

## WTSBOA MEMBERSHIP MEETING #2

Cordova High School  
November 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President, Brad Turner at 5:15 p.m.

A motion was made by 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 \$551.08 with \$30,724.25 in reserve. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read.

### Orchestra Auditions Feedback

Brad Turner reminds members to have students auditioning for more than one All West ensemble fill out an intent form. He also comments that the audition event went smoothly from the executive committee perspective.

- Andy Palmer suggests that we consider requiring students with the last 10 to 15 audition times for each instrument group to report and hour early in case earlier no shows cause the audition process to run ahead of scheduled times.
- Another request was made to keep the sight reading/scale rooms and prepared rooms for like instruments closer together to keep the process moving quickly.
- A concern was voiced that the high school cello audition excerpts were too difficult. A question was raised that string rotation may need some updating.
- Brad reminds members to bring errors in the audition excerpts to the attention of the executive committee as soon as they are discovered in August.
- A question was asked if a session explaining the jazz audition process could be presented to members at the All -West Clinic. The thought is this would help directors encourage more jazz participation.
- Remember to contact Dru Davidson if you have a topic that you would like to present in a session for the All West in-service clinics.
- Jazz try outs will be held in the morning to allow students auditioning for band a 2 hour rest time before the second audition.

### Old Business

- Third reading of a motion "working All West Band auditions will count as one meeting of the two required meetings." Discussion included clarifying that because of the last minute decision to do the Mega Clinic weekend in 2009, we lost 1 of the 4 meetings that our constitution states we will have each year. Call for question. The counted vote was 31 "NO" votes and 0 "YES" votes the MOTION FAILS.
- A recommendation was made to continue having a meeting following the orchestra try outs.
- Discussion requiring the Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award and the criteria for nomination. We do not want the process to be an open meeting regarding a fellow colleagues reputation. The executive committee will be the making the selections of WTSBOA Hall of Fame nominees. It was suggested that nominations will be posted on our web site with a biographical history on each person. The topic will be tabled until the January clinic meeting when a template for the what the bio history should include.

### New Business

- We need to create our own Orchestra Music List. The consensus is that we are using whatever grade the pieces are given by J.W. Pepper and our constitution states that pieces performed at Concert festival must be from our approved list. The whole purpose is to have a grade classification that in turn determines the grade each ensemble will sight read. A suggestion was made that we use the Georgia list as a starting point. Orchestra directors can continue to add to the list my submitting pieces for approval during the clinic weekend. We will need to add some string teachers to the score approval committee. The list will be posted on the website. The general consensus was to use the Georgia List.

### Announcements:

- Program ads are due by Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. **Send ad form to Brad Turner and money to Darrell Evans.**
- Reminder to show up on time to work audition events.

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:05 p.m.