

SW KMEA General Meeting – Dodge City Middle School – Library – Lynn Unruh, President, presiding

November 8, 2014 1:30pm

Purpose of the meeting is to catch all members of the district, who do not get the opportunity to be at the other meetings.

President, **Lynn Unruh**, Thanked the Dodge City School staff for their hard work.

Kelly Knedler gave minutes of the prior year's meeting and the Summer Board Meeting.

Each Chairperson spoke about their chosen Clinician and situations which have arisen this year.

Brandon Wade (HS Choir Chair) thanked all of the directors for being there and their help in judging auditions. He also asked that students be screened as a student came in to audition and auditioned with a pop song, because the student did not know the first song.

Grant Mathews (MS Band Chair) said that we are short of clarinets and there was a computer glitch on the entry form, so the first 60 entries had troubles and several mailing delays were discussed. Grant gave the idea of using MP3 files in lieu of CD's. Maybe we should rework the music cycles as music might be a bit dated now. We might have more auditions??? He will send out a survey to directors. Finally, gave the idea of adding 6th graders to the MS Band.

Jonathan Yust (HS Jazz Band Chair) discussed his clinician and the morning thus far. 5 schools auditioned kids, but would really like to have more!

Jodi Reese (MS Choir Chair) was not heard from as she was in a rehearsal.

Shawn Martin (HS Band Chair) thanked all who worked this morning judging and getting kids ready for auditions.

Lynn Unruh (President SW KMEA) discussed the KMEA State Board highlights including:

- Checking out the KMR online.
- Redistricting will occur around 2018.
- Nominations for Outstanding Educators
- Please find retired music teachers and let KMEA know who they are (in your district).
- Elementary teachers, please let Lynn know if there are any elementary teachers you know that are not involved in KMEA.
- KMEA is looking for Master Teacher videos
- Our new domain name is www.SWKMEA.org
- Music teachers who are full time, may not request Exhibitor badges from KMEA, only part-time and full-time our side of music may make the request.

Janet Bartel requested that we post minute meetings on our website so that all teachers can read them and know information discussed in the Board Meetings.

*That request will be granted.

-Meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm.