

**OMEA Dist. 3 Fall Meeting**  
Monday, September 4, 2009  
**Bath Middle School Bandroom**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM, introductions were made, 32 members present  
2/3. Motion by Erin Grim/Helen Ruhlen to approve the minutes and treasurers report of the '09 spring meeting. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**4. Executive Board Reports**

- a. **Pres. Dane Newlove** - Dane thanked Erin for her extended service to D3 as our president through an additional term
- b. **Pres. elect** – James Vaughn – the spring state OMEA board meeting met for just one day, not the additional Friday night, fewer officers were asked to attend, more districts were reported to be fiscally sound
- c. **Sec./Treas. Karen Kelly** - if you're the designated "Directory Update" person for your school, please follow the deadlines
- d. **Past pres. Erin Grim** - no report

**5. Committee Reports**

a. **District HS Festival** - Bob Sloan/Karen Kelly – All is well. This year's conductors are band-Ken Thompson (BGSU), choir-Ethan Sperry (Miami). Audition material will be mailed at the beginning of October. Conductors are in the process of picking repertoire, no changes to the overall process. PLEASE:

- 1) READ all information as it arrives
- 2) Respond promptly to deadlines
- 3) Keep parents from contacting Bob directly. YOU have most of the answers that you send them to me to get. If you don't have the answer then, YOU should contact me, not the parent
- 4) Respond promptly to deadlines
- 5) Check ALL dates before submitting someone for auditions
- 6) Respond promptly to deadlines

Gary Gilpin, composer of the 2009 HS Festival Choir commission would like feedback on the commission from the district choir directors

b. **District Jazz Band** - Dave Sycks/John Stetler – John is concerned about the multiple no shows on audition day. Don't sign up to audition unless you intend to tryout. The auditions are as combos, outside musicians are enlisted to help w/o reimbursement, we abuse their time if there are no-shows.

c. **District JH Festival** – Klayton Hillary/Stacie Korte. The first mailing will go out through USPS, near the end of October, return deadline will be mid December. Too many issues to depend on the web alone.

d. **District Conference** - Dane Newlove – contact Dane w/ ideas for guest speakers

e. **Festival Scholarships** - Helen Ruhlen – In 2009 an additional scholarship, for a member of the HS festival jazz band, was added. In addition to Rettigs and Kewpee, the third sponsor is the "Instrument Care Center" in Findlay, each contributing \$500.00. To maintain the correct chain for tax purposes, the business gives the funds to the festival chair, who then forwards them to the local boosters, who then present the funds to the student, after the student has presented the paper work showing a semesters participation in an ensemble at their chosen college/university. The deadline for the scholarship application is Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, the second festival rehearsal. Please TYPE all applications. Handwritten is not acceptable.

f. **General Music/MIOSM** - Helen Ruhlen. Check the OMEA website. GM fall conference is Oct. 16 at Capitol, \$45 for pre-reg, \$60 on site. College students need an ID and \$10/\$15. At the MENC website you have the opportunity to have your name on a brick, the money benefiting MIOSM and FAME – "Future of Music Education". Nancy Wehrkamp (Paulding) is helping. James Vaughn reported OMEA is promoting GM. You don't need to be a member of OMEA to attend the Capitol workshop.

g. **Public Relations** – Sarah Hasselman – no report

h. **Mentoring** - Dick Sherrick - "www.district3omea.org>activities>mentors". More retirees are available & are being asked to visit area schools; Dale Laukhuf, Tony Alessandrini, Harold Beckett, Dick Sherrick, Linda Fox-Miller, Lynn Knoble, Randy Clark. Everyone in the district is a mentor in some fashion. We're available, willing, don't be intimidated. Check w/ Sarah Haselman for PRAXIS information. Look to universities for tutoring and help.

i. **Retirees** - Tony Alessandrini/Jim Leaman – no report.

j. **Technology/Website** - Bob Sloan – contact Bob, via email (r\_sloan@vwcs.net), to sign up for the D3 list-serve. Email lists have been updated to remove those that left the district. A new list has been added for retirees.

k. **Government Relations** – Erin Grim – forward materials to the website & list serve

l. **OCMEA** – Lindsey Newlove – Gave an overview of OCMEA at ONU. Listed activities they do on campus, invite music teachers to come in & talk about various subjects. Music technology is a big area. Every member of the ONU OCMEA give lessons to other students.

m. **Higher Education** – Dr. Thomas Hunt – Would like to go into the district and visit schools. In the schools, teachers frequently know more than the specialists on campus. ONU would like to have a spring band festival, composers Julie Giroux, Jim Barnes. Would like feedback on this event. Summer Music Camp 2010 will feature composer Sam Hazo. Can they double attendance? \$400 per student, scholarships are available.

