

SWKMEA Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, June 4, 2018

Comanche Middle School, Dodge City, Kansas

2:00pm beginning

4:40pm adjournment

Attending: Jodi Reese, Kelly Knedler, Hollyann Sewell, Jacob Miller, Sonya Battin, Ryan Partin, Kim Stewart, Lynn Unruh, Abigail VanTimmeren, Jane Vanderhoff, Sean Boller, Brandon Wade, Jason Richins, Victoria Stuckenschmidt and Isaac Enochs.

INTRODUCTIONS

CHAIR REPORTS – clinicians, review of 2017-2018 year

- **HS Orchestra – Isaac Enochs: 2018 Clinician – Dr. Hsuan-Yu Alex Lee (SWOSU)**
 - Orchestra will be here in the SW this coming year 2018-2019.
 - Isaac helped in the NW district this past year with Joan Crull.
- **HS Jazz – Jacob Miller: 2018 Clinician – Lisa Hittle (Friends Univ.)**
 - This past year was Dr. Craig Treinen from Washburn University.
 - Jacob was very pleased with the way the HS Jazz band performed this year!
 - He felt that the rehearsals and music was top notch.
- **HS Band – Ryan Partin: 2018 Clinician – Dr. Victor Markovich (WSU)**
 - Thought that the SW District students had a great day with Marion Roberts this past year.
 - Dr. Markovich will be here this year! He has been here in the past.
- **HS Choir – Sean Boller: 2018 Clinician – Michael Hannewalt (WSU)**
 - Dr. Julie Yu from KSU was outstanding and the kids had lots of fun!
 - A change to order...Choir will probably go first on the concert this year! Dr. Hannewalt needs to be in Wichita for a concert that evening.
- **MS Band – Hollyann Sewell: 2018 Clinician – Dr. Phillip Payne (KSU)**
 - Working on getting a great running routine for the MS Band.
- **MS Choir – Kim Stewart: 2018 Clinician – Dr. Mark Bartel (Friends)**
 - We are very happy to such an outstanding and established director coming this Winter for the MS Choir!
- **MS Orchestra – Whitney Maxwell: 2018 Clinician - TBA**
- **Elementary Choir – Victoria Stuckenschmidt: 2018 Clinician - TBA**
- **Executive Director – Kelly Knedler: Financial reports**
 - Sean Boller motioned and Brandon Wade seconded to accept the Financial Report for 2017-2019. It unanimously passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM TROY JOHNSON (WEBMASTER for SW KMEA)

- The KMEA Members site (members.ksmea.org) will be changing its user account index this summer from being based on a NAFME ID login to an email address login. District level honor group registration forms (non-Festival Scores) will be moved to the Members site. This includes the functions currently in the All-State Manager (ie, HS Choir & state Instrumental Live Auditions). Some directors do not have email addresses in their NAFME record. This must be corrected, otherwise they will not be able to register students this fall (again, non-Festival Scores entries). I will be sending out email blasts later in the summer once the upgrade is ready.
- A strong possibility this summer for all KMEA websites, including districts, to be converted to HTTPS for web security. I've completed this step for my private clients, including sites such as Festival Scores. KMEA sites are in line for this upgrade.
- The KMEA state calendar has been posted with the exception of deadline dates for the state Elem./ML Choirs. I should have those nailed down by mid-June. I expect those dates to be near equivalent to last year.

OLD BUSINESS

- Wording of fees
 - The Board discussed the wording of the fees for the SW District. A motion was given by Sean Boller and seconded by Kim Stewart to change the wording of "Registration Fee" to "Audition Registration Fee." The motion unanimously passed.
 - The Board decided to keep the current progressive fees of \$10-\$12-\$13, which are already in place.
- Orchestra length of terms on the SW Board
 - The Board voted to elect a new MS Orchestra Chair and keep HS Orchestra Chair Isaac Enochs as HS Director one more year. Hollyann Sewell so moved and Sean Boller seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.
- MS Band audition
 - Currently, there is a concern in the district that difficulty levels of MS Band auditions are challenging the students too much. Basically, the chromatic scale is too difficult and the ranges of the scales are also too difficult.
 - Hollyann Sewell believes that we can keep it as is this year (2018-2019) and look to change the audition process for next year (2019-2020).
 - The Board will have to collect information and vote Nov. 2018.
- Registration deadlines/fees for HS choir
 - Discussion of the problem is that every year there is a school or two that misses the deadline to register for auditions. The state does not allow entry to the All State Choir if the deadline is missed. In SW KMEA the Board discussed that the district adopts the policy of a \$100.00 fee per student entered after the deadline, after one week late.
 - Brandon Wade moved to create a \$100.00 audition registration late fee for HS Choir one week after the State Deadline for participation only in District Choir. It was seconded by Ryan Partin. The motion passed with 2 opposing it.
- Elementary choir – inclusion of 5th grade

