

## **WTSBOA Membership Meeting #1 Sept. 1, 2020 7:00PM**

### **Zoom Meeting**

**Call to Order: President Jennifer Cupples** called the meeting to order at 7:02pm  
Welcome to everyone, hope you're doing well. This situation is very different for us all.

### **Update your information on the WTSBOA Website**

**Minutes: Carol Chipman** The May 3, 2020, Membership Meeting #3 Minutes are posted at WTSBOA.org

**Treasurer's Report: Darrell Evans** The current financial report is posted at WTSBOA.org

### **President's Report: Jennifer Cupples**

Introduction of New Members:

- Chris Piecuch – MUS
- Quinten Smith – Memphis Business Academy
- Logan Hayes – Dyersburg Intermediate and Assistant at Dyersburg HS
- Frankie Leslie – Dyer MS
- Jonathan Johnson – South Gibson HS Assistant
- Joe Davis – Union City HS & MS
- Hannah Whitehouse – Ridgeway and Mt. Pisgah MS
- Dannel Gilbert – Lausanne
- Chris Piecuch – MUS
- Cecilia Jones – Lexington MS
- Trevor Mayhall – Westover & Pin Oak Elementary
- Robert Elam – Ripley MS
- DeRay Claybon – Haywood MS

**Band Report: Ben Martin** – We need two more directors to chair All-West Sr High Bands

**Middle School Report: Kevin Price** - I need to step down because it's not a guarantee that I can make the events unless I have students who make it.

**Jazz Report: Cameron Ross** – Not Present

**Orchestra Report: Pam Willensky** – We have finally finished the new 4-year rotation for AW HS Orchestra audition music. We're very proud of that! It was a four-year project – Andy Palmer, Alex Perry, James Weil....thank you and everyone else who contributed.

**All State Report: Barry Trobaugh** – We're in the era of Covid. I think there will be more absolute announcements about All-State, but it's not looking good this year. It may happen in the following year. **Jennifer Cupples** – All-State will not happen as usual. TMEA is hoping to still recognize All-State students.

**TMEA Report: Jennifer Cupples** – Step. 13-19, first ever Arts Education Week; Call to Action with TN Legislation – contact info and ideas; We discussed the contract with Opryland, we were able to get out of that contract for this year.

**TBA** – Barry Trobaugh encourage all to join TBA and remember to pay your annual dues. Your voice is heard at all TBA Meetings.

## **Old Business**

We've decided as the WTSBOA Board to delay the election of a new President-Elect until we can have an in-person vote.

## **New Business:**

- **Jennifer** - Hall of Fame Inductees: We approved for the 2020 Hall of Fame: James Robertson, Mike Congiardo, Frank Congiardo & Mike Krepper; They will be recognized during the next in person clinic. If we don't have a clinic this year then they will be recognized during the 2021 AW Clinic. Therefore, we will not accept nominations for the 2021 AW Clinic.

**Jennifer**- Procedural change with NAFME/TMEA dues: We've tried in the past to align our NAFME dues with our WTSBOA Membership dues and it was not successful. TMEA has proposed that NAFME & TMEA dues are waived for WTSBOA for the 20-21 school year. All WTSBOA Members and their students will still be full members and eligible for all TMEA events. Next year, TMEA will be accepting TMEA & NAFME membership fees from WTSBOA. **Stephen** – This is to simplify paying our dues and to allow TMEA to receive membership information much faster. **Chris** – I've already paid my fees for this school years.

**Michael Chester** – We'll send refunds if needed. This seems the best way to get all regions aligned in the state. Anything TMEA can do for WTSBOA just let us know. Email TMEA if you've already sent in dues for this school year. I'll put my info in the chat.

**September 1, 2020 The TMEA Executive Committee has voted on the following motions to pass on to WTSBOA for consideration. The following two motions would require a change in the constitution and by-laws of WTSBOA. The two proposed motions are as follows:**

**Motion # 1:** In order to realign WTSBOA membership in NAFME with start dates that align with the other 8 regionals of Tennessee, the TMEA Executive Committee will suspend the requirement that WTSBOA members must join NAFME for the 2020-2021 academic school year (August of 2020 through May of 2021). Students and directors will be eligible for all TMEA sanctioned events that take place during the 2020-2021 academic school year (August of 2020 through May of 2021). WTSBOA will submit its current membership list to TMEA at the end of their fall membership campaign so that TMEA may share important information to the membership about TMEA events and important information from ArtsEd Tennessee. This motion will allow WTSBOA members to finish out their multiple membership terms within NAFME. NAFME membership will not be required of WTSBOA members for any TMEA sanctioned events held in the 2020-2021 academic school year (August of 2020 through May of 2021). It is understood that WTSBOA will use this 2020-2021 academic school year (August of 2020 through May of 2021) to make the necessary changes to their by-laws and constitution and any other policy documents as needed.

