

NW KMEA BUSINESS MEETING
December 11, 2021

President Joey Nickols called the business meeting to order.

Joey welcomed everyone and introduced the Northwest District officers and chairs.

I. Minutes-Connie Reishus-Executive Director

Connie stated the minutes from the 2020 Zoom business, any special Zoom meetings and the 2021 summer board meeting have been posted on the district website.

II. Treasurer's report-Connie Reishus-Executive Director

- A. The balance in the Northwest checking account as of November 30, 2021 was \$6,103.62. There is also \$5000.00 that was put into a savings account after cashing out a CD. The total for Northwest District is \$11,103.62. The December convention usually has a lot more expenses than the November. Hopefully there will be a good attendance for the concerts and allow Northwest District to recoup some of the loss from 2020 when there were no in person concerts and no participation money was collected.
- B. In the Northwest district, money is only collected for participation fees. Last year (2020) due to Covid we did not have any in person participation and no live performances where people pay. Therefore, no money was collected. However, clinicians still needed paid along with other expenses causing our district to lose around \$8000.00.
- C. In previous years, including last year (2020), the Northwest District paid for the expenses of Festival Scores Auditions. A special board meeting was held by Zoom on September 13th, 2021 and it was voted by the board that each participating school would pay their \$2.00 per student audition fee for Festival Scores. This entry fee will begin fall of 2021.
- D. A special board meeting was also held by Zoom to discuss a special statement per State Executive Director Dr. John Taylor and the KSHSAA. A vote to adopt the following

wording was put in the Northwest District Policy Handbook.

Each School will be a member of the KSHSAA or a KSHSAA Approved School and be in good standing with the association.

- E. Connie commented to all teachers to please make sure that your school clerks enclose the form that states what honor groups they are submitting money for participation. When no form is submitted it is difficult to decide what the check is paying.
- F. Northwest District does not charge for choir auditions just late entries.
- G. If your school is going to pay late due to boards not meeting please feel free to contact me and let me know.

III. Reports from Chairpersons

- A. Junior High Choir-Kathy Conway-Osborne
 - 1. Assistant-Annie Adams
 - 2. Clinician-Heather Augustine-KSU
 - 3. Accompanist-Maggie McCain
 - 4. 23 school represented
 - 5. 155 Students selected
 - 6. 132 students in attendance
 - 7. Numbers were down due to COVID
 - 8. Kathy requested need height of students when names sent in.
- B. Junior High Band-Samantha Lackey-Hays
 - 1. Assistant-Matt Rome
 - 2. Clinician-Shawn Knopp
 - 3. 13 schools represented
 - 4. 84 entries
 - 5. 54 students in attendance
 - 6. Only 3 clarinets
 - 7. Numbers down due to COVID, but students were well prepared and well behaved.

C. High School Jazz Band-Randy Sauer-Wakeeney

1. Assistant-Brad Persinger
2. Clinician- Dr. Ryan Heinlein
3. 7 schools represented
4. 18 students auditioned
5. 14 students selected
6. Still need more students to audition. Only one Trombone player auditioned.
7. In the band directors meeting earlier in the day it was Voted to use State music for Northwest District Jazz band auditions beginning in 2022.

D. High School Choir-Jessica Hakoda-Ellsworth

1. Assistant- -Michael Davidson
2. Clinician-Dr.Julie Yu-Kansas State Univ.
3. Accompanist-Pam McGowne-FHSU
4. Auditions were held November 6, 2020
5. 23 schools represented
6. 193 Students registered to audition
7. 157 actual auditioned including CDS
8. 180 selected
9. 135 in attendance at convention
10. Followed the new policy of 25 per section provided they earned a score over 20; a student was added to the roster as the exception to the max 25 rule to allow each school one representative in the choir.

S1=26

S2=24

A1=25

A2=12

T1=4

T2=13

B1=20

B2=11

11. Actual attendance: 122

E. High School Band-Lucas Burmeister

1. Assistant-Max Befort
2. Clinician-Dr. Frank Perez
3. 24 schools represented
4. 60 students selected
5. Need to encourage more students to audition
6. Festival Scores was used for auditions
7. 1A&2A State honor band organized by Vesta Jo Still
8. Sections lacking in instrumentation include baritone, tuba bass clarinet and bassoon.
9. The district purchased some music again for the high School and junior high honor band and will be selling it at 50% off original price.

