

NW KMEA BUSINESS MEETING
December 2, 2017

President Kayla Tiemeyer called the business meeting to order.

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

I. Minutes-Connie Reishus

Connie stated the minutes from the 2016 business meeting, band directors meeting, choir directors meeting and the 2017 summer board meeting are all on the Northwest KMEA website. Kevin Pham 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, 2017 the balance in the NW District account was \$17,734.11.

A. She stated that because we have a nice balance the board voted at the summer board meeting to award four \$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, High School Jazz Band Music and High School Concert Band Music totaling over \$1300.00. 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. At the 2016 December Convention it was discussed and voted to have Darren Jenkins rearrange the District Piece "Over the Rainbow". The total cost was \$2000.00 and Darren Jenkins finished this arrangement this past summer. The new arrangement will be performed next December at the Mini-Convention. Connie also informed the members present that KMEA State President Gretchen Bixler would like to perform "Over the Rainbow" on the ISW President's Concert this February.

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-Barb Elbracht-Rock Hills

0. Assistant-Kelsey Pinkerton-Phillipsburg
2. Clinician-Randy Berls-Colby Community College
3. Accompanist-Kathy Jamison-Trego
4. 32 school represented
5. 219 Students performed

B. Junior High Band-Kevin Pham-Plainville

1. Assistant-Megan Reiner-Stockton
2. Clinician-Kyle Hopkins-McPherson College
3. 23 schools represented
4. 97 students selected
5. short trombones, clarinets, low on trumpets and tenor saxophones and no bassoons, need more oboes
6. It has been suggested to assess the audition material due to some parts are very difficult.

C. High School Jazz Band-Matt Rome-Hays High

1. Assistant-Katie Glading-Russell
2. Clinician- Jim Pisano-Bethel College
3. 11 schools represented
4. 18 students selected
5. Need more Rhythm section and trombone auditions
Saxophones and trumpets had some good auditions

D. High School Choir-Janet Seehafer

1. Assistant- Jessica Hakoda
2. Clinician-Dr.Terry Crull-Fort Hays State Univ.
3. Accompanist-Pam McGowen-FHSU
4. 30 schools represented
5. 271 Students registered to audition
6. 232 actual auditioned
7. 198 selected
8. 185 in attendance at convention]

E. High School Band-Kristi Reneberg-Kensington

1. Assistant-Vesta Jo Still –Logan
2. Clinician-Dr. Tim Farrell-University at Kearney, Nebraska
3. 25 schools represented
4. 110 students auditioned
5. 78 selected
6. No French horns auditioned. Only one Euphonium. For the concert today using three French horns from FHSU, (Sara Doyle, Jacob Long and Chloe Million.
Still need more Trombones, euphoniums, and tubas
7. This was the pilot year for High School band auditions to use Festival Scores
8. Changes suggested for future years.
 - a. Judging rubric editing
 - b. Entry data to specify teacher instrument strengths
 - c. MP3 file consistency
 - d. Take 3 oboes
 - e. encourage more auditions
 - f. Practice photocopies will be discarded and Originals collected and scores sold to district teachers at a discounted price.

- F. Elementary Choir-Krista Latta-Plainville
 - 1. Assistant- Nichols-Colby
 - 2. Clinician-Holly Taylor-Wichita
 - 3. 37 schools represented
 - 4. 210 students selected
- G. NW/SW Orchestra-Joan Crull
 - 1, Clinician-Dr. Raul Munguia-Pittsburg College
 - 2. The orchestra used Festival Scores for audition
 - 3. 68 auditioned
 - 4. 52 attending
- 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 2018 will be October 21st to be held in Phillipsburg.
 - 3. Bill also mentioned that if anyone knows of a new teacher who does not have a mentor to let him know.
- I. Honored Educators-Don Mordecai-Norton
 - Outstanding Educators for Northwest District
 - 1. Elementary Educator-Susan Keith-Ellsworth Elementary
 - 2. Middle Level Educator-Tamra Cochran-Norton Community
Tamra was also selected to represent Northwest District KMEA on the State Level
 - 4. High School Educator-Joan Crull-Hays High
 - 4. College Educator-Pat Ziegelmeier-Colby Community College
 - 5. Honored Educator-Stacey Green-Stockton Grade School
- J. Julie Groom Memorial Scholarships-Don Mordecai-Norton
 - 1. Kayla Hockett-Kansas Wesleyan-Salina
 - 2. Max Befort-Fort Hays State
 - 3. Adam Flax-Fort Hays State
 - 4. Aubrey Cook-Kansas Wesleyan-Salina

