

NW KMEA BUSINESS MEETING
December 7, 2019

President Don Mordecai called the business meeting to order.

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

I. Minutes-Connie Reishus

Connie stated the minutes from the 2018 business meeting, band director's meeting, choir director's meeting and the 2019 summer board meeting, are all on the Northwest KMEA website. The District Handbook with the By-laws, Job Descriptions and Policies are also on the District website. Bill Schick made a motion to accept the minutes. Matt Rome seconded the motion. Motion carried.

II. Treasurer's report-Connie Reishus

Connie reported as of November 30, 2019 the balance in the NW District account was \$21,211.51.

A. She stated that because we have a nice balance the board voted at the summer board meeting to award five \$500.00 Julie Groom Memorial scholarships this year. She also explained that because of copyright laws changing it was necessary for the district to purchase Junior High Concert Band music and High School Concert Band music. The board agreed to sell the music used at the convention at 50% of cost as the district does not have anywhere to store music.

B. Connie had passed out financial statements from 2018 and 2019 and explained items listed.

C. She then explained that all financial records are 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.

Paulette Wildeman moved to accept the treasure's report and Megan Reiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. Reports from Chairpersons

A. Junior High Choir-Kelsey Pinkerton-Phillipsburg

0. Assistant-Kathy Conway-Osborne
2. Clinician-Christy Elsner-Kansas City
3. Accompanist-Kathy Jamison-Trego

4. 28 school represented
 5. 222 Students performed
- B. Junior High Band-Megan Reiner-Stockton
1. Assistant-Samantha Lackey-Ellsworth
 2. Clinician-Anna Kennedy-Seaman High School
 3. 17 schools represented
 4. 85 entries
 5. 75 students selected
 6. Number of entries was down this year.
 7. The District purchased four pieces but only played three for the concert.
- C. High School Jazz Band-Mark DeWald-Claflin
1. Assistant-Randy Sauer-Wakeeney
 2. Clinician- Steve Lueth-Bennington
 3. 6 schools represented
 4. 22 students auditioned
 5. 14 students selected
 6. The number of auditions was up this year.
 7. The jazz band was excellent this year and had the music so well prepared ahead of time that they sight read and played a fifth piece for the concert.
- D. High School Choir-Jessica Hakoda-Ellsworth
1. Assistant- Alex Underwood-Hays High
 2. Clinician-Dr. Mark Lucas-Bethany College
 3. Accompanist-Pam McGowne-FHSU
 4. Auditions were held November 2, 2019
 5. 31schools represented
 6. 316 Students registered to audition
 7. 240 actual auditioned including CDS
 8. 180 selected
 9. 170 in attendance at convention
 10. Discussion on how selection process should be for District Honor Choir. Discussion regarding changing of numbers for the district auditions from state applied. Number. Concern of judges not knowing students' names while auditioning.

****MOTION: Billy Wicks made the motion for the following guidelines Northwest High School District Honor Choir.**

Each voice part of the district choir (S1, S2, A1, A2, T1, T2, B1, B2) will have no more than 25 members. A student receiving an audition score average of 20 or lower will not be selected for the District Choir regardless of number of students that auditioned on that voice part.

****Exceptions:**

- 1. In the event of a tied score for the 25th slot all students with that exact same score will be selected for the District Choir.**
- 2. Keeping current District policy to select at least one student from every school that sends auditions. This student will be added to the top 25 scorers for that voice part.**

Heath Brandyberry seconded the motion. Discussion held. Motion carried.

E. High School Band-Vesta Jo Still-Logan

- 1. Assistant-Lucas Burmeister-Hoxie**
- 2. Clinician-Dr. Alex Wimmer-Kansas State University**
- 3. 26 schools represented**
- 4. 104 students auditioned**
- 5. 81 selected**
- 6. Festival Scores was used for auditions**
- 7. Audition material consisted of Rubank/Voxman Excerpts and one excerpt of the state material. A Committee was formed at the min-convention last year to determine the Rubank etudes. A few directors indicated that in some sections that the Rubank was harder than the All-State excerpts.**

8. The district purchased some music again for the high school honor band and will be selling it at 50% off original price.
9. No bassoons or oboes in the band. Only 3 tubas.
10. Very low numbers for NW District in the 1234A State Band.
11. There is a concern that the audition upload window is too soon. Before Festival Scores students had until November mini-convention to submit. Now, auditions are due about 2 weeks before. Discussion on moving the upload window up a little later and maybe not so long. Judges still need about 5 days to judge.

