

SE KMEA Summer Board Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2015
Chanute, KS

The SE District held their annual summer board meeting at Opie's Pizza and Grill, Chanute, KS on Friday, June 12. The meeting was facilitated by Rosie Sweaney, SE District President.

Welcome and introductions were made. Attending the board meeting: Scott Bradley, Mark Gard, Danica Gibson, Lewis Hundley, Jami Kleinert, Rebecca Logan, Jami Messner, Alan Paxson, Lori Scantlin, Rosie Sweaney, John Womeldorff.

As a board went over dates for the upcoming school year. All stand as listed.

- Oct. 9 – HS Choir Registration Deadline
- Oct. 12 – HS Jazz Band Registration Deadline
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- Oct. 12 – HS Orchestra Registration Deadline
- Nov. 6 – Elementary Choir Nomination Deadline
- Nov. 6 – MS Band Online Nomination Deadline
- Nov. 7 – HS Honor Group Auditions – Parsons HS
- Nov. 19 – District Jazz Band Rehearsal & Concert – PSU Bicknell Family Center for the Arts
- Nov. 20 – MS Choir Registration Deadline
- Dec. 5 – District Honor Band, Choir & Orchestra – PSU Bicknell Family Center for the Arts
- Jan. 9 – State Instrumental Live Audition – Salina
- Jan. 16 – Elementary & Middle School District Honor Concerts – Chanute HS
- Feb. 25-27 – KMEA In-Service – Wichita Century II

Report from the State Board Meeting

Mark Gard reported on the following information from the state KMEA board meeting that was held June 6 and 7 at Friends University, Wichita.

- Glenn Nierman, NAFME President, will be at the 2016 KMEA ISW.
- New Kansas State Music Standards are still being updated from the new National Standards. There will be focus sessions at the 2016 KMEA ISW which will provide teachers with a template that will show alignment between the national and state standards and which can be taken back to the local school districts to help write local curriculum.
- Concert order for the 2016 KMEA ISW: choir, jazz band, orchestra, 1234A band, 56A band.
- All-State Elementary Choir will be added this year to the 2016 KMEA ISW. State chair Holly Taylor will be in contact with the district chairpersons with details and about getting the word out. For this year only, that group will be featured at the President's concert on Thursday evening at 6:00 pm. It will be for grades 3-5, mostly unison music and auditions will be handled the same way as for the State Middle Level Choir.
- It was approved that auditions for state choral groups not be based on gender.
- It was approved that the District Mentor chairs be appointed by the state mentoring chairs in consultation with the district presidents. They are wanting a longer tenure that 2-years.

- It is requested that time be given for a new teachers/mentoring meeting at our mini-conventions.
- All email communications from State KMEA leadership will now also be sent to all district president-elects in order to help prepare them for their term as president.
- NAFME dues will increase by \$2 to \$93. State dues will not increase.
- A member of the state executive council will attend our elementary/middle level event in January. We should push having more of our elementary teachers there. There is a desire at the state level to increase the connection to elementary teachers throughout the state.
- KBA will be holding their first marching band festival on October 17 at Washburn University.
- The procedure for percussion auditions for state band will be reviewed with representatives from each district but that will wait until KBA convention this summer.
- Is there interest in a State Jazz Ensemble Music Festival? This will be discussed at KBA and then at the district level. Date of festival would be possibly February or March.
- There will be two advocacy surveys this fall regarding budget cuts and teacher satisfaction.
- Free internet will no longer be provided by Century II at the ISW. Members wanting access to the internet in public spaces will have to pay for the service.

Financial Report for Southeast District

Report on the finances for the district was given by executive director, Alan Paxson. We are doing well.

