



**WTSBOA Membership Meeting #1
Liberty Tech High School
August 19, 2023**

Call to Order

President Benjamin Martin called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM

Minutes

Stephen Price: Motion made (& 2nd) to waive the reading of the minutes. **Motion Approved.**

Treasurer's Report:

Davey Edmaiston: Motion made (& 2nd) to suspend reading/approval of the Fall 2023 Treasury Report. **Motion Approved.**

All-State Report

Jason Deem: All-State is April 10-13, 2024. We are waiting on info from the state, but information will be posted on the website when it is available. Please attend the All-State Conference. There are options besides the Gaylord for rooming, and there are many opportunities for educators at the conference.

Band Report

Kathryn Moore: Middle School Band
Michael Nelson: High School Band
Band Announcements made during caucus meetings.

Orchestra Report

Pam Wilensky: Orchestra Announcements made during caucus meetings

Jazz Report

Cameron Ross: All-West Clinicians are Chris Bruya and Paul McKinney

All-West Clinic Information

Brad Turner:

- Please stay at the Sheraton (same price as last year)
- Professional Development sessions will be posted on the website
- If you're interested in presenting, please submit information as soon as possible
- There will be a New Music Reading Session (band will be led by Dr. Albert Nguyen) on Friday afternoon; please bring your instrument

- Program: Artwork is not due until after auditions, but let Brad know if you want space in the program prior to December 1.
- Equipment: Thanks to all that have helped in the past. If you're willing to help loan equipment, let Brad know as soon as possible. We need more schools to loan equipment. Brad can help secure transportation.
- If you have any questions, please see Brad after the meeting today.

Introduction of New Directors

Ryan Bateman: South Gibson County Middle School
Drew Willcutt: Hardin County High School
Melanie Schuette: West Collierville Middle School
Erin Ruggles: Harrelson School
Erin Webb: Midsouth Gifted Academy
Bryan Scott: MUS
Stephanie Bogue: Kate Bond Middle School
Mike McKenzie: Ripley Middle School
Robyn Greene: Lakeland Prep
Jerry Emmons: North Side High School
Caitlin Jones: Central Baptist School
Benjamin Shaffer: Bellevue School of Performing Arts
Joshua Maness: Liberty Tech High School
Scott Anderson: White Station Middle School
Alissa Gullede: Riverside High School
Juan Valdez: Overton High School
Tony Clark: Colonial Middle School
Lisa Powell: USJ
Georgia Emmons: Northeast Middle School
Adam Alter: Colonial Middle School
Chad Coontz: Ridgeway High School
Jacob Abbott: Dresden High School
Justin Russell: Dyersburg High School
Dustin Hurley: Camden Central High School
River Stoltz: Camden Central High School
Jesse Austin: Lake County High School
Dakota Dooley – SBA and St. Ann
Cedric Keel: Kate Bond Middle School
Andrew Swortzel: Haywood High School

Old Business

Benjamin Martin:

- I. Calendar has been revised. Revisions will be made to Memphis Solo & Ensemble. It is listed as April 13, but this is All-State. Jackson Solo & Ensemble is April 6. Martin Solo & Ensemble date will be added to the calendar soon.
- II. 2024 Hall of Fame Inductee is Brad Turner

New Business

Benjamin Martin:

- I. Please fill out the Registration Form that was posted on the website. We will use this form to re-register each year. It's convenient, keeps our directory up to date, and helps us pre-plan for events that you're interested in attending. Susan Spain: Please check with your financial secretaries about mailing checks for different events. All event checks go to different people. They are not all mailed to Darrell Evans.

Benjamin Martin: New members, please ask if you have any questions by emailing officers. If you registered on August 14, please check in with Ben to make sure your submission was received.

- II. Attendance: You must attend 2 out of 3 meetings. Please make sure you sign-in.
- III. Please reach out to new directors and non-members in your area. Let them know this is their professional organization that allows their students to succeed and grow.
- IV. 2024 All-West Clinicians
11-12 Blue: Dr. John Zastopil
11-12 Red: Tim Oliver
9-10 Blue: Ben Easley
9-10 Red: Daniel Cook

Middle Blue: Erin Colesteele

Middle Red: not confirmed

Middle School Orchestra: not confirmed

9-10 Orchestra: not confirmed

11-12 Symphony Orchestra: Dr. Mathias Elmer

TBA Report

Benjamin Martin:

- Jennifer Cupples will be our representative
- Please join TBA
- Sweepstakes Award guidelines

Announcements

Pam Wilensky: Tri-M National Honor Society (for accomplished musicians)

-Fee is \$100 per year

-Consider having a Tri-M chapter in your middle or high schools

-Contact Pam if you have questions about your school's chapter

Michael Nelson: There is an opening at West Carroll for assistant band director. Please contact Michael if you know of someone who may be interested.

Thomas Cognetti: There will be a short-term opening at Germantown Middle School from November-January. Please contact if you know someone who may be interested.

Ollie Liddell: Central HS will host pre-assessment for Concert Festival on February 23

Stephen Price: Please help celebrate the marching band community of west TN,
Podcast: West TN Marching Arts

Contest Announcements (Marching)

Jason Deem: WTSBOA Marching Festival September 23 at Union City HS. Please register online or contact Jason.

Justin Brown: Dyer County HS on October 14.

Stephen Price: Gibson County Marching Invitational on October 14.

Patrick McDermott: Championships at Bartlett October 21. Contact Trevor Rundell.

Ben Martin: Huntingdon Marching Invitational on September 30

Mary Armstrong (for Tim Simpson): Arlington Open Invitational on September 23

Final Announcements

Benjamin Martin:

- Please reach out to those people who are not members in your area
- Please register for events on time

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.

Submitted By;



Megan Woodring
WTSBOA Executive Committee