

NW KMEA BUSINESS MEETING
December 5, 2015

President Stacey Williams called the business meeting to order.

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

- I. Minutes-Connie Reishus
Connie state the minutes from the 2014 business meeting, band directors meeting, choir directors meeting and the 2015 summer board meeting are all on the district website. Vesta Jo Still made a motion to accept the minutes. Kathy Amrein seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- II. Treasurer's report-Connie Reishus
Connie reported as of November 30, 2015 the balance in the NW account was \$15,475.46. 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. Kristi Vetter moved to accept the treasure's report and Don Mordecai seconded the motion. Motion carried.
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- III. Reports from Chairpersons
 - A. Junior High Choir-Alisha Debay
 1. Clinician-Dr. Mark Lucas-Bethany College
 2. Accompanist- Emily Hoshko-Smith Center
 3. 30 schools represented
 4. 245 students selected
 5. Need more boys for the choir

- B. Junior High Band-Kathy Dreiling-Amrein
 - 1. Clinician-Dana Hamant-Wichita
 - 2. 21 schools represented
 - 3. 118 auditioned
 - 4. 100 selected
 - 5. Kathy expressed concern about music selected as two of the numbers were not performed on concert because either too difficult or students not prepared enough
- C. High School Jazz Band-Kristi Vetter/Jill Nichols
 - 1. Clinician- Brandon Blackburn-Hutchinson Community College
 - 2. 7 schools represented
 - 3. 4 trumpets auditioned
3 trombones auditioned
had to hunt for trombones and needed another piano
- D. High School Choir-Janell Antholz
 - 1. Clinician-Ken Hakoda-Kansas Wesleyan
 - 2. Accompanist-Judy Weber-Salina
 - 3. 34 schools represented
 - 4. 188 auditioned
 - 5. 158 selected
 - 6. Need more guys to balance out choir
- E. High School Band-Katrina Long
 - 1. Clinician-Don Linn-Kansas State University
 - 2. 23 schools represented
 - 3. 81 selected for band-79 attended
 - 4. Discussion as to whether music was too easy
 - 5. Need students more prepared on music-articulation and rhythms
- F. Elementary Choir-Randy Sauer
 - 1. Clinician-Greg Gooden
 - 2. Accompanist-Kathy Jamison-Wakeeney
 - 3. 31 Schools represented
 - 4. 172 participants

G. NW/SW Orchestra-Joan Crull

1. Clinician-Ramiro Mirando-Emporia State
2. 6 schools represented
3. 66 participants
4. 7th year for orchestra
5. next year it will be back in the southwest

H. Advocacy/Mentoring-Bill Schick

Bill gave a report on the dinner held at the beginning of the year for the new teachers in the district and their mentors. It was held in Phillipsburg and hopefully next year more will be able to attend. Bill felt it was a big success

I. Honored Educators-Vesta Jo Still

Outstanding Educators for Northwest District

1. Elementary Educator-Jennifer Ruder-Norton
2. Middle Level Educator-Don Mordecai-Norton
3. High School Educator-Barb Albracht-Rock Hills
Barb was also Northwest District's state representative
4. College Educator-Randy Berls-Colby Community College
5. Honored Educator-Robert Young-Ellis Superintendent

J. District Scholarships-Vesta Jo Still

1. Hannah Applequist-Kansas Wesleyan
2. Monica Rome-Fort Hays State Univ
3. Barbara Bickner-Fort Hays State Univ.

IV. Old Business

- A. November Mini Convention-any changes or new information-Thank you Johnny Matlock for a job well done taking over for Craig
- B. December Mini Convention-any changes or new information-Terry Crull reported had problems with the student union doors being unlocked when asked. He will get a key next year. Other than that no problems.

V. New Business

A. Vote for Acceptance of the Bylaws and Policies-Connie Reishus- NW Executive Director

Connie explained that with the help of Stacey Williams and John Taylor-State Executive Director, she was able to put the Northwest District Handbook together. She used the State KMEA handbook as a guide. There are three sections to the handbook-1)By-laws, 2)Job Descriptions and 3)Policies.

1. By-laws require full membership only to vote for changes.
2. Elections of officers and Board members require full membership vote.
3. Policy-fees and other items under policy can be voted on by the Board of Directors.
4. Connie stated that a copy of the handbook was put online in August for all Northwest District members to view. She stated there are a few changes which were given by members. At this time she listed these changes
5. If the handbook is passed by everyone today then chairs of committees will need to be voted on by full membership. Per Article V-Elections- Section 2-District Election of Officers- members of the Board of Directors must be voted on by full membership. Kayla will have ballots for you to vote for the chairs.
6. Next year when the President-elect is elected the chairs will nominate their assistants to serve as the new chairs and will be voted on by the full membership. They will take effect after the ISW in February.
7. Connie then asked if there was any discussion or questions concerning the Northwest District Handbook.

****MOTION-Connie Reishus made the motion to accept the Northwest District Handbook (By-laws, Job Descriptions and Policies) as presented. Bill Schick seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

B. Election of Chair People for the Board of Directors-Kayla Tiemeyer
Kayla passed out ballots with names of all the chairs and they were voted on by the full membership. All chairs were accepted by the full membership and now per Handbook will serve on the Board of Directors. Chairs are as follows

1. Junior High Band-Kathy Dreiling-Amrein
2. Junior High Choir-Alisha Debay
3. High School Jazz Band-Kristi Vetter/Jill Nichols
4. High School Choir-Janell Antholz
5. High School Band-Katrina Long
6. Elementary Choir-Randy Sauer
7. NW/SW Orchestra-Joan Crull

C. State Choir donation

Stacey stated that a \$500.00 donation was given to help pay for a piece that is being composed for the State Choir and will be premiered at the ISW this year.

D. Online Voting and Registration

Stacey explained that the state webmaster-Troy Johnson is setting up a program where next year items that need voted on by the district will be posted online and members will need their KMEA ID number to vote. Also all registration for district honor groups should be online from now on.

E. Deadlines for 2016

After input from members and checking with the State Webmaster these will be the deadline dates for 2016.

1. Junior High Band-Sept. 22
2. High School Jazz Band-Sept. 28
3. Junior High Choir-Oct. 6
4. High School Choir-?
5. Elementary Choir-Oct. 27
6. High School Band-Nov. 2
7. High School Orchestra-Dec. 18 (State deadline)

- VI. Anything else for the good of the group.
 - A Mini-Convention 1: November 5, 2016
 - B. Mini-Convention 2: December 10, 3016

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Reishus
Northwest Executive Director