

SW KMEA General Meeting
December 6, 2014 @ 1pm
Dodge City High School Choir Room

Lynn Unruh, SWKMEA President opened with a Thank You to all teachers and Dodge City High School staff.

- I. Thank you for being here today.
 - a. Thank you for encouraging your students to participate in these KMEA Honor Groups!
 - b. Thank you to Martha Gabel for joining us today!
 - c. Thanks to the Dodge City High School music directors for helping this day run smoothly by preparing the building, taking care of equipment/chairs/stands throughout the day, and for cleaning up/tearing down after the festival.
- II. Chairpersons spoke about their areas. Their information can be found in the Instrumental and Choir Meetings of this day in the SWKMEA minutes section of the SWKMEA.org website.
- III. Treasurer's Report (Kelly Knedler, Executive Director)
 - a. Please make sure your fees are paid.
 - b. We do not want to call your Business Office. Send checks to Kelly Knedler, 2201 Ross Blvd., Dodge City, KS 67801
 - c. Kelly Knedler, SWKMEA Exec. Director gave the treasurer report as of December 6, 2014, the district has \$13,758.49 with more than half the fees turned in. And he read the minutes of last year's meetings. A motion was made by Marley Amerin, SW Heights to accept the treasurer's report, and a second was given by Sarah Faulk, Minnelola. It was passed.
- IV. President Unruh continued through her SWKMEA President Talking Points, which follow:
Thanks to the chairpersons for their work in planning this event. Reports:
 - a. Jason Richins, Facilities coordinator
 - b. Brandon Wade, HS Honor Choir
 - c. Shawn Martin, HS Honor Band
 - d. Jodi Reese, MS Honor Choir
 - e. Grant Mathews, MS Honor Band
 - f. Jonathan Yust, HS Honor Jazz Band
 - g. Summer Miller, HS Honor Orchestra
 - h. Marley Amerin, Elementary Honor Choir
- V. SWKMEA Scholarship
 - a. For collegiate-level Junior/Senior Music Education Majors
 - b. Look under "Awards" tab on our website for more information
 - c. Please consider nominating one of your students for next year
- VI. Online Items
 - a. Watch website for registration deadlines. It is the teacher's responsibility to complete registration on-time.
 - b. Kansas Music Review magazine (KMR): online only!
 - i. Check it out!
 - ii. Excellent and talented KMR staff
 - c. Nominations for Outstanding Educators (Elementary, Middle Level, High School Level, Administrator)

- d. Please take time to nominate outstanding teachers for this district. Many deserve this award, and so few are nominated. We need to recognize those master teachers in our field, especially those from southwest Kansas!
 - i. Nominations are closed for this school year, but will reopen again in the spring.
 - ii. Nominate someone in May, over the summer, or early next school year.
 - iii. Do not wait until the last minute. Due Date is the end of September.
 - iv. See website for nomination criteria and forms
 1. <http://www.ksmea.org/awards/educator/>

VII. KMEA Fund

- a. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to this
- b. It funds KMEA scholarships, grants to music teachers, future research project, etc.
- c. <http://www.ksmea.org/fund/>

VIII. 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, professors from departments other than music etc.)

IX. Martha Gabel, KMEA President-Elect spoke about the President's Talking Points, which follow: State Talking Points – Martha Gabel **2014-2015**

KMEA President's Talking Points

AT THE NATIONAL/REGIONAL LEVEL

- You will have the opportunity to meet the NAFME Southwestern Division President, James South, from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, at the ISW in February. He will give the Keynote at our opening session, a brass performance clinic immediately following the opening session, and speak at the NAFME Collegiate, New Teacher, and Retired Teacher Banquets. Please give him a good Kansas Welcome!
- KMEA has asked the KSDE to adopt the New National Music Standards as the Kansas Music Standards. Members of KMEA and KSDE will be meeting between now and June 1 to finalize the Kansas State standards.
- NAFME has designed a workbook to assist music teachers and principals in lesson development and teacher evaluation under the new standards. The National Secondary School Principals have approved the workbook. This should help to relieve some stress over teacher evaluation. The workbooks are \$35 and available on the NAFME website.
- NAFME All-National Ensembles – Kansas had 15 students chosen to perform at the National In-Service Conference, October 26-29, in Nashville, at the Gaylord Opryland Resort. The performances in the Grand Ole Opry were spectacular.
- US Army All-American Marching Band – Kansas has 2 students chosen to perform, both from Olathe North HS. This honor is free to the student, with the entry deadline coming in May.

AT THE STATE LEVEL

- Our President's Concert this year will feature the Boston Brass. This is the year that all of the All-State students will attend this concert. The members of the Boston Brass will also be giving a clinic on Friday afternoon at 3 PM, "To Breathe or Not to Breathe: Is there a Question?" followed by a poster signing session at the Jupiter booth from 4 to 5 PM. We hope you take full advantage of their presence at our conference.

