

WTSBOA Membership Meeting #3 Minutes
Amro Music Store May 6, 2017

Prior to the Meeting Amro Announcements: Complimentary Red Birds Tickets; Repair Tags & Recruiting Posters; Inducting Karen Henning into the Walk of Fame May 20; Golf Tournament June 8; June 27, 9:30am– 12:30pm Student Leadership Camp \$10.00 entry fee featuring Scott Lane limited to about 100 seats.

President Stephen Price called the meeting to order at 9:36am: He thanked Amro for their hospitality and hosting the meeting.

The Minutes and Treasurer's report: Motions were made and approved to accept the Feb. 9, 2017 Membership Meeting Minutes and the current Treasurer's Report.

All-State Report: Barry Trobaugh – If you have issues or questions from All-State that need to be addressed please reach out to Brad Turner or him.

Band Report: Michael Parsons will step down from being the AW High Chair and we need volunteers. Also need volunteers for AW Clinic Rehearsal Chairs. AW Concert Festivals went well. David Chipman, State Band Chair, reported the State Concert Festival went well with an excellent group of adjudicators. 2017 TN State Concert Festival Adjudicators were Mr. Hal Cooper, Director of Bands (retired) Arkansas Tech University, Dr. Damon Talley, Director of Bands Louisiana State University, Dr. Emily Threinen, Director of Bands University of Minnesota, and Dr. Nicholas Williams, Associate Director of Wind Studies University of North Texas, See David Chipman following the meeting if you have questions. Chris Piecuch commented Overton's comments at the State Concert Festival were great. Next year's dates are April 26 & 27, 2018. The deadline to enter is March 30, 2018. Dwight Dodd expressed concerns about the schedule during testing and wanted to know if there would be a Saturday date. David Chipman responded the dates would only be Thursday & Friday.

Orchestra Report: Ptotia Furlow reported the orchestra numbers increased in AW, Solo & Ensemble, and Concert Festival. James Weil, and additional string teachers, are working on the state music lists in hopes of creating a model.

Jazz Report: Cameron Ross said AW & All-State went well and encouraged all programs to start a jazz program. Ollie Liddell said our WTSBOA Jazz Festival also went well. Dwight Dodd expressed concerns about the jazz festival date and location; said it was too expensive to transport to Colonial MS. Ollie Liddell said the greatest issues with jazz scheduling are testing, after school conflicts and proms. Brief membership discussion about Thursday & Friday scheduling; This will be continued during the August 2017 Jazz Caucus.

Advocacy Committee: Skip Quinn said we've had some volunteers and wants to put materials on the website. He encouraged members to think of stories that encourages music educations and demonstrates the value of band, orchestra programs to students, parents, and communities.

Old Business: Proposed changes to percussion sight-reading: Instead of a judge listening to all three instruments and then recording a cumulative score for: timpani, snare & xylophone, the new scoring procedure would be one score for each instrument immediately following the specific instrument performance. We think it will streamline the process and allow for more accurate scores. This will be voted on at the August 2017 membership meeting.

Proposed 2017-18 Calendar: Fall dates are mostly set, still working out sites and chairs. The October Show Band Marching Festival is a new event. Ollie Liddell said this event is scheduled for the afternoon, Oct. 28, 2017, Halle Stadium. The registration process for the Sept. Marching Festival will also apply for this event. Proposed start time of 4:00pm. The Nov. 11, Event Chair Caucus is for all who are chairing events during this coming school year. The AW Dates listed are Feb. 8-10. We need to change Memphis S & E from March 31, as it is Easter Weekend. Either March 24, or April 7, were suggested, by the membership for the Memphis S & E date. This will be decided later depending on when the facility is available. We also need to change several chairs and update more information on the calendar. Ptotia Furlow discussed that orchestra S & E scores were completed late during the festival and the process needed improving this coming year.

New Business: Susan Spain has been working on the new website for several months. She briefly explained some of the new, user-friendly features on the new website. The new address is: websitewtsboa.org The membership applauded Susan's efforts and thanked her.

TMEA Lobbyist firm update: Stephen Price reported that communication has been very good. We've received communication concerning a possible bill that could take away from fine arts instructional time. Hope they can give us more advanced notice of legislature information that would affect music education.

Fall Concert Festival: Bryan Scott shared idea for a possible band clinic especially for middle school in October; no ratings or scores. This would help to prepare students for remaining concerts and concert festival. Skipp Quinn shared that Ollie Liddell did a great job during AW PD concerning concert festival preparation. Skip shared that Bryan's idea would be great for middle & high school as a learning tool for students and directors. Chris Piecuch also thought it would be a good idea. Bryan suggested October or November: performing concert material and receiving ideas for the next step. Dwight Dodd suggested the event be called a benchmark assessment. Stephen Price questioned could this be a more relaxed event, without being a WTSBOA sponsored event. Skip thought the event should be on the calendar. Darrell Evans suggested that placing events on the WTSBOA Calendar (calling it a benchmark), gives validation to principals. Also, it would also gives directors time to change concert festival music selections. Membership comments: Fall semester is very hectic, could we invite retired directors to hear our band? Add retired directors to the directory so their information is membership available to assist with this proposed band clinic. Would the association be paying for the event or clinician? Stephen Price said we would set a fee system where that WTSBOA would break even. Barry Trobaugh said using retired band directors, to serve as adjudicators, would be viable – using our current resources and save money. Ben Martin suggested having this event in two areas: Memphis area and Jackson. Chris suggested inviting directors to our summer board meeting to discuss this idea. Bryan Scott offered additional discussion following the meeting.

Composition Competition: Ptotia Furlow shared ideas for an electronic (four minutes) and traditional composition (small or large ensemble) with possible more categories; \$10.00 entry fee with a Google Doc up load; Minimum number of monitors; Composition performed before the AW Concert; Stephen Price asked if other areas / association have a similar composition competition process. Ptotia shared these ideas were cumulating of Indiana's and Georgia's composition competitions. Steve Womack said WTVMEA already has a competition process and the composition is performed at the All-Southwest Concert. Dr. Ryan Fisher was in charge of this competition. Stephen Price thought we need a formula for selection. Ptotia shared that Rick Neal had a process in place.

Hall of Fame Nominations: John Easley, Jim Smith, Charles Scurlock, and Capt. Charles Harrison: Those who are nominating today need to send bios to officers and a picture. Bios are due to the Executive Board by May 31, 2017.

Announcements: Current Retiring Directors: Keith Brown, Freddie Wilkes, John Easley. John Easley is a past president. Congratulations to these directors for their service. We wish them the best.

Rhendle Millen: Bartlett Community Band invites high school students to perform with them during the summer. Rehearsal is Monday, 7:00pm – 9:00pm at Whitten Road Memorial Church. Rehearsals are 48 weeks per year. Website: bartlettcommunityband.org

Barry Trobaugh, TBA President: TBA Summer Symposium Freedom Middle School June 1 –2, It's presented as a young directors' symposium but it is for all. Saturday, June 3, is the TBA Summer Meeting; He encouraged all directors to be members and become actively involved. Barry Trobaugh encourages directors to see him following the meeting. An email was sent out from Randy Box, but Barry Trobaugh didn't receive it. Color Guard TBA Adjudication Form to be presented. Possible state marching contest based on a state unified grouping of bands; This discussion occurred at All-State. The TBA Solo & Ensemble Festival concept stems from this membership. Barry Trobaugh hopes to have a 2nd All-State Jazz Band. The website is: tennesseebandmasters.org and needs to be updated.

Stephen Price reminded all to sign in and adjourned the meeting at 10:31am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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