F. Elementary Choi-Jill Nichols

1. Assistant- Cindy Root-Claflin
2. Clinician-Karis Nichols
3. 32 schools represented
4. 185 students selected

G. NW/SW Orchestra-Joan Crull

1. Clinician-Dr. Thomas Dickey-Oklahoma State University
2. Held in Northwest this year with students from southwest
3. 5 Schools represented
4. 78 students auditioned
5. 59 selected

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. Date in 2020 will be October 18th to be held in Phillipsburg.
3. Don thanked Bill Schick for keeping our Mentoring on track! He thanked him for reaching out and for all the work he does.
4. PLEASE notify one of the Executive Board members If you know of new teachers, returning teachers and be sure they know the process and the importance of the DEADLINES!!!! (Connie, Don, Joey, Kayla and Bill)

I. Honored Educators-Kayla Wombacher-Rawlins County Outstanding Educators for Northwest District

1. Elementary Educator-Randy Sauer-Wakeeney
2. Middle Level Educator-Deanne Langness-Goodland

- 3 High School Educator-Kayla Wombacher-Rawlins County
Kayla was also selected to represent Northwest District KMEA on the State Level.
 4. College Educator-Laura Andrews-Fort Hays State University
 5. Honored Educator-Matt Smith-Rawlins County
- J. Julie Groom Memorial Scholarships-Don Mordecai-Norton
1. Hayden Simon-Fort Hays State University
 2. Jacob Long-Fort Hays State University
 3. Rhiannon Mullins -Fort Hays State University
 4. Tabor Rucker-Fort Hays State University
 5. Rachelle Lumpkins-Fort Hays State University

Old Business

- D. Policies and Bylaws-Connie Reishus
Connie explained corrections and updates will be made to the Handbook this year so please read through it carefully.
- E. Concern regarding conflict of events for November mini-Convention and high school choral audition. Don explained this problem would only happen every six years.

****MOTION-Matt Rome made the motion to switch the November Mini-Convention to the 2nd weekend of November every six years. The rest of the time it will remain on the first weekend of November. Kelly Buris seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

IV. New Business

- A. State News-Don introduced Gretchen Bixler-Past State President
1. Bill Schick is a “super star” because of all he has done in the Northwest district for mentoring and advocacy.
 2. Kelly Knedler-Dodge City is the State Advocacy chair and has worked hard for the state. He has received a grant proposal from CMA Foundation.
 3. Lynn Unruh is Northwest District Mentor representative from the State.
 4. Advoangle.com Check it out

5. Gae Phillips-State President teaches in Columbus and is wanting to develop towards representing small schools/rural schools. Vesta Jo Still and Gae and the small schools committee is working for the State KMEA in developing a strategic plan in helping and representing small schools.
6. TRI-M is another focus this year. High School Music Honor Society. \$100 for school to be a member. Can help build a “musical community”.
7. Lynn Tuttle will be at ISW talking about the money available to music programs. “Every Students Succeeds Act”
8. Registrations Fees Deadline-Executive Board has Nov-Dec. 1-\$80 . 1-31-\$105, Feb. 1-ISW-\$130. Register online and pay later is an option.
9. Clinic submissions-KMEA wants to have clinic proposals for 2021 ISW. Deadline is Oct. 1.

Registration and Upload Deadlines for 2020 (Pending Webmaster approval. Please meet deadlines.

B. 2020-2021 School year

1. Junior High Band Audition Upload Deadline-Monday, September 28, 2020 11:59 p.m.
2. High School Jazz Band Audition Upload Deadline-Thursday, October 1st, 2020 11:59 p.m.
3. Junior High Choir Registration Deadline-Thursday, Oct. 8, 202 11:59 p.m.
4. Elementary Choir Registration Deadline-Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020 11:59 p.m.
5. High School Band Upload Deadline-Wednesday, Oct.28 , 2020 11:59 p.m.
6. High School Orchestra Upload Deadline-Thursday October 29, 2020 11:59 p.m.

7. High School Choir
 - Oct. 11, regular entry deadline, four weeks prior to auditions
 - Oct. 25, Late Deadline #1, two weeks prior to auditions
 - Nov. 6 Late Deadline #2, the night before
 - Nov. 7, Late Deadline #3, morning of

C. Band Music purchased from the November and December conventions is on sale at 50% off. Please contact Connie if interested in purchasing.

D. In 2020 will be election year for President-elect. Please consider this position and let Don know if you are interested.

E. November Mini-Convention programs are available from Don Mordecai

V. Anything for the Good of the Group

1. **Mini-Convention I-Hays High School-Saturday November 7, 2020. (JH Honor Choir, JH Honor Band and HS Honor Jazz Band.**
2. **Mini-Convention II-Fort Hays State University-Saturday, December 12, 2020, (HS Honor Choir, HS Honor Band, HS Honor Orchestra and Elementary Honor Choir.)**

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Reishus
Northwest Executive Director