WTSBOA Membership Meeting #4

AMRO Music Store, Auditorium

Saturday, May 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Brad Turner at 9:35 a.m. Tommie Arendale "welcomes" the membership to Amro Music Store.

A motion is made by Tom Hay to dispense with the reading of the minutes as they are posted on the website. The motion is seconded and approved.

The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Darrell Evans with a balance of $3,458.52 with $30,724.25 in reserve. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the report as read.

SEGMENT REPORTS

Orchestra Report- James Weil reports that clinicians have been secured for next year's clinic.
Jazz Report-Tom Hay reports that 5 groups participated in the Jackson event. Memphis site involvement doubled this year.
Band Report-Brad Turner thanks the membership for their cooperation regarding the canceling of the All West Clinic Event. Darrell thanks the directors who stayed to help get equipment moved after the event was canceled. It was discussed that we try to get the same slate of clinicians for 2011. It was also mentioned that more director in-service sessions will be offered.

OLD BUSINESS

Brad mentions that the executive committee has received questions regarding the rotation of the All West band auditions site. Concern was voiced that the auditions have not been rotated between Jackson and Collierville as voted in May 2006. Brad outlines the reasons behind the auditions being in Jackson a third year.

- The University School of Jackson site runs efficiently and the site is provided free of charge to the association.
- The executive committee recognizes the need to have more events outside of the Memphis area as more than 50% of member schools are outside of Memphis and Shelby County. Schools from outlying areas are traveling to Shelby County for 6 of the 8 WTSBOA yearly events.

Discussion: Skipp Quinn makes the point that potential for student participation is more from the Memphis and Shelby county schools. Chris Piecuch voices the concern that the executive committee is ignoring the wishes of the membership by not upholding the motion to rotate the audition site. Comments were made about dividing WTSBOA into two regions. Karen Henning makes the suggestion to honor the 2006 motion and rotate the 2010 auditions back to Collierville. In order for that to happen Collierville H.S. would need to be available on January 8th, the already decided date for auditions. The executive committee will contact Collierville director Michael Wilson to see if they are still willing and able to host the event. Jon Young adds that Colonial Middle School is willing to host the auditions. A point was made that the original motion to rotate auditions specifically names Collierville H.S. as the Memphis area site.

NEW BUSINESS

- Nomination for Darrell Evans to serve another term as Executive Secretary/ Treasurer. The vote passes unanimously.
- Nomination for Leigh Boyce to serve another term as Recording Secretary. The vote passes unanimously.
- Nomination for Karen Henning to serve as President-Elect. The vote passes unanimously.
- Presentation of the 2010-2011 Calendar of Events. Dates set, some sites may change. The TMEA site may need to be moved from the Opryland venue because of the recent flooding.
- Review of Concert Band, Orchestra and Jazz Festival Procedures.

  Item 1- It is a violation of the bylaws, **Article XV, section 2, item F.** to use the same student from the same school in more than one ensemble of the same type. Any school bringing more than one ensemble of the same classification (ex. 2 bands or 2 orchestras) will take a full group picture after each performance. ******For jazz festival there is not a rule about students playing in multiple ensembles.***

  Item 2-All conductors of a concert ensemble must be a member of WTSBOA.
- Solo and Ensemble Festival participation declined this year. This is our biggest money maker for the association and we need to keep participation up. A comment was made that the dates for 2009-2010 were the problem. Another comment was added that the entry deadline fell right in the middle of concert festival week and it was difficult to get entries made. Comments from the membership included that: *"more and more schools are doing their own solo and ensemble event."* "It was added that: *"the Memphis sites for solo and ensemble for band and orchestra were well run."* A question was asked about providing a computer and an amp in some of the rooms so students can use Smart Music accompaniment. Members need to encourage colleagues to participate in WTSBOA sponsored events.
- Another suggestion was made to have back up dates in place in case of bad weather for the All West Audition date and the All West Clinic dates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Life Time Achievement application forms are on the web site. The deadline is today. Applications will be taken until the end of May.
- Brad Turner thanks the membership for their encouragement and assistance during his two years as WTSBOA President.

The motion for adjournment was made, seconded and approved at 10:37.