

SCKMEA Board Meeting

January 19, 2008

Minutes and Financial Report: Discussion on how to collect fees for district auditions and participation fees. Lindsey moved that the minutes be accepted. Jenny seconded. Motion approved.

Mentoring: Holly asked for word of mouth to help with mentoring. We need to find a way to find new teachers outside the city of Wichita. There can be success stories, but we need to find the teachers that need the help.

Elementary: Shelly reported that about 200 students participated. That's about average for the past several years. Approximately 30 schools participated, up 3 or 4. Some Wichita schools participated which had not been coming. Song selection was praised by the teachers in attendance. Gretchin Bixler gave a workshop on the use of Smart Boards and other technology. Date has not yet been set for the 2008 Elementary convention. Mark Bartell from Friends University will be the Clinician. Marjorie Fix from Windom will be the workshop clinician. New chair will be Paula Roth from Burton.

Middle School Choir: 212 students participated in the choir. A rehearsal CD was used this year which helped the students to learn their music. Becky Thomas was the clinician. No clinician yet for next year.

Middle School Band: 29 schools represented with 117 students. Music was selected by the chair this year rather than by the clinician. That seemed to work well this year and helped select music that was very playable by the students. Shawn's concerns are that the information of the students playing ability on application is not accurate. Shawn will ask for other directors to assist on stage during the day. Shawn requests that the kids perform earlier.

HS Choir: 778 signed up for auditions and only 356 actually auditioned. The auditions ran very well. The clinicians (Ken Hakota and Paul Tucker) were fantastic and the choir performances were the best in years. They had an issue with the risers. They were not where they were supposed to be so Melissa had to go get them from Andover the night before the festival. Ticketing works well for concerts and want to continue using them. Craig volunteered to make a facilities form to be used that will list everything that is needed for the performances and rehearsals, where it needs to be, and when.

Orchestra: Kristy Smith and Travis Hale will be new chair and assistant. About 150 students auditioned. Only have 8 string teachers available for auditions due to youth symphony. Lindsey asked that they move the youth symphony to Sunday afternoon to free up some more judges. Performance day went very well.

HS Band; 190 students were selected for the two bands. Clinicians did an excellent job and selected good literature. Clinicians have been selected for the next two years. Discussions continue on whether or not to use "Danny Boy" at district auditions.

Mike commended Andover Central and staff for their willingness to host and for running a great audition and festival day.

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Discussion on how to handle elections for District President. A list of KMEA members will need to be obtained from KMEA. Larry will email Troy to see if he can get us the list. Craig moved that we do a mail in ballot for President-Elect in 2009. KMEA members only would be allowed to vote. Jenny seconded. Motion passed.

Craig talked about the security issue at auditions. This year we hired two security officers. Craig thinks that he can get his local officer to do it for free.

Facilities discussion: Mike read an email from Joe Emery. He expressed concerns about needing to be paid more money to do the job. It was discussed that students be hired to do much of the set up work. 4 students could be used the day before and 2 the day of the performance. Also discussed using HS students who need community service points for NHS or other organizations. Larry will write a job description for the facilities coordinator position. Lindsey moved that we pay \$200 for the Facilities Coordinator and up to \$200 for assistants. Holly seconded. Motion carried.

Craig recommended that we increase the number of number of members in our district bands to the same number in each section as the all-state group. It was approved.

Meeting adjourned.

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