Reports from Chairs

- Danica Gibson, HS Choir – clinician will be Dr. Paul Tucker, KU.
- Scott Bradley, HS Band – clinician will be Dr. Frank Tracz, KSU.
- Jami Kleinert, HS Orchestra – clinician will be Rachel Dirks, Lawrence.
- Lewis Hundley, HS Jazz – clinician will be Chris Burnett, Leavenworth.
- Lori Scantlin, MS Choir – clinician will be Russ Vallier, Chanute.
- Jami Messner, MS Band – arrangements are still being finalized for clinician.
- Rebecca Logan, Elementary Choir – arrangements are still being finalized for clinician.
- John Womeldorff, Advocacy Co-Chair reiterated that there will be two advocacy surveys coming out from our state advocacy co-chairs in the fall.

Old Business

- Reminded all chairs to get updates for our district webpages to our webmaster Troy Johnson
- webmaster@ksmea.org.
- Reminder on supervision that there must be an adult sponsor for the duration of each event for each student participation in a district event. An adult has to come to the registration table to check in and pick up materials for students.
- Reminder that late entries for choir will not be allowed to audition for State.
- Reminder on late fees
 - Penalty for Outstanding Balance – Balances are due on or before the day of the event. A final overdue reminder will be sent to the director by February 15. If the balance has not yet been received, the next reminder will be sent to the school board and/or administration. If payment is not received by March, there will be a \$100 penalty assessed against the school. It was decided in 2010 that directors will be prohibited

from registering students for any SEKMEA events as long as they have any outstanding fees as of October 15.

- Late Choir/Band Registration
 - We accept late choir audition registration but this is for District Choir only. Once the state choir audition registration is past, it is past.
 - Late district choir audition registrations will be accepted up to two weeks after the original deadline and a \$100 late registration fee will be assessed per school.
 - Late district band audition registrations will be accepted up to two weeks after the original deadline and a \$100 late registration fee will be assessed per school.
- No recorded or early auditions for will be accepted for district high school auditions.
- Fees for honor concerts – HS - \$4 for adults, \$1 for K-12 students.

New Business

- We need to make sure that is is communicated to all of our directors that fees need to be paid for every student registered and/or selected, whether they audition/participate or not.
- We have made it consistent for our December and January concerts that admission to the concerts will be: Adults – \$4, Students K-12 – \$1, Children Pre-school and under admitted free.
- For our January concert we need more teachers to help in the lobby prior to the concert. It was proposed that we have signs directing attendees to three separate areas of the lobby corresponding to which ensemble they will be watching. They will receive a specific colored ticket and will be admitted to the auditorium at the proper time.
- Our November and December concerts will be moved to the Bicknell Family Center for the Arts at PSU. With that change taking place, a tour of that facility has been arranged for June 24 at 4:00. All high school ensemble chairs are encouraged to be there to help plan logistics for those events.
- We need to communicate our event cancellation policy to all participating schools and directors:
 - There are no refunds in the case of cancellation of any concert event due to inclement weather.
- It is highly encouraged that chairs have name tags for students auditioning/performing. It helps to identify participants. It is also good to have name tags for directors.
- It was decided not to pursue having our district performances recorded. Most attendees have the capability to do their own recording on their personal devices.
- There were several nominations for Outstanding Music Educator and Outstanding Administrator. These were discussed as a board and we voted on the recipients.
- Mark has been working on updates to online guidebook. The sections for president, president-elect, past-president, appendix, high school choir, and elementary choir have been tentatively revised and shared. Alan has written the section for the executive director. Mark will re-send sections still needing updates to the appropriate chairs.
- Mark was approved to act as secretary for the board.
- Another reminder to update information on the district website by contacting our webmaster Troy Johnson at webmaster@ksmea.org.
- State leadership still requests names and contact information of retired music teachers in our district. There is a luncheon for retired music teachers during ISW but we need contact information to invite them.
- Let Rosie know of personnel changes in our district.
- Alan in charge of T-shirts/Plaques for our district events through Pepwear. Alan will also be responsible for TOTY plaques.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
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SE KMEA Secretary