

## KMEA NW District General Business Meeting

Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014

KMEA NW District President Vesta Jo Still welcomed all directors in attendance.

I. Jeremy Wetter read a prepared statement from Connie Reishus regarding the district secretary's report. All meeting minutes are on our local district's website [www.ksmea.org/nw](http://www.ksmea.org/nw). Minutes approved.

II. Jeremy Wetter then read a prepared statement from Connie Reishus regarding the district treasurer's report. \$13,856.80 is our current account balance as of 11-30-2014. Report approved by Craig Manteuffel. Seconded by Bill Schick.

III. Kayla Tiemeyer gave the Junior High Honor Choir report. There were slight issues with tenor/bass sections being a little weak. Clinician was Katherine Simpson from Omaha, NE and she did a great job with the students. Accompanist was Kathy Jamison from Wakeeney, Kansas. 32 schools represented. Some concerns were that the music needed a bit more preparation before the day of the November convention. There were a few behavioral problems during rehearsals and the concert. Also some students were late returning from lunch. Overall consensus was the day went well and the students sounded great.

IV. Marcus Bishop provided the JH Honor Band report. There were 150 auditions which are down from 2013. Twenty five schools participated in this year's band. There were 108 students selected for the band. There were empty spots in the bassoon, bass clarinet, contra bass clarinet, tenor sax, horns, and tubas. Dropbox was used to submit auditions and went pretty well. In time, auditions will be completely digital. Dr. Lane Weaver was this year's clinician and did a fine job. Concert turned out great.

V. Tony Schroer provided his HS Jazz Band report and was read by Vesta Jo Still. There were not enough tapes submitted to fill the band this year. Twenty-one tapes were submitted. Ten schools were represented. Courtney Long from Bethany College was the clinician and the concert was successful. Horn auditions were changed this year. There was a brief discussion about improvisation during auditions and whether kids are ready for that or not. It's always been optional but the feeling is the kids need to start somewhere in learning to improvise.

VI. Janelle Anthoz provided the HS Honor Choir report for Tamra Cochran. There were 196 students that auditioned for this year's honor choir. 126 students are present today. Rehearsals are going well. Clinician is Eric Foley from Gladstone, Missouri. Accompanist is Alexis Robinson from Hays, Kansas.

VII. Renetta Dawson provided the HS Honor Band report. 94 CDs were submitted and 78 students were selected to the band. This year's band was short by 16 people due to lack of student auditions. Need more people to audition on bassoon, clarinets, bass clarinets, contra alto clarinets, bari sax, horns, euphonium, tuba, and percussion. Dr. Jeff Jordan brought up the thought of having an FHSU student fill in and be compensated for their time where there is a lack of instrumentation. There were issues with this several years ago involving FHSU students helping with the antiphonal brass parts for "Over the Rainbow." The overall feeling is as directors, we need to simply encourage more of our own students to audition for the honor band. Clinician is Mathew Smith from Lawrence, Kansas.

VIII. Randy Sauer provided a brief report on the Elementary Honor Choir. 178 students auditioned and 174 were present for today's convention. 31 schools represented. Rehearsals and concert went very well. Clinician was Kelly Knedler from Dodge City, Kansas. Accompanist was Kathy Jamison from Wakeeney, Kansas.

IX. Next year, the NW/SW orchestra will be here at FHSU.

X. Vesta Jo Still provided the names of this year's Outstanding Educators Award recipients for Northwest District.

- A. Elementary Educator-Jennifer Otten-Colby
- B. Middle Level Educator-Bill Schick-Phillipsburg
- C. High School Educator-Stacey Williams-Ellis
- D. Collegiate Educator-Brad Dawson-Fort Hays State University
- E. Outstanding Administrator-Gaylon Walter-Ruppenthal Middle School
- F. Outstanding Administrator-Duane Dorshorst-Oberlin High School

Watch for upcoming changes in nominations for these awards. The deadline will be earlier so the state level has time to prepare for these awards.

Scholarship winners were:

- A. Samantha Anderson-from Oberlin-Bethany College
- B. Katie Glading-from Oberlin-Fort Hays State University
- C. Hannah Antholz-from Golden Plains-Kansas Wesleyan

XI. There was some discussion regarding the November mini convention. At the choir meeting, it was suggested to have all directors assist in some way in judging the live choral auditions and the band cd recordings. Also, it was suggested that the registration forms be changed for the directors to indicate what their strengths are in judging and what they would like to help judge during the November convention. We need approximately 32 directors for judging choral auditions and band cd's. Another issue was brought up regarding the band chairman not having a list of director's email addresses until after the students have registered for the honor band and if there is a master list of email addresses somewhere to enable district chairmen or others to send out information quickly regarding convention information, deadlines, etc. KMEA Webmaster Troy Johnson stated that for our district's honor band, since our registration forms do not have an online deadline, he cannot help us through the state servers regarding email addresses. All other groups around the state have teachers that are specific to certain bands or choirs. But because of the way our band deadline is set up, he cannot help us regarding a specific high school honor band directors group of contacts. To help with this, it was recommended that our district change the online registration form deadlines to occur before the date of the mini convention for the high school honor band.

