

NW KMEA BUSINESS MEETING
December 8, 2012

President Kathy Amrein called the business meeting to order.

Kathy welcomed everyone and introduced the Northwest District officers and chair people.

- I. Minutes-Connie Reishus
Connie state the minutes from the 2011 business meeting, band directors meeting, choir directors meeting and the 2012 summer board meeting are all on the district website.

- II. Treasurer's report-Connie Reishus
Connie reported as of November 30, 2012 the balance in the NW account was \$10900.88. She explained that all financial records are now audited by the state KMEA auditor. The state KMEA then files a report to the IRS. Each June Connie has to turn information in to the Wichita office. A copy of the report Connie filed to the state was passed out to the teachers present.

- III. Reports from Chairpersons
 - A. High School Band Chair-Deanne Langness
 1. Clinician-Dr. Paul Popiel-University of Kansas
 2. School participants-82
 3. Schools represented-23
 - B. High School Choir Chair-Annette Kennedy
Tamara Corcoran-Norton-Assistant
 1. Clinician-Dr. Rager Moore-University of Arkansas-Ft. Smith
 2. Registered for audition-233
 3. Actual auditioned-192
 4. Schools represented-28
 5. Stated more guys are needed in the choir
 - C. High School Jazz Band Chair-David Will
Kathy read a letter from David Will stating need a new Chairman for the Jazz Band for next year.
 1. Clinician-Clint Raynes-Scott City
 2. Participants-17
 3. schools represented-9

- D. Elementary Choir Chair-Gloria Blackwell
 - 1. Clinician-Marlo Zumbrunn-Chapman High School
 - 2. Participants-147
 - 3. Schools represented-26
- E. Junior High Band Chair-Sarah Bricker
 - 1. Clinician-Quentin Breese-Concordia High School Principal
 - 2. Participants-95
 - 3. Schools represented-26
- F. Junior High Choir Chair-Paulette Wildeman
 - 1. Clinician-Jeanette Raynes-Scott City
 - 2. Participants-262
 - 3. Schools represented-31
- G. Advocacy-Bill Schick

Bill explained about the state Advocacy program and passed out information pertaining to the program.
- H. Honored Educators-Randy Berls
 - A. Elementary-Paulette Wildeman-Stockton
 - B. Junior High-Annette Kennedy-Phillipsburg
 - C. High School-Kathy Dreiling-TMP
 - D. College-Pat Ziegelmeir-Colby Community College
 - E. Outstanding Administrator-Bill Dewitt-Thomas Moore Prep Principal
- I. District Scholarships-Kathy Amrein
 - A. Kevin Pham-FHSU

Kathy stressed that more educators need to be nominated and more scholarship applications are needed. The applications for both may be found on the district's website.

IV. Old Business

A. Choir deadline for District/State Honor Choir

Kathy explained it is a state rule regarding allowing students in the honor choir after the deadline. Northwest District voted in 2009 that it would be left up to the District President and District Choral chair as to whether a student may be allowed into the district choir if a teacher missed the deadline.

Kathy stated it has been advised our district take this issue up with the State KMEA.

B. A question was raised regarding why the choir system for State is not the same as the band. Band members may pay a late fee clear up until the time of auditions.

C. It is recommended from the Northwest District that New District President-Vesta Jo Still take to the State KMEA Board meeting our concern and permission to allow students in the District Honor Choir only- if a teacher or unforeseen circumstances exist. The District President and Choral Chair would review the circumstances and determine if the entry should be allowed.

V. New Business-Kathy Amrein

A. Renaming the Northwest KMEA Scholarship

Kathy read a letter written by Schick regarding Julie Groom, a dear friend, former colleague and outstanding Music Educator who passed away in March of 2012.

(See Attached letter)

****MOTION-Bill Schick made the motion to rename the Northwest District Scholarship to the KMEA Northwest District Julie Groom Memorial Scholarship.**

Vesta Jo Still seconded the motion. Motion was Unanimous.

B. President's Talking Points

1. Advocacy Survey-1 person from each music department
Should make sure the survey is sent in.
2. Names of influential people who would advocate for the Arts.
3. KMEA ISW 2013 Special guests
 - a. Tim Lautzenheiser
 - b. NAFME- two people will represent
 - c. Senator Jerry Moran-Opening session
 - d. Kansas won the National Advocacy Award
 - e. Presidents Concert-Storm Front-Barbershop group
4. All-State groups concert order
 - a. 5-6 Honor Band
 - b. Orchestra
 - c. 1-2-3-4 Honor Band
 - d. Honor Choir
5. Join Groundswell on the NAFME website-musical
Advocacy group
6. Nancy Ditmer, NAFME President will attend the 2014
ISW.
7. Kansas Music Merchants Association sponsored Clinic
At the 2013 ISW.
8. 2013 New Printed program with color and advertising.
9. Two sessions on Kansas Educators Evaluation Protocol
10. Increase of registration fees by \$5.00 for state ISW.
Last time fees were raised was 20 years
Ago and it was only by \$1.00
11. Increase of student participation fees by \$5.00.
This is to help cover lunch on Friday.
12. Vote for President Elect candidates: Marsha Gabel
And Scott Hay
13. Review rehearsal venues for All-State Groups.

14. Live Audition dates: January 5, 2013 at Salina South-Contingency Date-January 12.
 - 14a. Late registration up to 10:00 on the day of the Auditions is \$100.
 15. New deadline for submitting 2014 Performance Application- Friday May 17, 2013 is Deadline. Composer Competition deadline is also May 17, 2013. Dr. Jeff Jordan will be taking over as chair.
 16. KMR is strictly online this year. Cathy Hunt is the editor of the KMR and Troy Johnson Is the webmaster. KMR is one of two web-based Magazines nationally.
 17. Redistricting of the state will be discussed and a Decision will be made regarding redistricting this Summer at the State KMEA board meeting. Main Concern is the Northeast district. Each district will still Be guaranteed six quartets.
 18. KMEA Fund They are asking for monetary donations so that there Can be enough money for scholarships and research.
 19. NAFME All-National Ensembles Will be in Nashville, Tennessee instead of Washington D.C. Audition material will probably change.
 20. U.S. Army All-American Bowl Marching band Expenses are paid by the Army - This year will be in San Antonio, Texas.
- C. Election of President Elect for 2013-2015
Nominations-Sarah Bricker-Oberlin
Stacey Williams-Ellis
Janell Anholz-Golden Plains
Stacey Williams was elected President Elect for 2013-2015.

D. Open Discussion

1. Postcards need to be sent beginning of fall to Principals/directors of all Northwest schools with KMEA website, Convention dates and deadline dates
2. Scheduling problems regarding combined choir and Band piece "Over the Rainbow"

It was suggested to look at the rehearsal schedule closer so there is enough time to rehearse the band and choir numbers separately rather than completely eliminating the commissioned piece. "Over the Rainbow" was commissioned just for the Northwest District with a cost of \$5000.00 and has been a very popular concert finale piece.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Reishus
Northwest District Secretary/Treasurer