

SWKMEA Mini Convention

November 4th, 2023

Ryan Partin, President
1:45 Directors Business Meeting

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
 - a. Total # of attendees - 34
3. Financial Report – Sean Boller
 - a. Added participation fee of \$5
 - b. No major report. Encouraged directors to get their payments in sooner than later.
4. State KMEA update – Ryan Partin
 - a. KMEA ISW Schedule Changes
 - i. Thursday
 1. 9:00-10:00am – HS All-state and honor ensemble registration
 2. 10:30am – All-state rehearsals begin
 3. 10:30-11:50am – Opening General Session
 4. 12:00pm – Clinics and concerts begin
 - ii. Friday
 1. No Change
 - iii. Saturday
 1. 8:00-9:00am – One hour of clinic sessions
 2. 9:00am – Awards/Closing Ceremony
 3. All-State orchestras will have their dress rehearsals on Saturday morning and concert at 10:00-11:30am.
 4. All other all state concerts will remain at the same times as they have been held in the past
 - b. Registration fee increase for active teachers to \$110
 - c. All-state participation fee increase of \$15 per student
 - d. Encourage submissions for groups to perform at ISW
 - i. SW KS is under-represented. Only 2 submissions last year.
 - e. KSHSAA Discussion
 - i. Duets at regional and state solo/small ensemble festivals
 1. Mixed feelings. Some want the opportunity to perform two part music with a small group of students.
 - ii. Clinic vs. sight-reading at state large group festivals
 1. Discussion about the pros and cons of sight reading. Mac Knight said it was option when he had done it. Separate rating sheet for the sight-reading portion. Concern about space for some of the state host's site.
 - 2.
 - f. CODA Grants

- i. \$200 for your classroom
 - 1. Encourage teachers to apply for anything that you made need.
After you win you cannot apply until after 2 years.
 - ii. Application is on ksmea.org
 - iii. Deadline is Oct. 1 of each year
 - g. Call for KMR contributors
 - i. Looking for people to write articles about learning or activities you are doing in your classroom.
 - h. KMEA Executive Director
 - i. Dr. John Taylor is retiring at the end of the fiscal year
 - ii. Craig Manteuffel will assume the role of Executive Director on July 1, 2024
- 5. MS Band Chair Report - Violet Johnson
 - a. 122 completed entries
 - b. 16 participating schools
 - c. 78 students selected.
 - d. 9 alternates
 - e. No timpani audition. Encourage your students to audition.
 - f. Bob Lee retired director is the clinician.
- 6. MS Orchestra Chair Report – Aubrey Maneth
 - a. 93 completed entries
 - b. 76 selected students
 - c. 6 alternates
 - d. 3 schools represented.
 - e. Dr. Ramiro Miranda from Pittsburg State
 - f. Discussing a better scale assessment for the audition. The scale currently requires shifting and their pieces the past years have not.
- 7. HS Jazz Band Chair Report – Makenzi Johnson
 - a. Brad Dawson from FHSU is the clinician.
 - b. 28 Total auditioned
 - c. Makenzi encourage more rhythm section students to audition. No piano or guitar students auditioned.
 - d. 6 schools represented.
- 8. Discussion on the Jazz audition process. Talk about the rhythm section doesn't have anything to audition with. Jacob Miller mentioned that it is too early to change the audition process since we just recently aligned with the state.
- 9. Any new business?
 - a. No new business