IV. Old Business

A. Policies and Bylaws-Connie Reishus

Connie explained that the corrections made on the By-laws before they were voted on

1. Russell County was added.
2. Junior High Clinician received \$500.00 plus expenses
3. Must be a member of NAFME-KMEA for students to be able to audition and participate in District and State Honor groups.
4. Live Choir Audition Exception-pg 20. This is for live auditions only. Students selected to the District Honor Choir must attend the full day of the convention (rehearsal and the full concert) to be eligible for State Honor Groups.

Connie stated she received notice from Troy Johnson, State Webmaster that the NORTHWEST DISTRICT HANDBOOK CONTAINING THE BY-LAWS, JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND POLICIES HAS PASSED AS OF 12-2-17.

V. New Business

A. State News-Martha Gabel, State Vice President

1. There are two committees that have been formed that will impact the State Honor Groups.
 - a. Formula Committee-This committee will come up with a new formula to select the State Honor Choirs since a State Treble Choir was added to the state honor groups by the Board this past summer plus another District was added.
 - b. Freshman Committee-This committee will study the feasibility of letting Freshman audition and participate in All-State Ensembles.
 - c. A straw poll was taken and those teachers in attendance for the Northwest District voted to allow Freshmen in the State Honor Groups.

2. Needing volunteers for the State Standards committee.
 3. New Federal Law-ESSA
 4. Leaders Camp for Officers will be held in June
 5. Martha thanked the teachers for having all the students well prepared.
 6. Martha also recommended that all dates and deadlines be listed on the District Presidents website.
 7. The All-State Choir and Treble Choir will be at the ISW 2019.
 8. 2018 ISW President's Concert is titled "Meet Me In the Middle". It will also feature the Wurlitzer Organ. This will be in the Exhibition Hall.
 9. Exhibits for the 2018 ISW will be in the Expo Hall again.
 10. New educators will be wearing a green ribbon during the convention.
 11. There will be a special session this year for administrators.
 12. A survey of Regional and State Solo and Small Ensemble Contest will be sent out in the spring to schools. The state is in need of string judges.
- B. Registration and Upload deadlines for 2018 (Pending Webmaster Approval)
1. Junior High Band Audition Uploading deadline- Monday, Sept. 24, 2018 11:59 p.m.
 2. High School Jazz Band Audition Uploading deadline- Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018 11:59 p.m.
 3. Junior High Choir Registration Deadline-Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018 11:59 p.m.
 4. Elementary Choir Registration Deadline-Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018 11:59 p.m.
 5. High School Band Upload Deadline-Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018 11:59 p.m.

6. High School Orchestra Upload Deadline-Thursday
Nov. 1, 2018 11:59 p.m.
 7. High School Choir deadline-to be determined by the
state.
 - C. Must meet deadlines. **NO EXCEPTION**
 - D. Let the officers know of new teachers, returning teachers
and be sure they know the process and the importance of
Deadlines.
- VI. Anything else for the good of the group.
- A. **Mini-Convention I-Hays High School**
November 3, 2018 (Saturday)
 - B. **Mini-Convention II-Fort Hays State University**
December 8, 2018 (Saturday)
 - C. Band Music from the November and December Mini
Conventions is for sale at 50% off. Contact Connie
Reishus is interested in purchasing.
 - D. Election year for President-elect will be next year. Please
Think about serving. The District Chair people will also be
Voted on at the December Convention.
 - E. November Mini Convention programs are available from
Connie Reishus

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

MOTION: Bill Schick moved to adjourn. Vesta Jo Still seconded.
Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Reishus
Northwest Executive Director