

## SWKMEA Mini Convention

November 6, 2021

Rachel Trombley, President

1:30pm Teacher Meeting

- I. Welcome
  - a. President Rachel Trombley (Dodge City)
    - i. Introduced Ryan Partin (Ulysses) as President-Elect of SW KMEA
  - b. Number in attendance was: 29
- II. State update
  - a. Planning on an in-person convention in February
    - i. Will have some special kick off events on Thursday
      1. Opening will be normal with some BIG names
- III. Executive Director Report
  - a. Current balance in the bank is \$14000
  - b. We are building back a bit this year, however, numbers are down from past years.
  - c. We have begun paying out to the students who have won the past years in the Piano Competition
  - d. Scholarship \$300 award
    - i. Must be a graduate from a SW Kansas High School
    - ii. Jr/Sr enrolled in a 4-year college or University as a Music Major
    - iii. Former Teacher nomination
    - iv. Letter submitted by the student
- IV. Middle School Orchestra
  - a. Chairperson-Anna Draper (Dodge City)
  - b. Clinician – Keith Dodson (Bethany College)
    - i. Review of the day and student’s work with clinician
      1. 65 Auditions and 60 here participating
    - ii. Any concerns that need to be addressed
      1. None
- V. Middle School Band
  - a. Chairperson-Mac Knight (St. John)
  - b. Clinician – Larry Brownlee (Sterling College)
    - i. Thank him for his work the past two years
    - ii. Review of the day and student’s work with clinician
      1. Very respectful group (No talking)
      2. Only 4 of the 70 kids have been in an honor group prior
        - a. Winds & Mallets: 91/83/63
        - b. Snare: 13/13/6
        - c. Timpani: 3/3/1
    - iii. Any concerns that need to be addressed
      1. Chromatic Scale range

- a. Some used the website and other not
- b. Likes the 2-Octave Chromatic, but not instruments can really do a 2-Octave scale in middle school
  - i. We should all be on the same page
  - ii. Some like the printable version
  - iii. Slur up, tongued down
    - 1. Will be added to the material
  - iv. Is there a way to combine the Scale and Excerpt on (1) page without breaking copyright law
  - v. Can we hyperlink to the Excerpt page from the scale page?
    - 1. Contact Troy Johnson for this link
  - vi. When did the tempo change? Was 90 for MS and 120 for HS
    - 1. Looking to change to the Quarter = 60 bpm
    - 2. Played on Eighth Notes

#### VI. HS Jazz Band

- a. Chairperson-Jacob Wright (Liberal)
- b. Randy Crow (Retired from Maize area)
  - i. Review of the day and student's work with clinician
    - 1. Doing a great job all around!
    - 2. Oddly low audition numbers, only cut 3 people!
  - ii. Any concerns that need to be addressed
    - 1. Why do we have low numbers this year?
      - a. Time frame
        - i. Tough with school time at local schools
        - ii. Would be nice to have music that is "rehearsable" during class time.
        - iii. Would moving due dates help?
      - b. Audition music
        - i. Different version to listen to and no recordings this year to mimic the style
        - ii. Get high level recordings out for students to listen to

#### VII. Any New Business