

## **SCKMEA Board Minutes**

August 25, 2012

**Members Present:** Gretchen Bixler, DeeAnn Freeman, Brian Kirk, Craig Gray, Dawn Blue, Shawn Knopp, Scott Hay, Rick Ives, Larry Brownlee, Jordan Northerns, Deb Lewis, Travis Hale

**State Board Report:** Gretchen reported from the State Board Meeting. There is a plan in place at this time to divide the NE district into two districts. There is not yet a plan in place as to how the district should be divided. That decision will be made by the State Board, but each district is to get feedback from the teachers and relay that back to the Board.

Gretchen emphasized that KMEA does have insurance to cover all of our SCKMEA events. John Taylor wanted us to emphasize with our teachers that they need to cancel rooms at the Hyatt and the Drury Inn right away if they do not need them. The hotels will begin charging KMEA if we do not get this under control.

KMR is entirely online. No more hard copies will be printed. Troy Johnson is working to continue to put past issues on the KMR site. We are urged to get all of our teachers to sign up for KMR and give their school information so that there will be a large data base available for KMEA use.

Our Advocacy team, headed by Fred Burrack, won a National Award at the NAFME convention for all of the work they have done in Kansas.

National Honor groups are going to be formed differently in the future. After state auditions, the chairs are to select the top people from each in section and Kansas will get 15 students placed in the national group. 4 band, 3 orchestra, 8 choir, and up to 1 jazz band. How these students are selected has not yet been determined.

**Chair Notebooks:** Gretchen will put all of the job descriptions together in a notebook, once she has received them from everyone. They will also be placed online, along with our policies.

### **CHAIR REPORTS:**

**Elementary Choir** will be on Oct. 27. There is a Kodaly workshop coming up to help prepare teachers for the District groups. Gretchen would like to collect information on all workshops available so that it can be shared with all of our teachers.

**MS Choir** Carol Krueger from Emporia State will be the clinician. The music level will be challenging for the students.

**MS Band** Scott Freebee from Manhattan MS will direct the band. Jay Gilbert from Done College will direct the 2013 band.

**HS Choir** The music has been selected and emailed to the choral directors.

**HS Band** A question has arisen about the possibility of virtual students being allowed to participate in District Honor Groups. Craig shared that we need to create a policy to deal with this. According to the KSHSAA policy virtual students must be enrolled in the music class at a school in order to participate. Craig moved that we amend our audition policy to reflect the KSHSAA policy. Rick seconded. The motion passed 10-0.

**HS Jazz Band** Rick is in the process of getting contracts back from the clinicians. Music is being selected and will be available electronically for all students who make the bands. Todd Hollis requested that SCKMEA drop the 1234A Jazz Band. He felt that the quality of the band was low and didn't provide a quality performance for the groups. No decision was made and the topic will be discussed again in January.

**HS Orchestra** Steve Letrell from KSU will be the orchestra clinician. Travis is working with him on selection of music. Most that Dr. Letrell sent were too difficult so they are working to find pieces that will work for the group.

**Facilities** Facilities are set for Maze and Maze South. Brian has a copy of the schedule to be approved before he sends it out for publication. The instrumental schedule was approved and Rick is still waiting for the choral schedule. Shawn is going to get meals for clinicians and chairs.

**Advocacy** Jordan reported that they will continue to use surveys to collect information to use for advocacy. Survey will include job satisfaction level as a result of non-renewed positions in music and which positions were cut.

**Webmaster** Registrations for district honor groups and auditions will be up and running by Sunday, Oct. 26.

**Executive Secretary** Larry presented a financial report: (insert here)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Gretchen has requested that we update all addresses and email addresses for the web page.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was a discussion of getting nominations for SCKMEA President-Elect. Gretchen urged everyone to get her suggestions for nominations.

Outstanding music educator nominations were to be sent in to Gretchen and she has only received two sent in. Joe Emery, high school, and Karen Lang, elementary, were the two nominations sent.

DeeAnn moved that we select Karen Lang for elementary outstanding teacher. Shawn seconded. Motion passed 10-0. Craig moved that Joe Emery receive the high school outstanding teacher award. Scott seconded. Motion passed 10-0. Shawn moved that Lynette Pelischek receive the award for outstanding middle school teacher. Craig seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

Rick moved that we nominate Lynette Pelischek for state outstanding educator. Shawn seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

Gretchen received a nomination for state administrator of the year, Ken Jantz. She will send that information to the board when she receives an official letter.

There was a discussion about the format that lists of honor groups are submitted. Scott suggested that in the future we have one person designated to take care of the program. No action was taken.

Next meeting will be scheduled for February 2, 2013.

Craig moved the meeting be adjourned. Rick seconded. Motion passed 10-0.