

WTSBOA Membership Meeting #3

All-West Mega Clinic

Thursday, January 28, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President, Brad Turner at 7:39 p.m. Brad calls for a moment of silence in honor of Cordez Bacon.

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 \$8,309.84 with \$30,724.25 in reserve. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read.

SEGMENT REPORTS

Brad asks for open floor discussion regarding Band, Orchestra and Jazz Auditions and the Clinic.

Suggestions:

- Try to have some on site at All-West auditions to handle instrument repair.
- Students do not need to check in at information table until 10 minutes prior to their audition time.
- Phil Hughes suggests we need more information tables and more visible overhead signs for Junior and Senior tables.

Accolades:

- Thanks to Tom Grant for hosting the audition event and praise for having things organized so well.
- Brad Turner applauds the audition process and thanks the orchestra and jazz members for their feedback from the November auditions
- Thanks to Chairman of all events for their work

The jazz and orchestra chairs have nothing to report at this time.

URGENT BUSINESS

Due to threat of inclement weather the executive committee has drafted the following Modified Clinic Schedule. Each student will receive a copy. If Memphis City Schools are closed then Friday the 29th schedule will be: Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Lunch from 12:00 to 2:00. Rehearsal 2:00 to 5:00. Commuter students will not be penalized if they cannot get to rehearsals this includes All State status. The Concerts will be on Saturday with a modified schedule to allow parents from outlying areas the opportunity to get here. Rehearsal from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. 10:00 Jr. Strings/Sr. Orchestra Concert. 12:00 Jr. Band Concerts. 2:00 Sr. Band Concerts. To eligible to play in the concert a student must at least attend the Saturday rehearsal prior to the concert. Brad qualifies that a decision regarding cancellation of the event will be made by 7:00 a.m. and News Channels will be contacted to get the word to commuters.

OLD BUSINESS

A proposal is made for WTSBOA to have an Honorary Lifetime Membership distinction. The motion was made and seconded. Discussion: TBA makes this distinction as well. This is our chance to honor our own. The **MOTION PASSES.**

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding the use of 2 major scales and the chromatic scale for band auditions. The requirements for junior and senior auditions are the same. Brad calls for suggestions:

- Phil Hughes suggests letting the monitors decide the rotation. Jr. scales up through 3 flats and 3 sharps. Sr. scales all 12 major scales
- Jim Smith suggests 3 sets with 4 scales in each set.
- Cindy Haffly suggest 3 chromatically adjacent scales
- Pick the scales the day of the audition. Same 2 scales for everyone.

No motion was made regarding this subject

TMEA/PAS proposes unifying auditions for percussion students in all three divisions of the state. There will be more information to come on this subject.

Susan Spain, Registration Chairman, reminds the membership to please send in all forms at one time. Follow the procedures outlined. Make all checks payable to WTSBOA.

Michael Wilson from Collierville offers Collierville HS as a possible site for next year's Band auditions.

Barry Trobaugh reminds the membership to participate in WTSBOA events. Help support WTSBOA.

TMEA has asked for recommendations regarding what type of assessment tool to use for music educators in the Race to the Top program. Karen Henning comments that we will be held accountable for our teaching and we need to give input as to how they will measure our achievement. We need to push for TMEA to be our voice rather than a committee of non music educators appointed by the governor. Contact your local supervisors.

Karen Henning asks that you pick up your All State Material after the meeting. Registration is on line. Print confirmation. Mail with student contracts and a check to WTSBOA for fees. 1 director per ensemble. \$50.00 per student. Karen also needs volunteers for All State Band/Orchestra/Jazz audition judges.

The link for Concert Festival Registration will be online Monday.

Please see the executive committee if you are interested in serving as a state chair for Band/Orchestra/Jazz. This is a 2 year commitment.

Thanks to all ensemble chairs for the clinic and special thanks to Dru Davison for help with securing equipment and organizing the In-service sessions for the 2010 Clinic Weekend.

We just received word that Memphis City Schools will be making their decision regarding whether school is in session tomorrow by 4:00 a.m.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:40