- A discussion at the 2018 Elementary directors' meeting resulted in teachers in the SW KMEA district wanting to include 5th grade students in the choir. The number of students from each school up to 10 will remain. Each school is still guaranteed 5 students, but up to 10 entries.
- This topic will be discussed in the July, and at the 2018 SW KMEA Board Meeting a vote will take place.
- A List of Duties from all SW KMEA Chairs will be created for the SW KMEA Website
 - The District will be posting the duties of all SW KMEA Chairpersons on the www.swkmea.org website soon.
- Information for ML Choir on website
 - There was a bit of confusion with the Tenor audition this year in the SW District. Multiple auditions were submitted in the wrong key and some used instruments to accompany the auditions. The audition guidelines were accidentally removed from the website. It will reappear again soon! The SW KMEA Tenor audition is **DIFFERENT** than that of the State Audition.
 - The key is moved downward for the Tenor, so that it is in a workable range.
 - The Board will leave it as it is this year.
- Teachers leaving district, names of new teachers
 - The Board is looking for any help the membership of the SW KMEA District can give to help with connecting with music teachers in new positions.

NEW BUSINESS

- New all state choir format (Discussion and questions for KMEA board)
 - New state choir! 256 Member Treble Choir at the State Level.
 - How will this affect SW district numbers? SC District already does this!
 - Do we want an additional choir? Yes or No at SW KMEA!
 - What is the new formula for districts? We do not have one!
 - What does the new performance schedule look like at KMEA? Jane Vanderhoff brought it.
 - Please go to <http://ksmea.org/hschoir/repertoire/> to READ the new choir information for auditions! Understand that there are only 3 audition pieces for your choirs as in the past (one is shared).
 - This is a great opportunity for the treble voices in the district!
 - There will be more information in July, 2018.
- Piano competition
 - As we've started looking at the needs of the district, the SW KMEA Board would like to include our district piano 9-12 grade students. Would like to host a SW KMEA Piano competition for a scholarship in late-October each year. It would held at Barclay College in Haviland, KS. Judges would be needed (2-3). The scholarship would be given to the student's school for the student upon graduation. The rubric would be taken from the state rubric. There could possibly be a concert given of the top 5 students during the evening of the competition. The winner would be invited to a district festival to play on the concert. The fees collected will help to pay for the scholarship in the amount of \$250.00 currently with possibility to grow as the competition grows. The style of music used for the competition would need to follow the state guidelines.

- Brandon Wade will draw up the plan of this competition and Kim Stewart will compile the dates.
- This will be voted on at the July, 2018 SW KMEA Board meeting.

MENTORING INFORMATION WAS PRESENTED BY LYNN UNRUH

- Southwest KMEA Mentoring Program
- The KMEA Co-Mentors will be visiting with the KMEA board this Friday about districts hosting meetings whose sole purpose is to bring the district board members and the new teachers in the district together for a meet and greet. We were so impressed with what Bill Schick has accomplished in the NW district that we asked permission to steal and tweak as we see fit. He is OK with that! ☺
- The NW district holds a free catered meal where the board and new teachers are invited to come and eat and then each board member/chairperson is able to share the fine details of their particular area and make sure that the new teachers leave this meeting completely equipped with all of the pertinent information necessary to tackle their new position and have a positive experience. By meeting face to face and having a chance to visit, the new teachers will feel much more comfortable contacting those that are in charge of the different events. This way new teachers would recognize some familiar faces at the conventions and feel more comfortable.
- The NW district holds their dinner on the 3rd Sunday of October each year. We realize that each district will need the autonomy to decide on what date and type of meet and greet that they think would best suit their district. Details can certainly be left to the district presidents but we feel this would be a really good start to the New Year for the new teachers in each district.
- The Co-Mentors are still in discussions about how best to set up mentoring matches. Sometimes it is best if teachers are able to reach out to each other and select their own mentor match. Perhaps the dinner could be used in this way as well. We realize that we need to be able to line up quality instructors that would be willing to help a new teacher navigate their first year. We are open to ideas and suggestions on this matter.
- We know that there needs to be discussion on the details of arranging such an event. I wanted you to be aware of the idea and be thinking about it and perhaps make some decisions today that would help us put this into motion this year.
- SW KMEA looking to do this in September 23, 2018 – THE SW KMEA Mentor Dinner 4-6pm in Dodge City, KS!
- Just new teachers and Board.