

SW KMEA General Meeting—Dodge City Middle School Library

November 8, 2014

1. Thank you for being here today.
 - a. Thank you for encouraging your students to participate in these KMEA Honor Groups!
 - b. Concert is at 3:15 p.m.
 - i. Pep Wear will be here with shirts and award plaques.
 - c. December district convention is on Saturday, December 6th. We have our annual district business meeting at this event. We hope to see you there!
 - d. Thank you to the Dodge City middle school music directors for helping this day run smoothly in the DCMS Facilities.
 - e. Thank you to the chairpersons for their work in planning this event.
 - i. Jodi Reese, MS Honor Choir
 - ii. Grant Mathews, MS Honor Band
 - iii. Jonathan Yust, HS Honor Jazz Band
 - iv. Watch website for registration deadlines. It is the teacher's responsibility to complete registration on – time.
2. Kansas Music Review magazine (KMR): online only!
 - a. Check it out!
3. Redistricting
 - a. KMEA State Board voted to divide the Northeast district into two separate districts.
 - b. It is still in process but getting closer – “2018”.
4. Nominations for Outstanding Educators (Elementary, Middle Level, High School Level, Administrator)
 - a. Please take time to nominate outstanding teachers for this district. Many deserve this award, and so few are nominated. We need to recognize master teachers in our field, especially those from southwest Kansas!
 - b. Nominations are closed for this school year, but will reopen again in the spring.
 - i. Nominate someone in May, over the summer, or early next school year.
 - ii. Don't wait until the last minute! Due Date is approximately the end of September.
 - c. See Website for nomination criteria and forms
 - i. <http://www.ksmea.org/awards/educator/>
5. Retired music educators:

- a. Please email me the names (and email addresses if possible) of any retired music educators from our district.
6. Elementary Teachers
 - a. Please email me the names (and email addresses if possible) of the elementary teachers that you know that may not be connected with KMEA.
7. Master Teacher Videos
 - a. If you know of someone that you think is a wonderful teacher, and would be interested in making a short video of their skills in presenting a concept, please let us know so that an invitation can be made for them to take part. They are not looking for a full hour lesson, just a short 5 to 10 minutes of unique helpful teaching methods in action.
8. SW District has re-acquired SWKMEA.ORG, which it originally held about 10 years ago.
9. Exhibitors at the ISW may not request badges for people who are full time music educators in PrK-12 schools or college/universities. Part-time school employees and full-time employees outside of music may use exhibitor's badges (e.g. adjunct faculty, admissions staff, clerical staff, professors from departments other than music etc.).
10. Thank you for coming!
11. Contact information
 - a. If you have not been receiving my emails, please come up and visit with me now.

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