

# **WTSBOA Membership Meeting #1 Minutes**

## **August 16, 2014**

### **Liberty High School**

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Piecuch at 9:42.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Darrell Evans reported a negative balance and outlined the reasons. Money in reserve is \$11,389.24  
The report was accepted as read.

*Introduction of new members were made at this time.*

#### **TBA Report**

Chelsea Negray reports that the list of paid members for 2013-2014 will be rolled over to cover fees for the 2014-2015 school year because the names were never added to the membership. She also reported on a proposal to make changes in the state sight reading rules and procedures including: 1.) allowing 6 minutes preparation for grades 2,3,4 music and proposing 7 minutes of preparation for grade 5 music. 2.) Students may sing, clap and tap parts as long as they do not play their instruments. 3.) Propose the playing of a tuning note prior to playing. 4.) Only one director may give instructions during prep time. We need to decide if we want to change our WTSBOA procedures to align with the state level or be autonomous. It was also mentioned that orchestras have different procedures. The discussion was tabled until further information is provided.

#### **TMEA Report**

President Elect, Stephen Price recognized that we had issues at ALL State Convention with the hotel check in procedures and this is being addressed. He added that TMEA has clarified that All State eligibility is limited to students who are a resident of Tennessee, in a Tennessee school.. TMEA board reported their will not be special concerts at the All West convention due to the cost and poor attendance. The All State 9-10 String Orchestra is going to match the string section numbers in the 11-12 grade ensemble. Stephen also reminded members to volunteer to help with the set-up and logistics of hosting the All State Convention. This needs to be a group effort!

#### **TMEA All State Conference Report**

.Brad Turner reports on changes in the 2015 All state convention in Memphis. There be 10 Conference performance groups this year. There will be a time limit enforced on each concert. The number of PD sessions will decrease. There were too many going on at the same time. Exhibitors will have a scheduled time frame depending on their specialty. They felt overlooked last year. Procedural changes are coming in regards to percussion equipment. Students will be assigned accessory percussion instruments to bring. Thanks to Phil Hughes for his work as equipment chair. Brad as members to volunteer to help at All State. Job List's will be available at the All West Convention in February. Talk to your administrators now and plan to attend April 8-12. Please support each other and TMEA.

#### **Band Report**

Stephen Price announces the AW clinicians that are in place at this time. Wind Ensemble-Alfred Watkins, Senior Blue-Dennis Johnson, Senior Red-Susan Waters, Junior Blue-Andrea Brown, Junior Red-Jeff Phillips,

Junior Gold-Jason Rygg. Stephen also announces that a new Senior band chair needs to be nominated. Carol Chipman asks junior high directors to contact her with any concerns or suggestions.

## **Orchestra Report**

James Weil reports on AW Clinicians for 2015. Middle School Strings-Sara Johnson, 9/10 String Orchestra-Gary Wilkes, 11/12 Orchestra-Gene Pohl. Rehearsal chairs are Rick Neal, Steven Spangler and Alex Perry.

## **Jazz Report**

Jeff Huddleston announced a date change for the WTSBOA Jazz Festival of April 14<sup>th</sup>. He is still working on clinicians. He is still looking for a Red Jazz Band chairman.

## **Old Business**

- The date of February 21<sup>st</sup> is finalized for the Memphis Solo and Ensemble Festival.
- Motion was made to accept the nominees for the 2015 WTSBOA Lifetime Achievement "Hall of Fame" recipients: Daryle, Vinson, Ron Turner and Betty Eubank. Motion Passes.
- Discussion of ideas for memorial for Mike Congiardo
- Commemoration of 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year for West Tennessee Band and Orchestra Association

## **New Business**

- All West audition music will be online this weekend. Senior high music will be etude excerpts. In early January the senior high music selection committee will meet and choose shorter selections from the excerpts for the audition. These will be posted on the website following this meeting.
- Clarification-All West Senior percussion prepared and sight reading audition music for snare, mallets and timpani will stay the same for 2014-2015.
- Proposal to approve commission of a work for the WTSBOA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration. Written by O'Neal Douglas at a grade 3-4 level and will be premiered by the Junior High Blue Band. Cost of the commission is \$3,000. The Motion passes.
- NAFMe is implementing a new policy that all membership renewals will be in October starting in 2015. Fees will not be pro-rated.
- Chris Piecuch outlines changes in the constitution that were needed to stay in line with state mandated changes.
- Darrell Evans proposes that we consider an alternate source for All West Ensemble Recordings that is more cost effective. He encourages the membership to discuss this in caucus meetings.
- Criteria for Solo Competition for All State are in the works and will be passed on to the WTSBOA membership when available.
- Motion to add acoustic guitar as an instrument for solo and ensemble festival. Discussion. Call for vote. 22 in favor. 33 opposed. Motion fails.
- Orchestra Solo and Ensemble festival will be at Kate Bond Middle School on January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussion of 501c3-Tax Exempt Status. We will fall under the umbrella of TMEA tax exemption number. Motion was made to add Tax Exempt Status 501c3. Motion passes.
- Membership broke into caucus meetings. Michael Parson was elected as the new Sr. High Band representative. The membership decided to continue professional recordings at concert festival and agreed to a registration fee change to cover this cost. All West Concert recordings will be outsourced with no financial obligation by WTSBOA.

**Motion was made for adjournment at 11:50**