

WTSBOA Membership Meeting #2

All West Clinic

Thursday, January 31, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 by President, Karen Henning.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the August 11, 2012 minutes as they are posted on the website. The minutes were approved as posted.

Darrell Evans gave the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$34,524.88 and \$24,779.54 in reserve. The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Teacher Evaluation Report

Dru Davison shares that NAFME is working to establish a good relationship on Capitol Hill. Currently they have 2 National Objectives.

- I. To complete a revision of the Common Arts Standards and should have a draft in place the next year.
- II. "Perform, Create, Respond and Connect" is the new motto for the changes in teacher evaluation and accountability. Three other states are piloting the program that was developed in Tennessee.

TMEA Report

We welcome Ron Meers from the TMEA Board as he announces to the membership the following updates.

1. Next NAFME Conference will be the last week in October 27-30 in Nashville 2013.
2. Tennessee All State students will be selected to participate in the NAFME National Honors Ensembles.
3. President- Elect Jeff Phillips is spearheading a new strategic plan for TMEA.
4. TMEA policies and Bylaws will be revised.
5. Terry Sanford will be the TMEA webmaster.
6. WE have contracted a new Smartphone App. EventMobi for our conference in April.
7. NAFME and TMEA have joined forces to implement a membership drive to encourage the over 1500 music educators in Tennessee who do not belong to TMEA.
8. The Tech Boutique will implement Teacher Tech Talks in 2013.
9. Tennessee had a high number of students selected for the United States Army All American Band. Directors from Tennessee will be recommended to serve as staff members.

Karen shares that we also had TMEA President, Dian Eddleman on site today observing our event and sharing new TMEA ideas and programs with us.

Band Report

- Chris Picuch recognizes and thanks all of the Jr. and Sr Band, Orchestra and Jazz chairs for all of the work and time they have invested into preparing for this weekend and the time they are spending assisting the clinicians with rehearsals.
- Chris reminds the membership about upcoming deadlines for Solo and Ensemble Festival and Concert Festival for Band and Orchestra.
- Thanks to Phillip Hughes and Michael Parsons for serving as equipment chairs for the clinic
- Thanks to Dru Davison for use of MCS equipment
- Thanks to Brad Turner for his tireless work as our Convention Chair

Karen reminds members to check the website often and register for the update reminders. Thanks to Phillip Hughes and Theresa Clement for the outstanding job they did hosting our auditions. Thanks to Susan Spain for her time and organization of our registration process. Karen asks members to be diligent in supervising your students at all times.

Orchestra Report

No report at this time.

Jazz Report

Jeff Huddleston reports that all is going well.

All West Conference Report

Brad reports that the Convention Center was double booked on Wednesday so our set up time was much longer than planned. He thanks the University Performers that played during registration. Brad urges everyone to utilize the PD sessions and give us suggestions for future ideas.

All State Report

Barry Trobaugh instructs the membership that everything is registered on-line with Mark Garey. Send Barry a copy of your confirmation for your students and their signed contracts. Remember to register all alternates. All State music will be posted on our website.

Marching Band Report

Barry Trobaugh announces that Tennessee Bandmasters met on January 21st and had good representation from West Tennessee. Work has begun on a 5 box rubric for marching festival. The top 2 boxes are a superior rating with a sliding scale during the season with a superior starting at 70 and above early in the season and later moving to 75 and above this will help show growth for teacher evaluation purposes. The goal is to have this grading system used by every contest in the state to help keep the marching evaluation model consistent from week to week.

New Business

Congratulations to the White Station HS Wind Ensemble for being selected to perform at All State.

Karen urges the membership to vote for how the All State performance ensembles will be structured. Go to TnMea.org use your NAFME # and don't forget to enter 0000 first.

3 options are:

1. One 9th grade ensemble, One 10-12 ensemble
2. Two, 9th-12th ensembles
3. One 9-12 ensemble, one 11-12 ensemble

Karen cautions us to think carefully and make a choice. The deadline for voting is Mon. February 4th. We will structure our ensembles to mirror what the state does.

In the orchestra caucus it was decided to develop a score approval rubric specifically for orchestra.

Nominees for the Lifetime Achievement award need to be submitted by the May meeting.

Scholarship recipients for 2013 are:

Lubrani-Bradford Beard, Houston HS

Ralph Hale-Dixon Crofford-Bass clarinet, Bolton HS

Pete Evans- Adam Mayhall=percussion, Obion County HS

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48

Submitted by Leigh Boyce, Recording Secretary