

**SWKMEA Board Meeting Agenda**  
**Monday, June 15, 2015**  
**Held at: Dodge City High School**

Attending: Lynn Unruh, Jodi Reese, Katie Sperry (non-voting), Jonathan Yust, Shawn Martin, Jason Richins (pop-in), Grant Mathews, Summer Miller, Kelly Knedler (non-voting)

Order at 10:09 am.

I. SWKMEA District business

- Kelly Knedler, Executive Director: Minutes from December meeting and financial report Jodi Reese, motioned to accept the minutes, second by Grant Mathews.
  - Discussion about Pizza slice size (Cut in 6 slices is a bigger piece), and that's what we can do with Pizza Hut.
    - Talk with Pizza Hut and Papa John's Pizza to see if there is a better deal.
  - Discussion about accompanist fees. Jodi Reese moved to raise the fee from \$150.00 to \$200.00. Second by Summer Miller. Passed unanimously.
  - Continue with "Free Will" donation at all SW KMEA festival concerts. In addition to buckets at each entrance, add a SW KMEA member handing-out programs, President will mention the donation in welcome and closing speech and add to the program "We would appreciate your participation in the SW KMEA Free Will Donation."
- District Middle Level Choir/Elementary Honor Choir Combined Concert
  - Discussion is under Jodi Reese paragraph below.
- Facilities Coordinator – This is a request that the facilities manager for Southwest KMEA become a paid position. The facilities manager's responsibilities are three separate festivals each year. Due to the nature of the duties and organizational responsibilities of the position, I am requesting that this position become a paid position at \$350 a year.
  - Discussion was heard about the adoption of this as a paid position. Currently held by Jason Richins.
    - Motion made by Grant Mathews, second by Jodi Reese and passed unanimously.
- Teacher Hall of Fame – Do we have people that need to be nominated?
- Highlights from the state meeting of executive directors

Dates of district conventions and deadlines-SWKMEA website

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| Sep. 19 | - HS Jazz Roster due   | -               |
| Sep. 25 | - HS Jazz Audition Recordings due  | -               |
| Oct. 1  | - MS Band Roster & Audition Recordings due   | -               |
| Oct. 9  | - HS Choir Roster due  | -               |
| Oct. 12 | - HS Band Roster due   | -               |
| Oct. 13 | - HS Orchestra Roster due  | -               |
| Oct. 19 | - High School Band Late Entry Deadline (final chance)<br>Late Fee = \$25 per student | -               |
| Nov. 7  | - HS Band audition recordings due  | -               |
| Nov. 7  | - MS Band, HS Jazz Festival  | - Dodge City MS |
| Nov. 7  | - HS Band & Orchestra recorded auditions   | - Dodge City MS |

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| Nov. 7  | - HS Choir live auditions  | - Dodge City MS       |
| Nov. 13 | - Elementary Choir Roster due  | -                     |
| Nov. 13 | - Middle School Choir Roster due   | -                     |
| Dec. 5  | - HS Band, HS Choir Festival   | - Dodge City HS       |
| Dec. 5  | - NW/SW Orchestra Festival   | - Hays                |
| Jan. 9  | - KMEA State Instrumental Live Auditions (All-State)                                 | - <i>Location TBA</i> |
| Jan. 23 | - Elementary & Middle School Choir Festival  | - Dodge City MS       |
| Mar. 1  | - Fee Deadline without penalty. Unpaid fees beyond this date will incur a \$50 fine. | -                     |