**\*\*MOTION:** Bill Schick made the motion that the deadline for the HS band registration form be the same date to as the high school choral registration deadline. Audition CDs will still be due the morning of the November Mini Convention. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renetta Dawson. Motion carried to change the deadline for high school honor band auditions.

XII. Dr. Jeff Jordan had a concern about clinicians plugging their own colleges to the honor students. He recommends that we do not allow clinicians to do this.

XIII. Vesta Jo Still recommended that all nominations for our district's awards be submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

XIV. President Elect

There were two people interested in running for President-elect for 2015-2017. Joey Nichols-Colby and Kayla Tiemeyer-Atwood. President elect for 2015-2017 will be Kayla Tiemeyer of Atwood

XV. KMEA President Avian Bear's Talking points were presented by Craig Manteuffel.

A. Martha Gabel will be the new KMEA president beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

B. NAFME SW Division President James South will be at the KMEA ISW in 2015. He will give the keynote address and a couple of other clinics too.

C. KMEA has asked the KSDE to adopt the new National Music Standards as the Kansas Music Standards. This will be finalized June 1<sup>st</sup>.

D. NAFME has designed a workbook to assist with those struggling with teacher evaluations. It is \$35 through the NAFME website. May be available at KMEA ISW at the NAFME booth.

E. Kansas had 15 students at the NAFME All-National concerts in Nashville, TN back in October.

F. The President's Concert at the 2015 KMEA ISW will feature the Boston Brass. They will also host a breathing clinic of Friday afternoon.

G. Preregistration is now open until Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for the ISW. Go to [www.ksmea.org](http://www.ksmea.org) to register.

H. At the registration booth, there will be a large TV monitor where you can scan a QR code to find information about all KMEA Hall of Fame members. *[Troy : This project has been delayed to 2016 due to equipment and space concerns in the connecting lobby.]*

I. KMEA's 1<sup>st</sup> Year Teacher Luncheon will be 11:30 AM Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015. It is an excellent resource for all new teachers in the state.

J. Gretchen Bixler and Joel Gittle are nominees for the next KMEA President Elect. Bios are available on the state website and voting will only occur online. To vote you will need your current KMEA ID number for verification.

K. Music adjudicator seminars on how to become a contest judge sponsored by KSHSAA at KMEA ISW Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM. It will also be videotaped and teachers can become certified by watching the video online.

L. We now have a lesson plan format in place to begin categorizing and labeling videos submitted for the master teacher video library. This will cover all kinds and all levels of music teaching.

M. There are six new categories to the KMEA Composition Competition. Categories include electronic, solo, small ensemble (1-6 players), large ensembles (7+ players), jazz combo (1-7 players), jazz ensemble (8+ players). Encourage students to submit their own compositions. Dr. Jeff Jordan is the coordinator for this event.

N. Join Kansas Call to A.R.M.S. on Face book. It is a place where teachers can get information on any major changes to music education at the state or national level.

O. KMEA dues and registration fees will remain the same this year. National dues are up \$3.

P. All-State band auditions will be held at Salina Central High School on Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Weather contingency date is the following Saturday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Tickets for parents to attend the all-state concerts can be held and picked up at the registration tables at KMEA or mailed for \$7 each.

Q. Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 there will be 7 districts in the state of Kansas as the NE district will be split into two separate districts at that time.

R. At the local level, is your own music advocate for your community. Encourage your kids to perform and get out into the community and share their talents.

XVI. KMEA Webmaster Troy Johnson gave updates regarding new and exciting things our KMEA website has to offer.

A. There is a way to request tickets for the All-State concerts as directors register for KMEA.

B. Registration forms for all KMEA districts are now in the same format across the state. Starting next year, the interface will have a login where you input the information for students regarding auditions. Each director will need to update their own profile on the site which will provide vital information to district chairmen for various events.

C. To vote online for upcoming elections and to register for the KMEA ISW, you will need a CURRENT ID through March 1st. If you are not current, you cannot log in for elections. Once dues are paid up and you are a current member, you will be able to login for voting. *[Troy: In order to complete a ballot, a KMEA member must have current NAFME membership on the day they submit their ballot. The March 1st date only applies to registering for ISW.]*

Craig Manteuffel thanked Troy for all of the hard work he does for KMEA. He is a wealth of knowledge and an asset to us here in Kansas.

Dr. Jeff Jordan recognized and thanked Craig for his years of tireless work he has done for the NW district and the state and national levels of music education.

Meeting adjourned approx. 2:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Substitute KMEA NW District Secretary

Submitted by Connie Reishus  
Northwest District District Manager