

SWKMEA Mini Convention

December 3rd, 2022

**Ryan Partin, President
1:00pm Directors Business Meeting**

1. Welcome with President Ryan Partin
2. Executive Director financial report - Kelly Knedler
 - a. Current Balance: \$12,178.20
 - b. Projected to bring in \$16,850
 - c. Already brought in approximately 48% of the fees for \$8030.00 in, so expecting approximately \$8,820.00 in fees
 - d. Pay out today (HS Festival) approximately: \$3060
 - e. Pay out or the next festival (Elem/MS Festival) approximately: \$2440
 - f. \$5500 for remaining festivals (counting today)
 - g. So projected to have a bank account at the end of the fiscal year reading approximately \$15,498.20, this year July 1, 2022 we began with: \$11,805.00 (\$3500 down last year from 2021, this year up \$3600 from last year's end)
3. KMEA Past President - Gretchen Bixler (Goddard-Eisenhower)
 - a. The Executive Council consists of:
 - i. KMEA President
 - ii. Past President
 - iii. Executive Director
 - iv. President-Elect
 - b. KMEA In Service Workshop (KMEA ISW)
 - i. Consider registering for the KMEA-ISW as early as possible!
 - ii. It increases in what you pay the closer to the date for the ISW
 - iii. New additions to the honor groups:
 1. 1234 A
 2. All String Orchestra
 3. Treble Choir
 - iv. Lynne Tuttle
 - v. Marcia Neal
 - vi. James Mick
 - vii. Dr. Bill Thomas – Special session on music technology
 - c. National Federation of High Schools
 - i. How to grow music education and teachers
 1. Middle School is Key!
 - a. You might see more middle school focus
 2. Festivals participation are keys!
 - d. Tri-M
 - i. Student organization
 1. Students get to stay all weekend for the KMEA ISW

- ii. \$100 to start a TriM at your school
- iii. Get to see the President's Concert
 - 1. This year it is Damn Tall Buildings (DTB)
- iv. Kansas board of education
 - 1. Randy Watson put together a task force of administrators to evaluate the graduation requirements. They voted against the subtraction of the fine arts credit. Change in English and speech credits.
 - 2. Mark Gard is creating a survey that will include information on the fine arts credit, CTE, and flex mod scheduling. This will be for all members and teachers in the state of Kansas. Information will be taken back to KSDE.
- v. Live auditions for instrumental January 7th. Lakewood Middle School
- vi. Look at the KMR online
- vii. Leadership camp
 - 1. Mark Gard is hosting that camp. All district leaders are welcome to attend the camp. Includes information about KMEA, NAFME, and leadership discussions.

4. State KMEA update

- a. Nationwide music teacher shortage
 - i. Encourage middle school students to participate in festivals
 - ii. NFHS conducted a study and found that a positive experience at a middle school music festival is often the catalyst to lead students to a career in music education
- b. KMEA ISW
 - i. Lynn Tuttle - ASTA Executive Director and CEO
 - 1. How to access ESSER funds for your program
 - ii. Possible schedule changes in the future (handout from Dr. Taylor)
 - 1. Adding state string orchestra and 12A band resulted in losing 5 performance/clinic slots
 - 2. Proposal to start earlier on Thursday. All-state registration would be at 9:00am. Opening session would begin at 10:30am.
- c. CODA Grants
 - i. \$200 for your classroom
 - ii. Application is on ksmea.org
- d. Country Music Association Foundation Grant
 - i. One of three states to receive this grant
 - ii. Special recognition to State Advocacy and Government Relations chairperson, Kelly Knedler, for his work on securing this grant!
- e. SWKMEA received a grant of \$600 from the Western Kansas Community Foundation to fund scholarships for the piano competition winners.
- f. KMEA President-Elect election open on December 1st
 - i. Damian Johnson - Eudora
 - ii. Brian Kirk - Andover

5. Piano competition
 - a. Goal to increase participation
 - b. Push information to the students in your ensembles
 - c. Directory of private instructors
6. Mentoring – Lynn Unruh
 - a. ISW session on Thursday at 4:45. Friday they will have two sessions. Saturday morning they are having a new teacher's breakfast.
7. Any new business?