

# WTSBOA Membership Meeting #1

## Trenton Rosenwald Middle School

### August 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President, David Chipman at 9:34 a.m.

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

A motion was made by Tom Grant to dispense with the reading of the **Minutes from May 14, 2011** 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 \$5,944.71 with \$24,779.54 in reserve. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read.

David Chipman thanked Trenton Rosenwald Middle School for hosting the meeting.

## NEWS/REMINDERS

- Please turn in Membership fees by due date.
- Remember the requirement to attend 2 meetings during the 2011-2012 school year for students to be eligible to participate in WTSBOA events. There are 3 other scheduled meetings for this school year.
- When paying fees for WTSBOA events please postmark money ON TIME. Plan ahead by requesting checks early.
- All West audition music files will be posted by August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Recordings will come later. The music files and recordings will not be password protected this year so that students can access the material themselves. Directors will still have to keep them informed of any editing done to the music. Watch "What's New" for those updates.
- The new webmaster for our website is Susan Spain. She reminds us to sign up for "change detection" to receive updates.
- The new Lifetime Achievement recipients to be inducted in 2011-2012 are: Art Theil, Merle Gartrell, Charles Clark, Marion Reithel, Don Anthony and Tony Burriss.
- Dru Davison gives updates regarding assessment for music educators. He warns that 35% of our score will be comprised of student achievement data (school wide valued added scores.) Dru shares that he will be on the national task force for MENC/NAfME that will collect data regarding assessment for the arts programs. He advises us to teach like we always teach, collect student artifacts for a sampling of your students.

## TnMEA REPORT

President Elect, Karen Henning reports:

- Dr. Melva Moore from UTK is a nominee for Southern MENC president.
- TnMEA professional In-service conference will be in Chatanooga this year. The theme for the conference will be "A Time to Grow". The a capella group "Straight, No Chaser" will perform for the conference. A technology lab will be set up for educator access.
- All State clinicians are: Ray Kramer for All State Band and Steven Amundson for All State Orchestra.
- Nominees are being sought for TnMEA president elect.
- The TnMEA registration will be all on line.
- A state music list for orchestra and band concert festival is being developed using the current lists from all three regions. The grade classifications will be grades 2-6. Our current "1"'s will be a "2" on the combined list.

## ALL STATE REPORT

All State chair, Barry Trobaugh reports:

- For over twenty years the TnMEA Conference has been in Nashville. This year the Conference will be in Chatanooga. Reports about the new venue and its amenities are all very positive.
- Registration for students and directors will be streamlined. Please be on time with registration deadlines.
- The TnMEA Conference will be coming to Memphis in 2014. This will also be the 1<sup>st</sup> year for the All State 9<sup>th</sup> grade Band and All State 9<sup>th</sup> grade string Orchestra. Details of this selection process are still being worked out.
- Barry asks for director help in making the All-State selection process easier this year by making sure students fill out the Student Decision form prior to auditions and that students use the same name when auditioning for more than one ensemble.

## PAST PRESIDENT REPORT

Past President, Brad Turner reminds:

- All new members of a brief "Rookie Camp" today after the adjournment of the meeting to walk new directors through our website and other procedures.
- Brad reports that he and Barry Trobaugh served on the All State Ensemble performance selection committee. There were collegiate, high school, middle school and at large ensembles that submitted recordings. The selection process is done with recordings being numbered and not identified by region or school name. Brad commented that only 3 middle school ensembles applied and only one orchestra. The concert schedule in the past for these selected ensembles has not always been scheduled during good times for large numbers to attend concerts. The TnMEA board is restructuring the performance schedule.
- Brad also shares that the opinions of middle and east TN members are changing regarding their attitudes regarding WTSBOA and the work we are doing.

- Brad requests the formation of a committee that helps organize the Professional Development sessions for our All West Conference. Please contact Brad if you can serve.

## BAND REPORT

Karen Henning announces the clinicians for 2012 All West Band ensembles:

- Wind Ensemble-Dr. Paula Crider, Sr. Blue-Dr. Lewis Liddell, Sr. Red-Dr. Timothy Oliver, Jr. Blue-Dr. Reginald McDonald, Jr. Red-Gavin Smith, Jr. Gold-Tracy Wright
- State Concert Festival will return to Tennessee State on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2012. This will be the first time that qualification will be based on the same year's regional festival ratings.
- Karen requests more volunteers for rehearsal chairs and rehearsal volunteers for the AW Clinic.

## ORCHESTRA REPORT

James Weil announces the clinicians for the All West Orchestra Ensembles:

- Sr. Orchestra-Dr. Bruce Chamberlain, Jr. String Orchestra-Victor Hernandez
- Sr. Orchestra program has been set: selections from Ruslan and Ludmilla, Farandole from L'Arlesienne by Bizet, Scherzo by Dvorak and Finale from Firebird Suite by Stravinsky.
- Pam Wilensky reports from TnMEA Board meeting that director input is needed on the development of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade All State String Orchestra and how the selection process will take place within each association.

## JAZZ REPORT

Jeff Huddleston reminds members:

- Bass trombone players use tenor etudes as written. Drum set players prepare 3 styles: swing, samba and rock or funk
- All West Jazz Clinicians for 2011-2012 are Blue Jazz-Reginald Thomas and Red Jazz-Ms. Shamie Royston.

## OLD BUSINESS

- A committee was formed to study the audition procedures and scale selection for the All West Band auditions. Thanks to Tim and Deana Graham for chairing this committee and meeting at the 2011 All West Clinic to make recommendations.
  - The committee decided that the procedures needed to be streamlined and more user friendly.
  - It was suggested the 2 major scales were selected by the judge or a committee for each instrument and the scales will be used for the entire day. Scales would be posted on the stand in each audition room.
  - It was also suggested that a "mock audition" would be demonstrated in the director meeting to model the procedures that should be used by monitors in each room.

## NEW BUSINESS

Pam Wilensky proposes an change to the by-laws "**Amendment XII. Item H**". Change to say: "Jr. Orchestra students will wear black and white Sr. Orchestra students will wear concert black (solid black ladies, tux or black suit men)." **The motion passes.**

A question was raised regarding what happened to the decision that band auditions would stay at one site for 3 years before rotating? The calendar was approved at the May meeting so no change can be made to the site for this year. The executive committee will research the minutes to find this motion.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thanks was extended to Johnny Thomas and Thomas Tours for providing breakfast
- Thanks to vendors David Lee, Ed Neiten and Gandy Ink.
- Upcoming events and Fall contests announced by directors
- Julie Hill announces a Zildjian cymbal sale on November 5<sup>th</sup>.
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A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 10:50 a.m.

Minutes submitted by  Recording Secretary