

WTSBOA Membership Meeting #4

AMRO Music

May 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 by President David Chipman.

A motion was made and approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from Meeting #3 on February 2, 2012.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Darrell Evans with a balance of: \$5,552.12 and a reserve of: \$24, 779.54. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

TMEA Report

Barry Trobaugh shares that the Chattanooga event organizers need to be congratulated on a well-organized event. Barry encourages the membership to attend professional development In-service sessions at the TMEA conference. Barry reminds the membership that attending the TMEA conference is also a way to stay in touch with the decisions that are being made for our state association. Barry offers to help anyone with expressing the importance of the TMEA event with your administrators. Chris Piecuch adds that Title I funding helps pay for All State.

Band Report

Karen Henning thanks members for all of their help with hosting and chairing all of our WTSBOA events this school year. Karen congratulates all of the programs that participated in Band and Orchestra Concert and Solo and Ensemble Festivals.

The state Music List is not yet accessible on the TMEA website. We will link this on WTSBOA.com when it becomes available.

Karen explains that we will be adding an evaluation form will be added to the back of the Concert festival Rubric that will use TCAP/EOC type jargon so that administrators can see the correlation in Music Education. Barry Trobaugh and Jim Smith will be developing a Marching Festival rubric.

Orchestra Report

James Weil reports that the 2013 Orchestra clinician will be Martin Piecuch and he would appreciate suggestions for Jr. Orchestra suggestions.

Jazz Report

Jeff Huddleston apologizes for the confusion with the Jazz Festival event this year. Jeff thanks Cynthia Coy and Kate Bond Middle School for hosting the event.

New Business

David proposes the Re-election of executive secretary/treasurer Darrell Evans. Motion made and accepted by acclamation. David proposes the re-election of Recording Secretary Leigh Boyce. Motion made and approved by acclamation. David asks for nominations from the floor for the position of President Elect. Chris Piecuch was nominated with a second for the nomination. A

motion was made to close nominations. Chris Piecuch was elected President-Elect of WTSBOA by unanimous vote.

Andy Palmer proposes the creation of a WTSBOA Ninth Grade Honors String Orchestra. Some of the reasons include: All State will be adding a Ninth Grade Orchestra in 2014 and this allows us to have it in place and work out the specifics now. The orchestra directors have wanted to do this for some time. Some of the details to make this happen include:

1. Hiring another clinician
2. Current Junior High String Orchestra renamed to: Middle School String Orchestra". This group will include 5th through 8th graders only and will stay the same size.
3. The Senior High Orchestra will be open to 10th through 12th graders. *according to this proposal this includes winds and percussion.
4. The ninth grade ensemble instrumentation will be 10-1st violins, 10-2nd violins, 8-violas, 8-cello's and 4 basses.
5. A separate audition rotation will need to be ready by the August meeting.
6. Additional judges will be needed for the audition.
7. Another rehearsal facility at the convention center will cost \$800-\$900
8. More equipment will be needed.
9. The concert will have to start earlier and end a little later.

A question was asked about how many ninth graders had been making the Sr. High Orchestra and Andy said for the past few years the average was only 2 ninth graders.

Proposal made: "A Ninth Grade Honors String Orchestra" will be formed as a third All-West Orchestra." A motion was made and seconded. **Motion Passes.**

A motion was made to change the by-laws Article VIII, section 1, item J. under "scales" change "Junior String Orchestra" to "Middle School String Orchestra" grades 5-8. Ninth Grade Honors String Orchestra will include ninth graders only." **Motion Passes.**

A motion was made to change the wording in the By-laws Article VIII, section 1, item B to read: "Sr. High Orchestra (strings grades 10-12 and winds and percussion grades 9-12)" **Motion Passes.**

Proposal made to change Article VIII, section 2, item D. "enlarge the senior orchestra violin section to 32 total (16 -1st violins and 16 -2nd violin) from the original 28 total violins." **Motion Passes.**

Proposal made to add to Article VIII, section 2, item D, the following part assignments: "Violins 1-4 will play 1st part, violins 5-8 will play the first two stands of 2nd part and will retain the All State status. Violins 9-12 will play the last 2 stands of the first violin part." **Motion Passes.**

David presents the 2012-2013 WTSBOA Calendar. He discusses the mass audition date on January 12th. He also explains that the meeting number will have to change from 4 total yearly meetings to 3 yearly meetings. August, Clinic and May. David will work on spacing out the auditions for students auditioning for 3 ensembles. The on line registration has the option for picking an early audition time please clarify for your students: *this is meant for students who are auditioning for more than one ensemble.*

A request was made to change the String Solo and Ensemble date to November 10th and the Event Caucus Meeting to November 17th. A motion was made to approve the 2012-2013 WTSBOA Event Calendar as presented. **Motion Passes.**

Announcements:

- Dru Davison reminds members to talk with local administrators if you want to be considered for the TN Fine Arts Evaluation Team training in July.
- Congratulations to Jim Holcomb for 45 years of service
- Congratulations to Skip Quinn on his retirement from Memphis City Schools
- Congratulations to Larry Bradford on his retirement after 32 years of teaching.
- June 18-22 Memphis Music camp. \$300.00 for the week.
- Thanks to Brad Turner for serving on the WTSBOA Executive Board for the past 6 years. He will be serving as the All State Chair in 2014 when the conference comes to Memphis.
- Thank you to AMRO Music for their hospitality and allowing us to meet in the store.
- Motion to adjourn at 10:35.