

OMEA Dist. 3 Fall Meeting
Monday, September 13, 2010
Bath Middle School

1. Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM, introductions were made, 23 members present
2/3. Motion by Beth Vaughn/Helen Ruhlen to approve the spring minutes & treasurers report. **MOTIONS APPROVED.**

4. Executive Board Reports

- a. **Pres. Dane Newlove** - integrated with later topics of the meeting
- b. **Pres. elect** – James Vaughn – attended state spring board meeting. OMEA is financially solvent, but we still need to cut costs. James Dowdy has initiated an online newsletter, “Staccato”. James needs nominations for the next round of D3 elections. Looking into Channel 44, Lima, doing some MENC public service announcements.
- c. **Sec./Treas. Karen Kelly** - Discussion to remove “Festival Handbook” from hard copy directory to save postage & paper. Nominal savings.
- d. **Past pres. Erin Grim** - see government relations, #5k.

5. Committee Reports

- a. **District HS Festival** - Bob Sloan/Karen Kelly – fine
- b. **District Jazz Band** - Dave Sycks/John Stetler – John Lake, Celina & District 3 Festival jazz alum will be writing the 2011 HS Festival Jazz commission. Rehearsals in Elida, Bluffton, Elida and Van Wert
- c. **District JH Festival** – Klayton Hillary/Stacie Korte – The 2011 directors are the same as contracted for 2010. Dirk Eachus will conduct the choir, Suzanne Barrett from Dublin MS will conduct the band. The choir changed one song. Rettigs accepted the return. All events will be at Wapak HS, to take advantage of the renovations. The Saturday concert will be in the new HS auditorium. JH Festival is no longer at Wapak Junior High. Is the District HS Festival Jazz band still playing for the JH kids?
- d. **Winter Meeting Lunch** - In Van Wert, Dane will arrange catering from St. Marys. Possible guest speakers: Max Treier, David Adamson
- e. **Festival Scholarships** - Helen Ruhlen – Applications due Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011. A letter of recommendation is required from the home director of the ensemble of which the student is a member. Choir students must have a letter from their home choir director, band students must have a letter from their home band director. Motion (Beth Vaughn/Shannon Wagner) made to rename the scholarship program the “Boyd Loughrige Scholarship Program” in memory of Boyd Loughrige. Boyd was D3 president during the inception of the program and one of its major proponents. Boyd passed away recently after a long struggle with cancer.
- f. **General Music/MIOSM** - Helen Ruhlen. The 2011/2012 MIOSM theme is “Music Lasts a Lifetime”. A song about the theme is being written by an Ohioan. Check the OMEA website. The world’s largest concert will be March 10, 2011, 1:00 PM. Oct. 15, 2010 is a GM presentation at Ohio Wesleyan.
- g. **Public Relations** – we need a representative – 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, Tina Decker, Jim Leaman, Janis Grffin. Everyone in the district is a mentor in some fashion. We’re available, willing, don’t be intimidated.
- i. **Retirees** - Tony Alessandrini/Jim Leaman – see 5h
- j. **Technology/Website** - Bob Sloan – looking to do an overhaul, Facebook possibilities. Be sure to email r_sloan@vwcs.net to get on the D3 listserv.
- k. **Government Relations** – Erin Grim – forward materials to the website & list serve.
- l. **OCMEA** – need a rep
- m. **Higher Education** - no

6. Adjudicated Events Report

- a. **HS S/E** – Sandy Miller (E-Lima Senior), Dane Newlove (W-St.Marys) – 2011 HS S/E applications will be web-based. The DEP is DONE. Trash it. This is the year SE entry fees change. Erin Grim brought to our attention, If people balk at the newly raised fees, remind them \$15 is cheap for a tutorial from the adjudicator, whose driven many miles to listen to the students.
- b. **HS Large Group** - Shawnee (East-Pat/Dan Meeks)/Van Wert (West-Sloan) – From Pat: Read James Vaughn’s TRIAD article on the conversion to digital recording for large group AE’s. Some brands of SD cards are not compatible w/ certain brand recorders. If OMEA purchases/provides SD cards on site, entry fees will go up. WAV files can convert to Mp3. “Audacity” is a free download program to ease conversion. First come, first scheduled. Van Wert – Choirs in the Lecture Hall, bands on stage.
- c. **JH S/E** – Sarah Santilli (Liberty Benton/north)/Jenn Bear (Minster/south) – Sarah & Jenn will discuss re-assigning schools to the N/S sites for more equal distribution of events. Check the 2010/2011 directory
- d. **JH Large Group** – Shannon Wagner (Parkway) – Thanks to Celina for the use of their choir shell. The gym was noisy due to the wind. In 2011, both choirs and bands will return to the auditorium.

7. Old Business

- a. **Membership recruitment** – You do not need to be a member of OMEA to attend the GM workshops. Are you receiving the new online newsletter from James Dowdy “Staccato”? Go to the OMEA website & update your membership information.
- b. **OMEA honors** – **Linda Fox-Miller** – OMEA website has applications for Outstanding Music Educators, Administrators, music support groups, etc. Be encouraged to submit nominations. Deadline is Oct. 1

8. New Business

- a. 2009/2010 D3 OMEA retirees – Jane Moheyer/St. Marys, Larry Taylor/Van Wert, Bruce Bair/Celina, Janet Ottarson/Elida, others?
- b. Lima Senior Music College Fair – Monday, Nov. 1, 2010
- c. Channel 44 possible broadcast of HS festival concert, need sponsors. Contact Erin or Kevin Bowers. 44 is currently having issues with Time-Warner. You may write letters of support on behalf of Channel 44.
- d. Students involved in either MS or HS festivals should be using the OMEA approved medical form, not their local school form.
- e. Tanya Best spoke on behalf of the Lions Club sponsored band program for local students. It's a little known program with many travel and playing opportunities for students. It's well funded and the local Lions Clubs are looking to make these opportunities available to deserving students.
- f. D3 reception in Cincinnati at conference – James will look into this.
- g. Let Van Wert know all-state ensemble participants so they may be recognized in the HS festival program

9. For the Good of the Order:

- a. SD cards worked in the fall of 2009 at MB AE events, loved it
- b. Celina has commissioned Brant Karrick to write a piece in memory of Boyd Loughrige. It will be performed May 2011 with current and alumni Celina students, district member and the Lima area Marimba ensemble.
- c. Angie & Evertt Kalcec will present a session at convention on Jazz Improv for non-jazzers.
- d. Linda Fox-Miller is now on the sub-lists for Allen county, Wapak & St. Marys.
- e. Motion by Sandy Miller/Randy Clark to contribute \$100 in memory of Boyd Loughrige to the OMEA Foundation Scholarship fund. MOTION APPROVED.
- f. St. Marys is hosting the 2011 Ohio ASBDA conference in Feb.
- g. Dane announced St. Marys had a tough week, a band mom was killed in a traffic accident, the entire band family is grieving.

10. Motion to adjourn – Ryan Yahl/John Stetler, 8:25

Submitted by Karen Kelly, D3 sec./treas., 9/13/10