F. Elementary Choir-Cindy Root Claflin

1. Assistant- Paul Prewo-Logan
2. Clinician-Jennifer Donovan
3. Accompanist-Kayla Wombacher-Atwood
3. 25 schools represented
4. 145 students selected

G. NW/SW Orchestra-Joan Crull

1. Held in Southwest District
2. Clinician-Dr. Keith Dodson-Bethany College
3. 69 students auditioned
4. 66 students selected and attended

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 17, 2021.
2. Date in 2022 will be October 16th to be held in Phillipsburg.
3. Joey 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 or returning teachers to the Northwest District. Be sure they know the process and the importance of the DEADLINES!!!! (Connie, Don, Joey, Alex and Bill)
5. Bill noted there were a lot of music teacher openings in Northwest District this past fall. Most of them have been

filled. He is very concerned about the music teacher shortage not only in the Northwest district, but the state.

- I. Honored Educators-Don Mordecai-Norton
Outstanding Educators for Northwest District
 1. Elementary Educator-Jenny Tally-Oberlin
 2. Middle Level Educator-Kristi Vetter-Beloit
 3. High School Educator-Kathy Conway-Osborne
 4. College Educator-Dr. Ivalah Allen-Fort Hays State
 5. Honored Administrator-Shelly Angelos-Principal/Superintendent USD #314 Brewster
- J. Julie Groom Memorial Scholarships-Don Mordecai-Norton
 1. There were no names submitted for Scholarships this year.

IV Old Business

- A. The 2022 December mini-Convention will be held December 3, 2022. It will involve the NW High School District Band, Choir, combined NW/SW Orchestras and the Elementary Choir.

V. New Business

A. EMAILS

1. Directors (directors@nwkmea.org) you are able to use this when you need to ask a question or help from the teachers in the Northwest District.
2. If an email is received from anyone in the district, Dr Taylor has a practice in place that he asks of the board..**please respond within 24 hours.** Even if you do not know the answer, please reply that you don't know but will get back as soon as you can. Joey is for everyone in Northwest District to please practice this. Great communications is good practice for all of us.

B. State News: Mark Gard (State KMEA President)

1. 19 students from Kansas in the NAFME National Ensembles
2. 30 schools received commendations for the arts
3. KMEA-Coda Grant-up to \$200 for curriculum-mini grant
4. Miss Kansas 2021 is a Music Ed Major-Percussionist
5. More students needed in Music Education-Tri-M Chapters

needed-can get funding through the state to set up a chapter.

6. ISW 2022 will be in person
Covid-Everyone is encourage to be vaccinated, wear a mask and distance. All-State student participants will be required to wear a mask during rehearsals.
7. No masks at concerts.
8. Due to limited space there will be no watching in instrumental rehearsals.
9. No limitation of audience for concerts.
10. Following the Thursday Evening concert there will be late night Jazz Session.
11. Craig Manteuffel shared information on students in the Arts.
- 12.12A State Honor Band will be new this year. Vesta Jo Still-Phillipsburg is chair of this new group.
This band will focus on middle level music. Students who audition for district honor band will be eligible to participate.
They must be selected by their director. One from a 1A or 2A school.
- 13.School redesign is not a positive curriculum for music programs.
- 14.January 22nd will be a virtual mentoring conference.
15. Please check KMR and everything going on in Kansas.

C. Band music purchased for the November and December conventions are available to purchase at 50% off. Please contact Connie if interested in purchasing.

D. 2022 will be an election year for President-Elect, HS Jazz assistant, HS Band assistant, HS Choir assistant, JH Band assistant, JH Choir assistant, and Elementary Choir assistant. They would assist March 2023-25 and then chair 2025-27.

1. The votes that were done this year were to install the vacant assistant spots that did not have anybody in them. Those two will be assistants for one year (2022-March 2023) instead of two, then they will take over from March 2023-2025 as chair.

E. There are still November Mini-Convention programs available. See Joey Nickols should you want some additional ones.

F. Doors open for the concert at 3:15 pm.

G. Everyone is needed to get the choir risers collapsed, stored away, band chairs and stand rows set up for the concert. The allotted time is 20 minutes.

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

2022-2023 School year

1. Junior High Band Audition Upload Deadline - Wednesday, September 28, 2022 11:59 p.m.
2. High School Jazz Band Audition Upload Deadline- Thursday, September 29th, 2022
3. Junior High Choir Registration Deadline-Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022 11:59 p.m.
4. High School Choir-Sunday -October 9th, 2022
Late #1 – Oct. 23
Late #2 – Nov. 4
Late #3 – Nov. 5
5. Elementary Choir Registration Deadline-Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022 11:59 p.m.
6. High School Band Upload Deadline-Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022 11:59 p.m.
7. High School Orchestra Upload Deadline-Wednesday October 26, 2022 11:59 p.m.

VI. Anything for the good of the groups.

A. Mini-Convention I-Hays High School-Saturday November 5, 2022. (JH Honor Choir, JH Honor Band and HS Honor Jazz Band.

B. Mini-Convention II-Fort Hays State University-Saturday, December 3, 2022. (HS Choir, HS Band, HS Orchestra and Elementary Choir.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Reishus
Northwest Executive Director