

NW KMEA BUSINESS MEETING
December 12, 2020
Virtual Meeting

President Don Mordecai called the business meeting to order.

Don welcomed everyone virtually.

- I. Minutes-Connie Reishus
Connie stated the minutes from the 2019 business meeting, band director's meeting, choir director's meeting and the 2020 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.

- II. Treasurer's report-Connie Reishus
Connie reported as of December 12, 2020 the balance in the NW District account was \$9238.92. However, there are still bills to be paid.
 - A. Connie stated that in January of 2020 a CD for \$10,000.00 was obtained as it would give more interest than the checking account. The CD expired in October. At that time Connie put \$5000.00 back into a twelve months CD and \$5000.00 was put into the Districts checking account. There were no fees collected this year due to COVID and no in-person attendance. Because the district had a nice balance the board voted at the summer board meeting to award five \$500.00 Julie Groom Memorial scholarships this year.

- III. Reports from Chairpersons
 - A. Junior High Choir-Kelsey Pinkerton-Phillipsburg
 1. Assistant-Kathy Conway-Osborne
 2. Clinician-Kathy Simpson-Nebraska
 3. Accompanist-Kathy Jamison-Trego
 4. 13 schools represented
 5. 109 Students selected (paper only)
 - B. Junior High Band-Megan Reiner-Stockton
 0. Assistant-Samantha Lackey-Ellsworth
 1. Clinician-Sharyn Worcester-KSU
 2. 10 schools represented
 3. 32 students selected (paper only)

C. High School Jazz Band-Mark DeWald-Claflin

1. Assistant-Randy Sauer-Wakeeney
2. Clinician- Dr. Nick Schroeder-Hutchinson
3. 3 schools represented
4. 7 students selected (paper only)

(At the November 7, 2020 convention date the guest clinicians presented a 30-60 minute virtual clinic to each of the groups)

D. High School Choir-Jessica Hakoda-Ellsworth

1. Assistant- Alex Underwood-Hays High
2. Clinician-Ryan Beeken-Wichita State
3. Accompanist-Pam McGowne-FHSU
4. Auditions were held using Festival Scores
5. 19 schools represented
6. 148 Students registered to audition
7. 97 actual auditions
8. 97 selected

E. High School Band-Vesta Jo Still-Logan

1. Assistant-Lucas Burmeister-Hoxie
2. Clinician-Shawn Knopp-Friends University
3. 17 schools represented
4. 37 students selected
6. Festival Scores was used for auditions

F. Elementary Choir-Jill Nichols

1. Assistant- Cindy Root-Claflin
2. Due to COVID there was no elementary choir this year

G. NW/SW Orchestra-Joan Crull (Southwest District)

1. Clinician-Brian Buckstead-Fort Hays University
2. Southwest was to host but cancelled due to COVID.

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 with a great attendance.
2. Don thanked Bill Schick for keeping our Mentoring on track! He thanked him for reaching out and for all the work he does.
3. 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-Cindy Root-Claflin
 - 2. Middle Level Educator-Vesta Jo Still-Phillipsburg
 - 3 High School Educator-Julianne Samuelson-Quinter
Julianne was also selected to represent Northwest District KMEA on the State Level.
 - 4. College Educator-Michael Mayer-Colby Community
 - 5. Honored Educator-Martin Stroud-Hays High
(Pictures and videos were shown of the award recipients receiving their awards)
- J. Julie Groom Memorial Scholarships-Don Mordecai-Norton
 - 1. Hayden Simon-Fort Hays State University
 - 2. Ciara Calhoun-Fort Hays State University
 - 3. Kathryn Walters -Fort Hays State University
 - 4. Rachelle Lumpkins-Fort Hays State University
 - 5. Kinsey Volk-Kansas State University

IV. Old Business

No old business at this time

V. New Business

- A. State ISW will be held virtually
 - 1. Get signed up ASAP
 - 2. Online band auditions are coming up
 - 3. All State Choir Lists will be out soon.
- B. Don thanked Troy Johnson for all he does for the Northwest District.
- C. Dr. Terry Crull explained that the first week of December 4-9 of 2021 the Fort Hays Choir has been invited to attend the 80th Anniversary Ceremonies of the Pearl Harbor attacks in Hawaii and he will not be available to run the Northwest site convention at Fort Hays. He will be back if the date of the convention is changed to December 11th, 2021. Also if the convention is left on the 4th and it is the year of the orchestra Joan will not be available as she will be also going to Hawaii.

Terry and Joan Crull submitted a proposal to both Northwest and Southwest

Districts: That we pretend 2020 never existed so that for December there be the following:

On: December 4, 2021 SW-KMEA District Honor Band/Choir/Comb'd Orchestra at DCHS

Then: December 11, 2021 NW KMEA Honor Band/Choir/Elementary Choir

Then:

On: December 3, 2022 SW KMEA District Honor Band/Choir

Then: December 3, 2022 NW KMEA District Band/Choir/Combined Orchestra/Elementary Choir at FHSU

MOTION: Kelly Burris-Osborne made the motion to accept Terry and Joan Crull's proposal to change the dates of the 2021 Northwest convention and to have the orchestra hosted by Southwest District for 2021 and Northwest District in 2022. Billy Wicks-Hill City seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

D. Election Year for President Elect

1. President- Elect is Alex Underwood-Hays High
2. High School Choir
 - a. Chair-Jessica Hakoda-Ellsworth
 - b. Assistant-Michael Davidson-Russell
3. High School Jazz
 - a. Chair-Randy Sauer-Wakeeney
 - b. Assistant-Brad Persinger-Oberlin
4. Junior High Choir
 - a. Chair-Kathy Conway-Osborne
 - b. Assistant-Annie Adams-Agra-Thunder Ridge
5. Junior High Band
 - a. Chair- Samantha Lackey-Ellsworth
 - b. Assistant-Matt Rome-Hays
6. Elementary Choir
 - a. Chair-Cindy Root-Claflin
 - b. Assistant-?
7. High School Band
 - a. Chair-Lucas Burmister-Hoxie
 - b. Assistant-?
8. Orchestra
 - a. Chair-Joan Crull-Hays

*****Special note:** Jessica Hakoda is staying on as the HS choir chair position for one additional year as her original assistant, Alex Underwood, was elected as president-elect and couldn't do both. Therefore she would stay for one additional year to train her assistant.

D. Registration and Upload Deadlines for 2021 have approved through Troy. Please meet deadlines.

2021-2022 School year

5. Junior High Band Audition Upload Deadline- Wednesday, September 29, 2021 11:59 p.m.
6. High School Jazz Band Audition Upload Deadline- Thursday, September 30th, 2021 11:59 p.m.
7. Junior High Choir Registration Deadline-Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021 11:59 p.m.
8. High School choir-Sunday -October 10th, 2021
9. Elementary Choir Registration Deadline-Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021 11:59 p.m.
10. High School Band Upload Deadline-Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021 11:59 p.m.
11. High School Orchestra Upload Deadline-Wednesday October 27, 2021 11:59 p.m.

D. November Mini Convention Programs are available from Don Mordecai

E. Anything Else for the good of the group

1. **Mini-Convention 1: November 6, 2021 (Hays High) (High School Jazz Band, Junior High Choir, Junior High Band)**
2. **Mini-Convention 2: December 11, 2021 (FHSU) (High School Band, High School Choir and Elementary Choir)**
Special note-Band and Choir will combine to perform "Over the Rainbow"

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Reishus
Northwest Executive Director