- Pre-registration is now open on the KMEA website for the 2015 ISW and will continue to be open until February 14th.
- Online registration will be available this year at the ISW in February, by both credit card and check. The registration area will look a little different this year with a bank of NAFME computers to accommodate the online registration.
- We have a new set-up that will be located in the Connecting Lobby to view the Hall of Fame and Teacher of the Year. There will be a larger television screen, people will be able to walk up to it and pull up any person they wish to see on from the HOF, it will be large enough that a group standing there will be able to see, and it will time-out and return to the rotating HOF after a few minutes. The process will need a smart phone that can scan in a bar code, then the screen operates from the smart phone.
- Be sure to let your first year teachers know about the First Year Teacher Luncheon on Saturday, February 28th at 11:30 AM.
- We have two wonderful educators up for KMEA President-Elect candidates – their full bio and philosophy are now posted on the KMEA website. We congratulate Gretchen Bixler and Joel Gittle. You will be voting ONLINE for your next KMEA President-Elect this coming February – the online vote will require your NAFME membership number for verification. Thank you, Troy Johnson!!
- Music adjudicator training will be offered at the 2015 KMEA ISW in Wichita on Thursday, February 26 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. The training is open to all current adjudicators, any music directors thinking about becoming a music adjudicator or any music director wishing to learn what adjudicators are trained to listen for when judging KSHSAA music festivals. KMEA and KSHSAA have worked together to make this training possible to develop new judges and to give younger teachers an idea of what judges are listening for when their groups perform.
- We now have a lesson plan format in place to begin to categorize and label videos submitted for our Master Teacher Video Library. The district presidents will invite 2-4 teachers per KMEA district per year to submit a video lesson, along with our affiliates, KASTA, KBA, KCDA, Koday and Orff. The goal is to build this library across all areas and grade levels - Instrumental, Choral, Orchestra, Jazz, Theory, Elementary, General Music, Special Needs, Middle Level, and Secondary.
- KMEA Composition competition changes have gone into effect for this year. Instead of three composition categories, there are now six categories, which will help guide both the writers of the compositions and the panel of national composers who evaluate the compositions. The six new categories include Electronic, Solo, Small Ensemble 1-6 players, Large Ensemble 7 and up players, Jazz Combo 1-7 players, and Jazz Ensemble 8 players and up. We are looking forward to featuring as many of these wonderful compositions on the February ISW as possible. Please encourage your students to **START WRITING!**
- Be sure to join Kansas Call to A.R.M.S. “Advocacy Rally for Music in our Schools” on Facebook. This will be one of our lifelines to let people know throughout the state if there is legislation at the state or national level that will hurt music education.
- KMEA Dues and Registration fees are remaining the same this year – no increases. NAFME dues will go up \$3.
- Live Instrumental Auditions will be held on Saturday, January 10, at Salina Central High School, with January 17th as the weather contingency date.
- Tickets for the All-State Concerts are available during the registration process, and can either be held for pick up or mailed. \$7 each.

- The division of the NE District is proceeding. County boundaries have been set, a name for each district will be voted on by the state board in February, and co-chairs Chad Coughlin and Damian Johnson will oversee the process of selecting and voting for the officers, chairs, sites, bylaws, and procedures for two completely new districts over the next 3+ years. These two new districts will be ready to launch on March 1, 2018.

AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

- Be your own advocate in your town – let your groups be seen and heard in the community – MAKE yourself important to the community. If you are perceived as important to your community, then you are less of a target when more cuts happen.
- Talk to your students about becoming advocates for music education as they become adults. We need more doctors, lawyers, business people, and parents advocating for music education. Music teachers advocating for music is perceived as self-serving and just saving our own jobs. Once again, the power is in the community relationship.

January 10	Live Auditions, Salina Central High School
February 26	KMEA Board Meeting, Wichita Hyatt
Feb 26-28	2015 In-Service Workshop, Wichita

- X. Concert is at 3:15 p.m.
- Pep Wear will be here today offering t-shirts and plaques to commemorate the day. Pep Wear is also providing plaques for our clinicians to commemorate the occasion for them as well at no cost to our district ☺
- XI. Retired Music Educators:
- Please email me the names (and email addresses) of any retired music educators from our district that may not be connected with KMEA
- XII. Current elementary Teachers:
- Please email me the names (and email addresses) of elementary teachers from our district that may not be connected with KMEA
- XIII. SW district has re-acquired SWKMEA.ORG
- XIV. Contact information
- If you have not been receiving my emails, please visit with me after the meeting
- XV. Movement to adjourn was made by Mark Webster, Great Bend and it was seconded by Marley Amerin, SW Heights. Meeting was adjourned at 1:33pm.

Southwest District KMEA Officers

Lynn Unruh – District President

Ryan Elliot – President Elect

Erika Clausing – Past President

Kelly Knedler – Executive Director

Jason Richins – Facilities Coordinator

Shawn Martin – High School Band Chairperson

Brandon Wade – High School Choir Chairperson

Summer Miller – High School Orchestra Chairperson

Jonathan Yust – High School Jazz Band Chairperson

Grant Mathews – Middle School Band Chairperson

Jodi Reese – Middle School Choir Chairperson

Marley Amerin – Elementary Choir Chairperson