

SCKMEA Board Minutes

1/23/2022

President Greg Bergman called the meeting to order via Zoom at 1:15 PM.

PRESENT: Greg Bergman, Larry Brownlee, James Hollingsworth, Bryan Kirk, Alex McMahon, Jarl Moreland, Jordan Brown, Aaron Tschetter, Amy Ives, Gretchen Bixler, Amy Tolle, Kristin Chisham, Troy Johnson.

PRESIDENT REPORT: Greg thanked the board for all their work in making our SCKMEA mini-convention run so smoothly and also thanked all of the hosts and facilities managers.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Larry reported that there are currently still \$1523 in unpaid fees. He will be contacting directors this week. He also reported that he still needs Conflict of Interest forms and Whistle Blower forms from all voting board members. He reported that he will email the forms to everyone this afternoon and asked that they return them to him quickly.

MENTOR: Gretchen reported that they hosted a rescheduled workshop yesterday, Jan. 22, 2022, from 10-3 for new teachers and college students in the student teaching track. They had a good group in attendance. There was a mentoring chat scheduled for Jan. 29. That has been cancelled.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND: No report

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR: Aaron reported that everything went smoothly. There were suggestions from directors that we increase the amount of time between performances so that directors with students in more than one group can get to all performances. He also suggested moving the MS performances to earlier in the day to help alleviate fatigue in the young musicians.

JAZZ: Jordan stated that the clinicians were great and that they had a very good group of musicians in each of the jazz bands.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND: Alex reported that things went very smoothly at the December event and that the bands and clinicians were great. He suggested that we have a clear delineation between host and facilities responsibilities at the events. He also suggested that we provide some sort of incentive for schools to host the events. Larry stated that we pay \$100 to the music programs of directors who serve as facilities host. Alex said that he would recommend we use FestivalAuditions.com for auditions in the future. It is a program that will automatically tabulate all scoring during the live auditions.

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR: Jarl said that the December event went very well. He stated that it was embarrassing to run out of food for our clinicians and suggested that we get their food from somewhere else in the future so that we are sure to have plenty.

HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA: Kathy was not able to attend, but sent a report to Greg. She mentioned that she liked the virtual auditions, though she did miss the sight reading aspect to auditions. She wanted to thank Alex for his plan for seating wind players in the orchestra. She felt the wind section was the best they have had in a long time. See congratulated SCKMEA directors on the large number of members in the All-State Orchestra.

OLD BUSINESS: Greg reported that he sent the information for Outstanding Directors and Administration to Precision Engraving. He will make a plan to present the awards to the recipients at a home concert. This year's award winners are:

Gary Bishop—Derby North Middle School
Britney English—Smoky Valley High School
Brennan Riffel—Sterling Elementary School Principal

Greg also reported on the SCKMEA Scholarship winners and that they were given information on how to contact Larry to receive their scholarship payment of \$300 which will be sent to their college/university in the fall. Scholarship winners for 2021-22 are:

Josiah Watney—Sterling High School—Choral Scholarship
MaKaylin Kuchar—South Haven High School—Winds/Percussion Scholarship
Eli Nord—Berean Academy—Winds/Percussion Scholarship

Greg encouraged all chairs to read through their portion of the Bylaws and Policy statements and see if any changes need to be made.

NEW BUSINESS: Greg encouraged everyone to check their spam filter for an email from KMEA inviting them to be a presenter at the KMEA In-Service Workshop.

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM at Newton High School.

Alex McMahan moved that the meeting be adjourned. Gretchen Bixler seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45