

## **SWKMEA Mini Convention**

**January 20, 2024**

**Ryan Partin, President**  
**10:15am Directors Business Meeting**

1. Welcome – Ryan Partin
2. Introductions
3. Financial Report – Sean Boller (MS Clinician today!)
  - a. Added \$5 participation fee for full day honor ensembles
  - b. All fees due by March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - c. Please send an invoice with your check
4. Elementary Choir Report - Gloria Morford
  - a. Elementary Choir Response, different
  - b. 18 Feeder Schools (28 last year)
  - c. 16 Directors (27 last year)
  - d. 153 Participants Registered (216 last year)
  - e. Clark Comley Clinician
  - f. Contact schools that chose not to participate? Gloria will check last year's list and reach out.
5. Middle School Choir Report – Aaron Hammond
  - a. 2023 - 266 Total Auditions
    - i. 68 Sop, 112 Alto, 46 Tenor, 40 Bass
  - b. 2022 - 281 Total Auditions 81 Sop, 103 Alto, 52 Tenor, 45 Bass
  - c. 2023 Roster 50, 50, (3 alt.) 37 tenor 38 bass
  - d. 2022 – 50 Soprano, Altos, Tenors, 45 Bases
  - e. Participation Schools: 24 in 2023, 31 in 2022
    - i. Lost 7 schools that participated last year.
  - f. Judging: 2 each section, more next year
  - g. Clinician: Sean Boller
  - h. Issue: Disqualifications – Guidelines on website, double check requirements.
    - i. Starting pitch on the recording
    - ii. Incorrect Key (Need to check minutes which meeting the key was changed to match the state audition material)
      1. Allow Tenors to audition in either C or Ab teachers discretion.
      2. Brandon Wade moved and Jessica Ralston seconded to support this change. The vote was unanimous. Aaron will present this information to the board at the Summer meeting for discussion and vote.
6. KMEA President – Jamie Minneman - News from the state

- a. John Taylor Retirement, Craig Manteuffel taking over as Executive Director.
  - b. Plans for ISW are in the works. President Minneman shared some of the highlights.
  - c. ISW will begin earlier.
    - i. Wednesday: 5:30 p.m Dinner, 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
    - ii. All-State Groups Registration 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. Rehearsal begins
    - iii. Opening Session 10:30 a.m. 11:15, reception with Dr. Tim
    - iv. Clinics and Concerts will begin at 12:00 p.m.
    - v. All-State Elementary Choir – Over 900 Auditions each year, how can we get more of these kids participating in an honor choir event?
      - 1. Honor Choir for Music Day at the Capitol?
      - 2. Add another All-State Group? 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>?
    - vi. Coda Grants – Encouragement to Apply
    - vii. New Advo-Angle Website – [ksadvoangle.com](http://ksadvoangle.com)
    - viii. Kansas Music Review –
      - 1. Opening for a new editor.
      - 2. Need more submissions
7. KSHSAA Middle School Music Festival Discussion
- a. Would be run similar to the HS music festival
  - b. Large group only
  - c. This would be a protected day
8. Call for Kansas Music Review (KMR) Contributors
- a. Anyone can write an article!
9. District Chair-Elect Positions
- a. HS Jazz Band – Drew Johnson, Liberal
  - b. HS Choir – Abigail Martinez, Garden City
  - c. MS Orchestra – Erica Pinkston, Great Bend
  - d. MS Choir - ???
  - e. President-Elect – Grant Matthews and Martha Saucedo
10. Any new business?