**6. Adjudicated Events Report**

a. **HS S/E** – Sandy Miller (E-Lima Senior), Dane Newlove (W-St.Marys) – Dane reported 2010 would most likely be the last year w/ St. Marys as the west site host. West side schools start checking their home schools for 2011 HS SE availability as host.

b. **HS Large Group** - Shawnee (East-Pat/Dan Meeks)/Celina (West-Chuck Sellers) – Pat/Dan Meeks (Shawnee) – DIGITAL RECORDERS will be used state wide in 2010 for large group AE, not just selected test sites. Directors must provide THREE 1G (or smaller) memory cards, not HD cards, for each participating ensemble [two ensembles = 6 cards]. Cards must be labeled &

included with the judge's scores. Your local tech dept. may already have a supply of these memory cards. Check before you purchase any. MB is piloting their use this fall. Put the memory in a smaller envelope, not loose.

- c. **JH S/E** – Sarah Santilli (Liberty Benton/north)/Jenn Bear (Minster/south) – no report
- d. **JH Large Group** – Shannon Wagner (Parkway) – small participation, 9 bands, 9 choirs

#### **7. OMEA State & NW Region Officer Reports**

- a. **OMEA Member, Media & Information Services** – Anita Cook - go to OMEA website & update your personal information
- b. **AE Instrumental Advisor – Pat Meeks** – title is now “Rules & Procedures” chair. The current HS SE list (28,000 titles) will convert to rolling revisions. The current book is the last hard copy, all updates will be online with the first categories revised, WW Ensembles and Harp. Check the OMEA website, a two year time frame is anticipated for each electronic revision.
- d. **Liaison Officials/Awards Coordinator** - Linda Fox-Miller – More candidates for recognition in Music education, Music Support Groups, Administration are desired. Linda forwards all applications on to the OMEA trustees. Applications are available online. Oct. 10 deadline

#### **8. Old Business**

- a. 2009/2010 D3 calendar - be sure all applicable dates are on your home school calendar
- b. 2011 HS Festival commission – Jazz, John Stetler/Dave Sycks, will handle this. 2013-Band, 2015-Choir
- c. 2009/2010 Directory update info is now past due – get it returned to Karen. Are you on the district email list serve? Email Bob Sloan “r\_sloan@vwcs.net”

#### **9. New Business**

- a. Contact Dane if you are newly retired. Jane Eakin, Helen Ruhlen, Dave VanTilburg, Trina Brown, etc.... Anyone else?
- b. Steve Popa – Lima Senior will be hosting a College Music Fair, admission is free. Motion to help pay for the security for the event, \$50 an hour – Erin Grim/Beth Vaughn. **MOTION APPROVED.** Lima Sr will also be hosting the performance group “Chanticleer” April 24, 2010 and workshop with the Lima Sr choirs.
- c. Dane is considering activating a fall/winter/spring electronic newsletter. A fall newsletter was generated this Sept. with hard copies going only to the retirees. If you have items of interest, contact Dane.
- d. Recruitment
  - i. New members? – phone calls, personal contact. Technology may be shooting us in our own foot. With the creation of the list serve, D3 & OMEA websites, event chairs providing materials, instructions online, less need to attend district meetings?
  - ii. Experienced members get involved at all levels.
  - iii. Change day/time of meeting – start meetings at 7PM, not 7:30, have board meeting in the fall only?
  - iv. Did the spring 2009 dinner meeting work as planned? No, very small attendance.
- e. Go to OMEA website & update your information
- f. Televising D3 HS Festival? Yes, check with WTLW Ch. 44. How would this impact Eric Suttman? Eric currently records CD's & DVD's of the concert for purchase. Are there copyright issues? Could D3 be a sponsor?
- g. Any interest in a charter bus from this area to the Cincinnati conference – No
- h. Let us know of any D3 groups/students/members performing or presenting at the 2010 conference. Meagan Bevers will be on a panel w/ Rick Blatti (OSU) about the administration of band programs, Friday 4PM. An MENC rep will not be at the conference due to financial cuts.

#### **10. For the Good of the Order:**

Van Wert, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Sept. 29, “Music and the Brain”  
Cantate Youth Chorale – Lima area youth, grades 4-8 and the newly formed Cantabile Youth Chorale, grades 1-4. Contact Sandi Gesler (Waynesfield-Goshen) or Dan Basinger (Arlington)  
Bluffton Univ. is hosting the New York Woodwind Quintet Oct. 22, master classes and recital.  
Dave Sycks (Bluffton) is looking for larger size black marching band pants w/ stripe  
Crystal Smith (Celina) will be doing a Renaissance Madrigal Feast Nov. 21-22. Can anyone help w/ costumes? Snyder HS/Ft.Wayne, Miriam Gibson/Leipsic, Bowling Green HS

#### **11. Items of Concern for the State Board Meeting** – not at this time

#### **12. Motion to adjourn – Chuck Sellars/Ryan Yahl**

Submitted by Karen Kelly, D3 sec./treas., 9/14/09

#### **End of year balance in state account:**

June 2008 - \$25,000  
June 2007 - \$20,000  
June 2006 - \$16,000  
June 2005 - \$10,000  
June 2004 - \$8000  
June 2003 - \$7000  
June 2002 - \$9800  
June 2001 - \$11,000  
June 2000 - \$15,000\