

WTSBOA Membership Meeting #1

Trenton Rosenwald MS August 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 by President, Karen Henning followed by the introduction of new members.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes as they are posted on the website. Minutes were approved.

Darrell Evans gave the **Treasurer's Report** with a balance of \$736.40 with \$24,779.54 in reserve. Motion was made to accept the minutes. Motion passes.

TMEA Report

- Report was given by Chris Piecuch from the TMEA meeting.
- NAFME will have a professional in-service conference including honor ensembles, webinars, in-service. Starting fall of 2013.
- A National Honors Ensemble has been proposed with students selected from All State placement.
- Proposal was made to raise the All-State fees. \$75.00 pre-pay, \$50.00 for one day. \$100.00 on-site.
- Membership numbers from each region are WTSBOA=170, MTSBOA =350 and ETSBOA = 300.
- TMEA Band Chair for 2013 is Debbie Burton.
- State Concert Festival will be at Tennessee Tech. April 25th and 26th.
- All-State Clinicians for 2013 are: Band –Jerry Junkin Orchestra Steven Byess
- All State Band attire has changed from uniforms to concert black.
- TMEA Band commission 2014-Steve Danube
- TMEA Technology Chair is Ken Greene
- Terry Sanford is the TMEA website administrator and is working on creating a way to submit online ensemble recordings and applications for playing at All State. Tennessee Musician may move to an online format.
- We need a tech savvy volunteer from WTSBOA to help with job postings from our region. The State Middle School Concert Festival will be May 9th and registration is \$300.00.

Past President's Report

David Chipman welcomes Chris Piecuch as president Elect and thanks the membership for his opportunity to serve as a WTSBOA President. He also thanks Brad Turner for his six years of service to WTSBOA. WTSBOA fees are \$10.00 and TN Bandmasters are \$15.00 (which qualifies your program to receive the Sweepstakes award if you meet the requirements). David reminds new members to click the mentoring button on the web page for guidance.

Teacher Evaluation Report

Dru Davison reported that 35 % of our evaluations are currently based on TVAAS scores. We need to control our own destiny and the Tennessee Arts Evaluation model was proposed at a national Supervisors meeting and was approved on the first reading. Details of this model will be made available to school districts this year and at least 7 Tennessee school districts will begin using this model this school year.

Band Report

All West Band Clinicians for 2013 will be: Wind Ensemble-Fred Speck, Sr. Blue-Jim Tulley, Sr. Red-John Graham, Jr. Blue-Sue Kressup, Jr. Red-Tim Matlock and Jr. Gold-David East

Orchestra Report

James Weil reports that Clinicians for All West 2013 will be: Sr. Orchestra-Martin Piecuch and Jr. Strings-Sandy Morris. Pending today's vote a 9th grade string clinician has not been hired. Jim Holcomb has agreed to host Orchestra Concert Festival at Bellevue School of the Performing Arts.

Jazz Report

Jeff Huddleston announces 2013 All West Jazz Clinicians: Blue-Rodney Whitaker and Red- Tanya Darby. All West audition music should be posted this weekend.

All West Conference Report

Brad Turner reports that his goal is to make the All West Conference bigger and better in 2012. He requests any professional development suggestions the membership may have. The schedule for the conference will be adjusted a bit this year. Brad encourages the membership to join TBA as the TBA Director's Symposium will take place in conjunction with our All West Conference. He reminds us that All State will be in Memphis in 2014. Please consider applying for performance spots at TMEA. Only 12 groups auditioned this year please consider representing WTSBOA.

New Business

- Andy Palmer makes a motion with recommendations for scale requirements for the new Ninth Grade Honors String Orchestra. "Major Scales up to 4 flats and sharps all in 2 octaves." The motion passes.
- Andy also clarified the instrumentation numbers for the Ninth Grade Honors Orchestra. 20 violins (10 1st and 10 2nd) 8 violas, 8 cello, 4 bass.
- Concert Festival requirements will be aligning our sight reading levels with the state levels which changes our prepared music grading to grades 2-6. Which basically moves everything on our old list up to one grade level greater? Now we sight read only one grade lower than we perform. There will no longer be a grade one. Discussion: our old grade levels are re numbered, grade 2-4 given 6 minutes for sight reading prep and 5-6 given 7 minutes to prep., you can still submit to WTSBOA for score approval using new rubric, *the string rubric needs to be developed from the band rubric. Motion to "convene a committee to align our prepared music grade levels for Band and Orchestra Concert Festival to align with the state scale of grades 2-6." Motion Passes.
- Motion to change "At Risk" schools to "High Risk" schools. Motion Passes.
- Motion to change "violin" high risk to "strings". Don't limit to just violin. Motion passes.
- There will be five slots added to jr. and sr. bands (only flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone or percussion. Only one slot per instrument.) Motion passes
- 2 string slots added in middle school strings, ninth grade honors strings and Sr. Orchestra. 2 spots added to each ensemble. Motion passes

- Lifetime Achievement nominees for 2013 are; Merle Gartrell, Jim Godsey, Greg Stover and Chester McKinney. Nominees accepted.

Announcements were made and a call for adjournment at 10:46