

WTSBOA Membership Meeting #1
Saturday, August 19, 2017
Liberty Tech High School

Call to Order President Stephen Price called the meeting to order 9:37am.

Minutes

Treasurer's Report Motions made to accept minutes & treasurer's reports

President's Report:

Stephen Price

- Recognized new members
- How to Register for WTSBOA – Stephen demonstrated online process
- Updated Proxy Form – Under forms & minutes; Sent with school registration
- Member's Announcements – specific information from membership; WTSBOA Home page is mostly for board to place announcements
- Membership meeting attendance – sign in at all meetings; Purpose is to keep membership informed; director information
- Updated 17-18 Calendar is on the website

TMEA Report

Ollie Liddell

- Lobbyist firm – Updates are posted on the Advocacy Tab of tnmea.org; legislative bill requiring additional social studies course requirement, which could have removed performing fine arts class time, was blocked
- Advocacy – Review information at tnmea.org
- The more rooms we reserve at All-State Convention, the more rooms are available for our membership to use

All-State Report

Barry Trobaugh

- All-State is again in Nashville April 11-14, 2018. Check tnmea.org for updates; Encourage all directors to attend for PD & networking opportunities

Band Report

Kayla Price

- We're Good

Jazz Report

Cameron Ross

- 9th Graders are allowed to audition for All-State Jazz Band.
- Announced All-West Clinicians:
Red - Kenneth Carroll
Blue - Shawn Wallace

Orchestra Report

Pam Wilensky

- All-West Clinicians:
MS Ben Yoder
9-10 Georgia Ekonomu
11-12 Symphony Vincent Danher

TBA Report

Barry Trobaugh

- ASBDA Young Director's Work Shop was excellent and encouraged all to attend next year.
- TBA Summer Symposium - Scott Rush, Clinician super event
- TBA Meeting – adopted Marching Band Color Guard, Drum Major and Percussion Assessment
- Concert Festival & Regional S & E Assessment Forms;
- Our regional WTSBOA Solo & Ensemble form has been adopted state wide
- Why join – specifically for the advancement of music educational regionally & state wide; West TN input & attendance is needed; Currently sponsors TBA Hall of Fame Concert; Next meeting is during 2018 All-State Convention

- TBA New Director Workshop May 31, 2018 at Freedom Middle School, followed by the TBA Meeting June 1-2.
- Stephen Price also shared that other regions in the state are just now doing what WTSBOA has had in place for several years.
- Ollie Liddell - Show Band Division at Bands of America this year.

Old Business

Stephen Price

- New Website – wtsboa.org; Stephen Price demonstrated navigating through the new website, how to update member information, member announcements, forms, calendar, registration, registration forms will be available about 2 weeks prior to events, member emails sent when the website is updated, Susan Spain was recognized for her work on the website
- New Officers email – **officers@wtsboa.com**
- Fall concert Assessment (similar to Concert Festival) updates; Bryan Scott (absent today) presented the idea during the May 2017 meeting; Membership should discuss this during caucus meetings today.

New Business

- Vote on motion to change the All-West Band & Orchestra Percussion Sight-reading scoring values; Values would now be a total score per instrument immediately following performance on that specific instrument.
Snare = 33%, Timpani = 33%, Mallets = 34%
Motion was made to accept the change & 2nd; Call for question; MOTION PASSED
- TBA Honor Recital Auditions updates – Kristy White was recognized for her work serving as the AW & State TBA Honor Recital Chair. Students follow the same guidelines as WTSBOA Solo & Ensemble Festival: 3 scores @ one per judge, 15 minutes per performance time, judges will provide written comments for student feedback; Registration forms will be on

- the wtsboa.org website, directors complete the form and bring to the AW Audition
- Hall of Fame – Captain Charles Harrison

Caucus Meetings

❖ Senior Band: Ben Martin Chair

1. Ben Martin elected High School Chair
2. David Chipman: TMEA Notes:
State Concert Festival – 3 groups represented WTSBOA
All-State Conductors secured
3. All-West Chairs:
11-12 Blue: Jennifer Cupples, Co - Kathryn Lasley
11-12 Red: Megan Woodwing, Co- Alexandria Fussell
9-10 Blue: Jason Eckford, Co – Della Coleman
9-10 Red: James Henning, Co – Madelyn Carson
4. Fall Festival:
UTM & Colonial have volunteered to host the event. Dr. Oelrich suggested giving ½ - one full hour per group. This way the students will get a clinic following each performance. The festival is not based on trophies but instead learning. Each group will receive a rating. Performing groups would still follow the TBA Music List.