**Motion #2:** Starting with the academic school year 2021-2022 (August of 2021 through May of 2022) and thereafter, all members of WTSBOA will join TMEA and NAFME during a designated period between the months of August through September for the academic school year 2021-2022 (August of 2021 through May of 2022) and thereafter. WTSBOA members will be responsible for joining TMEA and NAFME through the TMEA website. Acceptable forms of payment will be credit/debit card, school check, or booster club check. Personal checks will not be accepted. Invoices and W9 forms will be available on the TMEA website for WTSBOA members to access during the registration window. The registration window will open and close at a designated period to be determined by the TMEA Executive Committee at the August TMEA Board and Council Meeting. Exceptions will be made for music education members who are hired at a school after the WTSBOA/TMEA/NAFME registration window closes. The exceptions will be handled on a case-by-case basis through the WTSBOA and TMEA Executive Committees working together. The TMEA office will send to WTSBOA a list of current registered members of TMEA and NAFME at the end of its fall membership campaign. WTSBOA will also submit a list of current WTSBOA members at the end of their fall membership campaign

- 9-12 All-West / All-State Virtual Auditions – Barry hosted a WTSBOA Middle School Meeting last week. All of the middle school directors indicated that there wouldn't be enough students involved to have AW MS auditions this school year. Only 2 directors indicated that ½ of their students would audition for AW MS. TMEA is looking at the Submittable program for us to use state-wide this school year. We can use this for AW & All-State auditions for all groups – orchestra & band. For the package that we need, TMEA said they would pay \$5300.00. Our cost would be about \$3000.00. Zoom is the only other option. However, Zoom is not reliable or safe enough for auditions of this size.

**Motion from the floor:** WTSBOA to purchase the Submittable program package needed this school year to use with 9-12 All-West and All-State Auditions.

Discussion **Chris Piecuch** point of discussion – Will the auditions be blind? Jennifer - No, because of audition fidelity. Chris - Who will be judging? Jennifer - We will hire judges. **Michael Chester** – the Submittable Program has lots of features that would allow facilitation for this audition and more. Ollie Liddell – We will not have sight-reading. **Barry Trobaugh** – Many schools are not in-person, no travel; Point Of Order – This motion is to simply purchase the Submittable program package. Auditions will be recorded by the band director & then you will upload the audition recordings. **Chelsea** – I'm not in total agreement with MS students not auditioning. It removes something to work for and it skips a year before going into HS auditions. Darrell – let's stick to the motion. Call for Question. **Members Voted, Motion Passed.**

- Virtual Solo & Ensemble Festival: We can use Submittable Program with S & E Festivals too.

**Chelsea** – Can I make a motion that MS Students will also be given the opportunity to audition for AW? **Ollie** – We cannot financially support MS auditions as based on the MS Meeting held last week. Member discussion about AW MS Auditions. **Barry:** At the meeting we discussed how to service the MS students. We discussed hosting a S & E Festival each semester for MS Students. Barry will post if the middle school meeting was recorded. **Darrell:** When we don't have SR during the auditions, it will significantly be skewed. **Chris:** I would like for the MS students to be challenged with the AW Music. **Additional Discussion from the membership. Motion: We will host Middle School All-West Auditions this school year. Motion Passed**

**Ollie** – the vote was to have MS Auditions; we'll give details at a later date.

- Barry Trobaugh – **MOTION:**

Literature selection for Solo and Ensemble performance events (Band and Orchestra) will be "published works" for each participant. Original compositions for solo or ensemble work can be submitted to the WTSBOA Executive Board for approval, with submission dates and protocol determined by the Board.

RATIONALE: Comments from adjudicators and event-hosts continue to indicate that some performers are using "unsuitable" literature in our S/E events. Complaints of "pop tunes," exercises, etudes and such litter or S/E events, diminishing our intended goal of musical accomplishment of our students. There are several "quality" prescribed Graded Solo and Ensemble Lists available from our neighboring states and beyond. This motion is the initial action to lead to a unified and consistent source of solo and ensemble literature that ensures reaching desired performance-levels for each of our students in West Tennessee.

**Tom Grant 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; Call for Question; Membership Discussion; This motion will be posted on the WTSBOA Website and voted on at a later time.**

**Announcements: Ollie:** We need members, who are willing to serve on a committee, to create a plan for AW MS Auditions. This plan will need to be designed to prevent the association from going bankrupt during a pandemic while we are hosting AW MS Auditions. Anyone who has AW Audition ideas, please contact us too. Contact [officers@wtsboa.org](mailto:officers@wtsboa.org) tonight please. AW Auditions – problem with SR is the audition will be pre-recorded. **Tara West** – Live streaming will negatively affect the audition process. Internet is not reliable in West TN. **Barry Trobaugh:** I appreciate the dynamic discussions. Ultimately Darrell has

**Adjournment:** President Jennifer Cupples adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.