

NC District Board Meeting

6/24/2022

Powercat Grill 5:00 p.m.

Present: Aaron Tompkins, Joel Gittle, Nancy Monical, Stuart Roegge, Amelia Hancock, Guillermo Rodriguez, Jamie Rogers, Troy Johnson, Cody Toll, Samantha Boxberger, Chris Richmond

After introductions, President Monical called for highlights from the reports...

President's report– Nancy

- discussion of down year with 8th grade (recession and COVID)
- Mark Garde is working on his strategic plan
- looking at more Middle Level offerings
- concerns about Fine Arts credit through the State/ KMEA has representation in those discussions (in July)
- schedule change at ISW was discussed (reasons why...reach out to Nancy if you have concerns or questions/ vote will happen in July)
- discussion of State choir quotas ensued...Troy explained a lot
- discussion of KSHSAA plans for intelligent accompaniment...Craig needs feedback for KSHSAA to decide our plans going forward
- e-mail Gail Stevens if you have something you would like to publish in the KMR

Executive director's report- Joel

- financial status is good
- update on outgoing expenses and possible investments in the future
- recommendation to raise fees for participation and auditions due to the rising costs of our expenses (mileage, meals, clinician fees, etc.)
- Joel needs clinician info so that he can send out contracts
- discussion of the use of Dropbox and keeping folders dated
- if NC wants to pay mileage, we need to make it official

Band chair report- read by Nancy for Jay

- excerpts are online
- discussion about the scale
- discussion of Jay Gilbert's literature selection
- prefer to reinstate the audition prep day...tentatively October 8th

Choir chair report- Amelia

- report stands as read
- why is the choir registration fee due date not listed? Needs corrected.
- request to use online adjudication for auditions

Jazz chair report- Aaron

- reminder about updated audition selections
- discussion of tentative clinician
- auditions due on Sept. 30th (too early?)
- discussion of how to best get Dist jazz students who are auditioning for concert band done early on audition day in order not to miss jazz rehearsal

Orchestra chair report- Cody

-needs to talk to Riley to make sure a clinician is set

ML Band chair report- Stuart

-clarification about audition selection numbers online

-chromatic suggested ranges are online

-reminder about dates (Sept 15th upload open/ 29th is deadline)

-some slight confusion about participation fee (should be \$15)

ML Choir chair report- read by Nancy for Matt

-clinician and accompanist are set

-selections are set

Elem Choir report- read by me for Marcia

-Our elementary honor choir will be February 4th, 2023. Our clinician is Elise Peterson from Olathe South High School. I will be checking to see if we can have it at either Manhattan HS or Junction City High School. Elise and I will discuss music and have a list to you by the August Downbeat meeting

-Elem Choir will be held at JCHS

Advocacy chair report- Samantha

-bi-monthly newsletter plans

-will update advocacy material online

Mentor chair report- Jamie

-anyone new to the profession or our District should go to the state website to register as a new teacher

Webmaster report- Troy

-renew your memberships/ update contact information

-”check my e-mail groups”

-tech notice update info

-Troy has a database of clinician bios/ chairs should send clinician names to him

-Troy is considering an increase to audition fees through Festival scores

-Troy discussed Festival Auditions...an audition tabulation system

Each judge gets a hard copy of tabulation sheet

Judges enter numbers online after the audition

Chairs will see these numbers in real time

-Festival auditions demo

Suggested to use Chrome or Firefox

SmartPhones can be used best in landscape mode

Fee structure-

Paper forms and chair online- .05 each scoring record (HQ)

Online forms and chair online- .10 each scoring record (HQ+ Judges)

(From a chair standpoint—is there a way to delineate students that are auditions for multiple events? Will we have to wait to download the csv file before being able to search anything?)

Old business

- Downbeat date will probably be moved (TBD)
- National Ensemble students will need to audition BEFORE leaving for National (Jay and Nancy will need to figure this out)
- Scholarship application deadline needs to be updated online (should be due two Friday's before mini-convention so that it can be announced at the concert)
- Elem Choir will be held at JCHS

New business

- ML choir chair needed
- we need to figure out how ML directors can meet during the ML event in November
- fee update discussion:
 - Festival Scores...currently \$2.00 per entry
 - Festival Auditions...not currently using, but request to use it (HQ+ approx. \$300)

HS Events

Currently– audition fee is \$10/ participation fee is \$10

ML Events

Currently- participation fee is \$15

Elem Events

Currently- participation fee is \$15

Festival Score entry fees

Currently- \$2.00 per audition

Proposal

Flat fee of \$15 for every District event (participation and audition fees)

Raise Festival Score fees to \$3.00

Adopt Festival Auditions

Motions Made:

Motion made by Stuart...Aaron seconded

Make audition fees and participation fees \$15 across the board

Discussion to clarify wording

Motion passed unanimously

Motion made by Aaron...Amelia seconded

Move that we raise Festival Scores to \$4.00 per entry

Discussion–

\$4 might be a stretch due to the ML entry already including a raise in fee for food

We will revisit this next year to see if this is too much

Motion passed unanimously

Motion made by Amelia...Cody seconded

Move that we use Festival Auditions (the HQ+ judges version) for HS Choir, HS Band and HS Orchestra auditions

Motion passed unanimously

Motion made by Jamie...Aaron seconded

Move that we start paying mileage at the KMEA NC District summer board meeting at the KMEA State rate (currently at \$.50) starting summer of 2023

Discussion about this is what KMEA does and most Districts do this as well

Motion passed unanimously

Other business discussed by Joel:

Clinician contracts will be updated to address issue at HS Level event in 2021

5 year calendar will be updated soon

We need to recruit new teachers to enroll in KMEA membership

Motion made to adjourn by Jamie. Seconded by Amelia.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.