for us as a body to make recommendations for how music educators should be evaluated. TMEA does not want these decisions made by Washington bureaucrats who know nothing about our profession. We have to speak up. We also need to continue to push advocacy for music programs. The new state standards for Music were passed at first reading. Please check these out especially new "checks for understanding" markers. Karen Henning suggests that we use the new state standards to formulate some suggestions to the WTSBOA board of how we want to be assessed as a music educator. Eligibility for State Concert Festival will change for 2012 so that you can use the ratings of the group you have that school year and not from the previous year as it is now for 2011. The TMEA constitution and By-laws will be revised by a committee. All State Conference is at Opryland in 2011 and proposed to be in Chattanooga on 2012 and 2013 and maybe Memphis in 2014. Barry Trobaugh thanks the two West Tennessee programs who submitted their ensembles for consideration for All State performance groups. Please volunteer to become involved in our mentoring program. Contact Barry Trobaugh.

PAST PRESIDENT REPORT The goal is to send a newsletter to remind new members about the deadlines. Please check "What's New" daily. Please sign up to be a member of TBA. Entry is \$15.00. TBA is trying to be involved regionally and is teaming up with TMEA to provide us more advocacy for our programs. Brad reminds us to participate in association events and at the state level. Lifetime Achievement Award Inductees for 2010-2011 are: *Pete Evans, Frank Congiardo Sr., Jan Warren, Barry Lumpkin, Tom Swayze, Lynn McNatt, Robert Hodge, Bill Watson, Ralph Hale and Charles Clark.* They will be recognized in January at our All-West Clinic Concerts.

ORCHESTRA REPORT James Weil reports that clinicians are in place for the Clinic. Dr. Robert Blaine-Jr. Strings and Ronald Vernon-Sr. Orchestra. The same chairmen will be used for the ensembles.

JAZZ REPORT Jeff Huddleston announces clinicians for the All West Clinic. Dr. Jeff Kirk-Red Jazz and Bobby LaVell-Blue Jazz. Music for jazz auditions will be posted shortly. Please attend Jazz Festival .

BAND REPORT Karen Henning reports All-West Clinicians are in place for 2011. Dr. Daniel Schmidt-Wind Ensemble, Dr. Albert Nguyen-Sr. Blue, Michael Garnand-Sr. Red, Dr. David Willson-Jr. Blue, Brady Massey-Jr. Red and Susan Waters- Jr. Gold.. New digital recorders will be purchased to use for Marching Festival and Concert Festival adjudicator comments. You will receive a CD with all of your comments on it.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Article 8, sec. I, item j. number 2. Prepared material.** Dr. Julie Hill is here to discuss an initiative by the Percussive Arts Society in TN to standardize the percussion audition materials for the 3 regions band auditions. Julie Hill and Eric Wylie will write these continuous etudes. Sr. High music will include an

accessory part in addition to mallet, snare and timpani. She went on to show the membership examples of the excerpts as well as a recording of the material with a click track. She does the same for the Jr. High material. Discussion: Music and recordings will be posted on the PAC website and linked on WTSBOA website. Judging sheets need to be altered for percussion to give better criteria for each instrument excerpt.

Motion was made to amend bylaws: Article 8, sec. 1, item j. number 2. Prepared material. Adding: "percussionist will audition on snare, mallet, timpani and auxiliary percussion instrument."

The MOTION passes.

Dwight Dodd makes a motion: "Beginning in the 2011-2012 school year All West band auditions are held in a different geographical location from the clinic." Discussion: trying to be fair to schools outside of Memphis/Shelby County. John Easley comments that this issue is discussed every year. The Cannon Center is the best place for the clinic and it happens to be in Shelby County. Fairness is to rotate the audition. Call for question.

The MOTION fails.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to amend by-laws Article VII, section 1, Item B. Fees. Admission for spectator at Marching Festival increase of \$2.00. Change to read: "admission to event will be \$7.00 per person."
The MOTION carries.

2. Motion to amend by-laws Article VII, section 1, Item A. Classification. Change to read:
CLASS A—High schools with 32 or less total musicians (winds & percussion)
CLASS AA—High schools with 33-64 total musicians (winds & percussion)
CLASS AAA—High schools with 65-80 total musicians (winds and & percussion)
CLASS AAAA—High schools with 81 or more total musicians (winds & percussion)

Note: This adds a 4th AAAA classification by making the Class A total musician number less than previously.
The MOTION carries.

3. Article XV, section 2, Letter F. Classification. Change to say: "unless they are playing a secondary instrument of a different instrument family." Discussion: Does "family" mean that a violin player could play a cello in another ensemble? Request is made for clarification of the word family in a new proposal. **The MOTION is tabled.**

4. Event Chair discussion. David Chipman praises our chair people for their work in organizing and running smooth and efficient events for WTSBOA. Phillip Joyner discusses the amount of work done by event chairs. He recommends (no motion was made) that all chairs are offered a stipend for their work. \$100.00 for event chair and \$50.00 to co-chairs. Discussion: suggestion of a waiver of association fees for next year. Darrell comments this would really cut into our revenue that we use to pay for events. School's pay the registration fee's anyway it wouldn't reward the person. Dru Davison suggests for large events implement the use of more co-chairs. Brad encourages members to work together to make events successful, please offer your help. It was suggested to send administrators a thank you and praise for the work of their music specialist.

Announcement of Band Contests and special events are made. David Chipman gives thanks to Thomas Tours for providing breakfast. Leigh Boyce and Steven Westbrook are thanked for use of facility for the meeting. He gives the following **REMINDERS:**

- Be sure to sign in at all meetings.
- All-west audition music will be posted on the web site this weekend.
- Volunteer to be a mentor

A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 11:23 a.m.