❖ Middle Band: Kayla Price Chair

1. AW Rehearsal Chairs:
Blue: Daniel Foster, Co – Anneliese Land
Red: Mary Armstrong, Co – Bethany Shaw
2. Fall Concert Festival Discussion:
Barry Trobaugh discussed the concepts of fluidity
Possibly performing Christmas Music
Comments Only or Rating? Saturday?
Use TBA Concert Festival Forms, costs, logistical questions,
We need Grade 1 Category back on the Music List
Stephen Price suggests UTM & Colonial for locations
Judge will have clinic with students after performin
Should judges rotate?
Create needs list and ask Kevin Price to follow up

❖ **Jazz: Cameron Ross Chair**

1. Allow 9th Grade to audition for All-State
2. Proposed to change the By-Laws 10 Section 43 to match what is being done at the All-State Level:

“All auditioning students, except drum set, shall demonstrate improvising skills using two chorus of F Blues and one chorus of Bb rhythm changes.” And to align All-West Jazz Sight-Reading Audition percentages with the rest of the state: 34% prepared, 33% Sight-Reading 33% Improvisation

3. AW Jazz Rehearsal Chairs:
Red: Roderick White
Blue: Brian Sims

❖ **Orchestra Pam Wilensky Chair**

1. All-West Rehearsal Chairs:
11-12 Orchestra James Weil
9-10 Strings Daniel Strawer
MS Strings Andrew Knot
MS Strings – Co Britta Hall
2. Revamped All-West HS Audition Excerpts; New excerpts are posted on the website, instead of students / teachers purchasing books.
3. Will develop a 4 year rotation for all orchestra duties including winds & percussion.
4. AW Audition Chair: Paula Turner, Event Chair – Pam Wilensky & Tony Smith
5. Concert Festival: Site Chair – Chelsea Subick (Cordova), Event Chair – Francie Beard
6. Solo & Ensemble: Merge site with Band at Elmore Park; Steffanie Sims – Site Chair; Zach Corpus – Event Chair

Motion from Cameron Ross, as discussed in Jazz Caucus:
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Motion made & 2nd Call for Question **MOTION PASSED**

All-West Convention Reminders:

- Prepaid hotel rooms will make registration easier
- Our allotment of rooms at Marriott has increased

Announcements

- Recognize and thank vendors: Membership applauded
- John Oelrich: UTM – New Faculty: Dr. Shane Jones, Percussion; Dr. Angela Amberton, Orchestra/Elementary Music; Marching Contest Oct. 21, online registration; Octuba Fest Oct. 30; Saxophone Nov. 19; Tuba Christmas Dec. 19; Honor Band Jan. 25-27; Chamber Fest March 22-24
- Joseph Bullington: Sat. Sept. 30, Mid-West TN Marching Festival in Waverly
- Kevin Price: Bellevue SPA All-West Prep Academy Sept. 30, for both Band & Strings
- Stephanie Elder: Marching Festival Sept. 23; Crusader Invitational same day – these are separate events & registration; Membership thanked Stephanie for hosting our meeting
- Albert Nguyen: University of Memphis – New Faculty: Dr. William Plenk Marching Band Director; Darren Zucki Bassoon; Bandmasters Oct. 21: HS Band Day Nov. 18; Honor Orchestra Oct. 26 – 28; Honor Band Feb. 1-3; Conducting Workshop during Honor Band Weekend
- Bethel University Marching Competition
- Stephen Price: Hornet Invitational

- Tim Simpson Sept. 23 Arlington Invitational
- Chocktaw Invitational
- Michael Parsons Briarcrest Contest Sept. 30; registration fee fund raiser for St. Jude
- Henry County Marching Contest Oct. 7
- Skip Quinn – retired after 38 years; complimented WTSBOA for being student oriented; He has private studio at Bartlett Music Academy
- Jeremy Tate - Gibson County Marching Contest Sept. 30
- Ben Martin – Oct. 7 Huntingdon

Adjournment

President Stephen Price adjourned the meeting at at 11:23am

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carol King Chipman, D.M.A.
Recording Secretary, WTSBOA*