

## **SWKMEA Board Meeting**

**June 23, 2020, 10:00am**

**Rachel Trombley, SWKMEA President**

**Via Zoom**

**Notes taken by Kelly Knedler, Executive Director**

### **Introductions (Rachel Trombley, SW KMEA President)**

In attendance: Kelly Knedler – Martha Saucedo – Brandon Wade – Jeffrey Poort – Tori Koehn – Sean Boller – Shara Bane – Summer Miller – Ryan Partin – Claire Thompson – Haley Rotenberger – Jessica Ralston – Erika Clausing – Jacob Miller – Jacob Wright – Troy Johnson – Jason Richins – Anna Draper – Mac Knight

### **Chair Reports**

- HS Orchestra (Summer Miller)
  - Clinician 2020-2021: Dr. Brian Buxstead – Fort Hays State University
  - Music is already chosen
- HS Jazz (Jeffrey Poort)
  - Clinician 2020-2021: Dr. Robert Brooks, Friends University (waiting)
  - Hoping to increase the 37 auditions from last year
- HS Band (Jacob Miller)
  - Clinician 2020-2021: Jodi Lynn, Fine Arts Coordinator at KCK
  - MS Band Director to Music Coordinator
  - Conducts the Midwest Winds
- HS Choir (Sean Boller)
  - Clinician 2020-2021: Karston Longhearst - Oklahoma State University (witing)
- MS Band (Mac Knight)
  - Clinician 2020-2021: T.B.A.
- MS Choir (Jessica Ralston)
  - Clinician 2020-2021: Matthew Nutter (MS Pleasant Valley)
- MS Orchestra (Haley Rotenberger)
  - Clinician 2020-2021: Dr. Keith Dawson – Bethany College
- Elementary Choir (Claire Thompson)
  - Clinician 2020-2021: Matthew Schwann – Junction City
  - Gloria Morford – Accompanist - Spearville
- Executive Director (Kelly Knedler)
  - Balance of SW KMEA Bank Account \$21,295.31 as of June 1, 2020
    - Endo of the year is June 30, 2020
    - Wrote 46 checks for \$12,911.65
    - Had 25 Debits for \$2253.09

- Had 18 Deposits for \$14,058.37
  - Had 11 Dividends to account for \$6.77
  - 1 Debit Card usage for \$27.11 which has no receipt (Dillons)
  - 1 school still owes \$146.00 for student entry fees
- Mentoring (Shara Bane)
  - Keeping in touch with Lynn Unruh a state Mentoring Co-Chair
    - Host a luncheon at the mini convention to bring in new teachers
  - Always looking for new ideas to get in touch with New Teachers in SW KS
  - Western KS New Teachers would really like a person mentor
  - A Lot of new choral teachers in Western Kansas this year
- Advocacy (Kelly Knedler)
  - AdvoAngle.com is up and running
  - KMEA ISW was very successful for the AdvoAngle
    - Booth where we recorded many testimonials from students, teachers, administrators, Board members, etc.
  - Won the CMA Foundation Grant again this year
    - \$4000 for the Music Advocacy Day @ The Capitol
    - Will speak to the National Assembly tomorrow about last year's win and this year's win
    - Successful Music Advocacy Day @ The Capitol
      - March 4, 2020 (5<sup>th</sup> Annual)
      - Shawnee Heights HS Choir and Washburn Rural HS Choir were featured this year
      - Tri-M from Piper HS was there to meet and greet the legislators
- Webmaster (Troy Johnson)
  - Updated all pages for websites
    - Chairs check your information
  - Live Access
  - NAFME memberships should be kept up annually
    - You need this membership to sign your kids up to audition in Kansas

### **Announcements from KMEA from June Board Meeting**

- KMR Articles
  - If you have something going on, please contact Dr. Gaile Stephenson, editor at: [editor@ksmea.org](mailto:editor@ksmea.org)
- KCDA-\$5 for student memberships
  - You can attend summer workshops for free this year!
- KBA-Membership is free this year
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- July 23<sup>rd</sup> is the KMEA leadership camp. Location TBA
  - Anyone on a District Board can attend
- July 24<sup>th</sup> is the second KMEA Board meeting. Location TBA

- All state participation fees have been increased by \$10
  - Losing money over the past few year due to food cost
- COVID learning plans-How did you get through COVID? Ideas to share with others
  - Send ideas to your district President
  - KMEA wants to build a database
- Feb. 25-27, 2021 ISW
  - Project Trio is the president's concert
- KMEA Mileage increase
  - From \$.40 to \$.50
- KMEA Per diem increase for clinicians
- Performance Group @ KMEA-ISW Withdrawal waiver for 2021
  - Normally, if you withdraw your group, you cannot enter the next year
  - One year only....It is waived
- KMEA CODA Grants
  - Grants that schools can apply for \$200
- KMEA Clinician Cancellation Policy
  - Currently, KMEA has a no cancellation policy

### **Old Business**

- SW KMEA Fees
  - Clarification of Fees were discussed where HS Instrumental will pay for all completed auditions entered into the computer known as an audition fee.
    - It will be state as:
      - "\$10.00 – Audition Fee - Pay for all completed auditions using the Festival Scores Invoice."

### **New Business**

- HS Band Audition Process Changes
  - Looking to increase numbers for the HS Band, so a change to encourage more students to participate
  - Change to District Audition to make it more approachable
  - Jacob Miller presented results from a committee put together this past year
    - Back Story:
      - State KMEA Audition music for Band is overwhelming at times
        - Geared for hardcore private lesson taking students
      - Play 2 pieces from the State Audition Music excerpts
      - Third piece is a unison etude, which every instrument plays
    - Where we are at now:
      - Looking to change for Fall 2020
      - Sent out 3 options for change to the committee
      - Best option was:
        - The Chromatic Scale is still included

- 2 narrowed-sections from the state sections, but then...
  - 1 unison/universal etude
    - New etude on a 4-year rotation?
      - New each year over the 4 years
    - Same etude each year?
    - Chair forms a committee to create it each year?
  - State Audition Music excerpts
  - This will allow the rehearsal of the universal etude with the whole band, instead of students on their own on every part.
    - A Directors' Committee will take this to discussion and we will try to take a vote before Fall 2020... Will try for July, 2020
- Look at eliminating Lunch for the Elementary Concert in January
  - Do we need a fee change?
  - Concert time moved to 12:15pm? Both groups?
  - What if Elementary moved to 12:15pm? MS Remained the same?
  - 12:15pm concert does not provide enough rehearsal time.
  - Jessica Ralston and Claire Thompson will check with other membership and return an answer to the July 2020 meeting.
- Webmaster Fees
  - Presently SWKMEA pays \$1,000 per year
  - Looking to increase to the \$1,500-\$2,000 range from each KMEA district
    - Due to the time requirements on me during the fall semester, which is essentially district honor groups season.
    - In addition to assisting teachers with their NAFME membership and KMEA Members site accounts, the district email groups and honor group systems are maintained on a daily basis during that time-frame.
  - Research will be done by Kelly Knedler and Brandon Wade where results will be presented for a vote in July, 2020 Board Meeting
- July 28, 2020 next SW KMEA Board Meeting @ 10:00am
  - Location T.B.A.

**Adjourn @ 12:08pm**