

NW KMEA BUSINESS MEETING
December 10, 2016

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 2015 business meeting, band directors meeting, choir directors meeting and the 2016 summer board meeting are all on the state KMEA website. Maggie McClain 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, 2016 the balance in the NW account was \$20,357.73. 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. Joey Nichols moved to accept the treasure's report and Megan Reiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- III. Reports from Chairpersons
 - A. Junior High Choir-Alisha Debay
 1. Assistant-Barb Albracht
 2. Clinician-Gretchen Harrison-Olathe, Kansas
 3. Accompanist-Kathy Jamison-Trego
 4. 27 school represented
 5. 223 Students selected
 6. Need more boys for the choir

- B. Junior High Band-Kathy Dreiling-Amrein
 - 1. Assistant-Kevin Pham-Plainville
 - 2. Clinician-Kim Harrison-Olathe, Kansas
 - 3. 140 students auditioned
 - 4. 23 schools represented
 - 5. 90 students selected
 - 6. short trombones, clarinets, low on trumpets and tenor saxophones and no bassoons, need more oboes
 - 7. It has been suggested to assess the audition material due to some parts are very difficult.

- C. High School Jazz Band-Kristi Vetter/Jill Nichols
 - 1. Assistant-Matt Rome-Hays High
 - 2. Clinician- Arthur White-Columbia, Missouri
 - 3. 8 schools represented
 - 4. 18 students selected
 - 5. Need more tenors saxophones to audition

- D. High School Choir-Janell Antholz
 - 1. Assistant- Janet Seehafer
 - 2. Clinician-Jason Sickel-Blue Valley North High School
Also Kansas Teacher of the Year for 2016
 - 3. Accompanist-Pam McGowen-FHSU
 - 4. 31 schools represented
 - 5. 244 Students registered to audition
 - 6. 198 actual auditioned
 - 7. 161 selected
 - 8. 153 in attendance at convention
 - 9. Need more guys to audition. Very low on tenors

E. High School Band-Katrina Long

1. Assistant-Kristi Reneberg
2. Clinician-Randall Fillmore-Lawrence, Kansas
3. 27 schools represented
4. 81 students auditioned
5. 72 selected
6. Need more clarinets, French horns and low brass Trombones, euphoniums, and tubas
7. Discussion was held regarding audition music whether to use State music or something else. It was voted on by band directors to continue to Use the State Audition music but assess the cuts. (See Band Director meeting minutes for full details.)
8. It has been suggested that the combined piece “Over the Rainbow” needed to be looked at by a composer and rearranged so it is not so difficult to play and also does not cover the choir. Stacey will look into contacting someone.

F. Elementary Choir-Randy Sauer (Krista Latta reported)

1. Assistant-Krista Latta-Plainville
2. Clinician-Janie Brokenicky-Kansas State University
3. 31 schools represented
4. 157 students selected

G. NW/SW Orchestra-Joan Crull

- 1, Clinician-Jesse Henkensiefken-Kansas Wesleyan-Salina
2. The orchestra used Festival Scores for audition
3. Honor Orchestra was in the Southwest District this Year and next year the Northwest District will host.

H. Advocacy/Mentoring-Bill Schick

1. Bill reported on the dinner held at the beginning of the year for new teachers in the district and their mentors. It was held in Phillipsburg in October.
2. Bill also mentioned that if anyone knows of a new teacher who does not have a mentor to let him know.

I. Honored Educators-Vesta Jo Still

Outstanding Educators for Northwest District

1. Elementary Educator-Gloria Blackwell-Wilson and Roosevelt-Hays Gloria was also selected to represent the Northwest District on the State Level
2. Middle Level Educator-Joey Nichols-Colby
3. High School Educator-Kristi Vetter-Beloit
4. College Educator-Dr. Terry Crull-Fort Hays State University
5. Honored Educator-Lisa Gehring-Plainville High School Principal

J. District Scholarships-Vesta Jo Still

1. Aislin Walters-(Hays High Grad)-Fort Hays State University
2. Shelby Matlock-(Hays High Grad)-Northern Arizona University
3. Megan Zeman (Ellis High Grad)-Kansas State University

IV. Old Business

A. Policies and Bylaws-

Connie explained that the state is requiring each district to write by-laws. Dr. John Taylor-State Executive Director has given deadlines to all District Presidents and Executive Directors as to when certain items should be accomplished regarding the by-laws. Connie explained that Northwest District is way ahead as we drew up our Handbook with By-laws, Officer Job Descriptions and Policies in 2015 and have already been voted on by the District. We will just need to tweet some parts after Dr. Taylor and the KMEA attorney checks it over.

V. New Business

A. State News-Dr. John Taylor-State Executive Director

1. New Federal Law-ESSA-Every Student Succeeds Act Music is part of a well rounded education and now has access to Title 1 Funds.
2. Ronnie Lou-FME employee will be at the State Convention and explain how to access title funds.

3. National Music Convention-Grapevine, Texas
4. 25 students from Kansas participated in Nationals this past year. Must be sophomore or Junior and have been in all-state groups to be eligible.
5. USA Army All-American Marching Band-must be a junior to audition. March in a bowl game January 7th and all expenses are paid.
6. KMEA State Convention-43 performing groups and 100 clinics scheduled in 2017.
7. There are New National and Kansas Music Standards and there will be a session in February 2017 ISW to go over these new standards.
8. Street Corner musical group will be performing on the President's concert.

B. Election results-

1. President-elect-Don Mordecai-Norton
2. High School Band chair-Kristi Reneberg
3. High School Choral chair-Janet Seehafer
4. Junior High Band chair-Kevin Pham
5. Junior High Choral chair-Barb Albrecht
6. High School Jazz chair-Matt Rome
7. Elementary Choral chair-Krista Latta

C. Registration and Upload deadlines for 2017 (Pending Webmaster Approval)

1. Junior High Band-Sept. 24
2. High School Jazz Band-Sept. 28
3. Junior High Choir-Oct. 5
4. Elementary Choir-Oct. 26
5. High School Band-Oct. 25 (date is moved up due to Festival Scores Upload)
6. High Choir-State will designate
7. High School Orchestra-Check the website-date not determined yet.

- VI. Anything else for the good of the group.
 - A. Mini-Convention I: Nov. 4, 2017
 - B. Mini-Convention 2: Dec. 2, 2017

Stacey thanked both site coordinators-Hays High-Johnny Matlock and Terry Crull-Fort Hays University for their outstanding jobs in hosting the Conventions.

**MOTION: Matt Rome moved to adjourn. Kevin Pham seconded.
Motion carried.**

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Reishus
Northwest Executive Director