### Reports from our Chairpersons and discussion about individual groups

- Grant Mathews-MS Band:
  - Using the 5-State Music Festival audition music model. Spoke about using/trying unison excerpts because of the complaints from busy teachers who feel the music can be too difficult. Use this system on a trial basis next year. Cycles need updating anyway. This will help to get participation up.
    - A motion was made on this discussion to adopt (on a 2 year trial) a new system by Shawn Martin, second by Jonathan Yust, motion carried unanimously.
  - Johanna Cox from a middle school in Lawrence as a clinician.
- Jodi Reese-MS Choir:
  - Combining ML Choir and the Elementary Choir festivals January 23, 2016. There have been very few complaints. It will give both the choir and band side a higher level of musician. Marley Amerin-Bunnell wrote Lynn Unruh with several questions. It will benefit the younger students too, by giving them an example of what to look forward to. It will be a combined concert that will happen later in the day.
  - Discussion of the ML Choir being auditioned rather than chosen by the teacher. This will help to bring “honor” to the Honor Choir. This information will be brought before the ML Teachers this year and discussed during business meetings during festivals. Fees will not be raised this year to accommodate for lunches for participating students, but it will be discussed at next summer’s SW KMEA board meeting.
  - Jason Sickel will be the ML Choir clinician from Blue Valley North.
- Jonathan Yust-HS Jazz:
  - Still looking for more schools to become involved by contacting more schools and help to create a want to improve on instruments and work on Jazz music in their school.
  - Check deadlines for sending in material and it is much easier to send it in as an electronic audition. Test electronic entry system this year. A motion was made by Summer Miller to adopt this for a trial year to be implemented by the second year and seconded by Jonathan Yust, passed unanimously.
  - Clinician considerations- Joe Parisi, Lisa Hittle, or Craig Treinen.
- Summer Miller-HS Orchestra:
  - Orchestra will be in Hays, KS and NW district will be in charge.
  - Romiro Miranda, Emporia State is being considered for clinician.
- Shawn Martin-HS Band:

- Has been in contact with Troy Johnson for the new cuts and this cycle of music for auditions to be posted.
- John Taylor, Friends University will be the clinician this year.
- Brandon Wade-HS Choir: not in attendance.
- Marley Amerin-Bunnell-Elementary Choir: not in attendance.
  - She does have the clinician and will send it shortly.
- Erika Clausing-Advocacy Chair: not in attendance.
- Ryan Elliot-Mentoring Chair
- Jason Richins-Facilities Coordinator

#### Honor Administrator/Outstanding Music Educator Awards

- District deadline needs to be September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Must be sent to state Vice-President by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> (electronically or mailed)
- Include a color picture (not a school picture)
- Our district sends one winner to the state level for the KMEA Teacher of the Year.
- Elementary: Looking for Nominations.
- Middle School: Looking for Nominations.
- High School: Looking for Nominations.
- Administrator: Looking for Nominations.
- Hall of Fame: Looking for Nominations.

#### New Directors/Recently filled positions in the SW District?

Do you know of new music teachers in your district or League? Please let us know. Please contact either Jodi Reese [jreese@usd466.com](mailto:jreese@usd466.com) or Kelly Knedler [knedler.kelly@usd443.org](mailto:knedler.kelly@usd443.org)

#### Retired teachers in the SW district?

Do you know of retired music teachers in our district? How can we contact them?

## II. State KMEA State Board Meeting Highlights

### **Old Business Items:**

1. Northeast District Split approved and in process of setting up their new districts – 7 districts instead of 6 (2018)
2. KMR Report:  
We need to encourage teachers to use their technology to access the KMR information!!

### **New Business Items:**

1. KSHSAA online Judges training will be available sometime this summer.
2. KSHSAA limiting accompanist student numbers to 30 for festivals.
3. A new policy for All State Choirs has been implemented - students auditioning for non-traditional voice parts is acceptable - parts are not subject to gender
4. Kansas State Music Standards – KMEA President Martha Gabel would encourage teachers to delay work on implementing or rewriting their district

music standards until after the ISW in February. Training will be provided that will make this task easier and more productive for our teachers.

5. NAFME All-National Ensemble Selections – 62 auditions from Kansas!
6. NEW THIS YEAR!!! 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> State Elementary Honor Choir
  - Audition song is My Country Tis Of Thee – Key of F – 160 voices  
Students can be in both the KCDA Treble Choir and the New Elem. Choir
    - Thursday concert at 6:00 pm
    - Audition process will be the same as the one used for the Middle Level and KCDA Choir
7. KBA announced October 17 Washburn Marching Band Day
  - National standard adjudication sheets
  - Out of State Judges
  - KSHSAA approved not sponsored
  - Rankings – Dual competition
8. Additional Scholarship opportunity for college students that are student teaching in music - \$500.00 – The Don and JoAnne Corbett Memorial Scholarship
9. Attendance was up at the ISW this year
10. Conflict of interest form
11. Whistleblower Policy

Adjournment at 11:28am. Motion by Grant Mathews and seconded by Summer Miller.