

WTSBOA Membership Meeting #3

All West Clinic

February 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 by David Chipman. David welcomes our TMEA President Ron Rogers.

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 \$11,854.34 with \$30,724.25 in reserve. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the report as read.

ALL STATE REGISTRATION

Barry Trobaugh briefly outlines procedures for All State registration. He reminds members to have your MENC number available and to allow enough time to create a username and password and have it confirmed. Checks made payable to WTSBOA and materials postmarked by February 15th. Register all alternates but do not pay for them unless called.

TENNESSEE "FIRST TO THE TOP"

Dru Davison shares that a committee with many focus groups have been formed in Memphis City Schools that have made recommendations to make a solid proposal that has already been submitted for a first reading. Copies of this proposal are available. He asks for input from the association. We need the critical comments now. We don't want our growth measure to be based on TVAS scores from the regular teachers. He comments that the bottom line is going to be are we teaching the state standards. Use activities that can document student growth. Solo and Ensemble Festival, Concert festival, record our concerts, Smart Music reports.

BAND REPORT

Karen Henning reports that members shared concerns regarding the scale selection process and director monitoring for the All West audition events. She announced the formation of a committee co-chaired by Tim and Deana Graham that will meet tomorrow at 10:00 in the ECC room. If you would like to help, please come with ideas for a solution to these concerns.

ALL WEST CONVENTION REPORT

Brad Turner offers thanks to Registration Chair, Susan Spain for her hard work and the smooth efficiency of our registration process. Brad shares that we are really trying to transition from a clinic into a convention style event. We have 6 vendors, 3 instrument manufacturers and 3 universities with booths. He requests suggestions for more vendor ideas. He also asks for members to volunteer to present a clinic session for

next year. Brad mentions that your program has a clinic schedule and a schedule of the director sessions and was included in your registration packet. Please give us feedback about the program.

OLD BUSINESS

The first topic discussed was All West percussion audition procedure. The next step will be to use the same procedures in percussion sight reading as well. Julie Hill comments that she and Eric Wylie took notes about some of the glitches in this year's process. An actual set up diagram will be provided to help keep the process consistent. Comments from the membership was that the junior high prepared material was too long and a question was asked about how long students will have to study all of the percussion sight reading excerpts. All of these procedures will be streamlined before next year.

NEW BUSINESS

- Don't forget about Lifetime Achievement nominations for 2012. Nominations forms are on the Website. Nomination material needs to be turned in at the May meeting.
- Chris Piecuch comments that he wishes that the senior high All West audition music needs to be literature from standard etudes and excerpts. He does agree that the availability of the material has always been an issue and the current material is much more accessible and convenient.
- David Chipman reminds us of the importance of our mentoring program. WTSBOA is an important resource for all music educators. We need to encourage and provide leadership to our newest members.
- Reminder about concert Festival deadline on February 11th. Don't forget to pick up your scores.
- Dwight Dodd asked about the tabled motion from Meeting #1 regarding using the same students in multiple ensembles. No further action was taken in meeting #2, the motion was dropped.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Darrell Evans reminds members to help move equipment Friday evening to storage rooms in the Convention Center.
- Barry Trobaugh reminds us to check the website often.

A motion for adjournment was made and seconded at 8:25.