

OMEA Dist. 3 Fall Meeting  
Monday, Sept. 14, 2015  
Elida High School Band Room

1. Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM, introductions were made, 37 members present
2. Motion by Dale Laukhuf/Linda Fox-Miller to approve the spring minutes. **APPROVED.**
3. Motion by James Vaughn/Steve Popa to approve treasurer's report. **APPROVED.**
4. **Executive Board Reports**
  - a. **Pres. Dan Ruckman** - Welcome, thanks for the large turnout
  - b. **Pres. elect – Wendi Sanders Davis** – no report
  - c. **Sec./Treas. Karen Kelly** - Thanks to all who've returned directory update info.
  - d. **Past Pres, 2.0 - James Vaughn** – No report.
5. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **District HS Festival** – Bob Sloan - Nancy Ditmer will guest conduct the 2016 HS Festival band, Mark Patterson will conduct the choir and compose choir commission. Parts due in November. The 2016 rehearsal and concert dates revert back to the MLK weekend. Audition etudes are on the website, & will be mailed this week. Please follow and obey deadlines.  
As much as we appreciate the good job WTTW does with the broadcast of our HS festival concert, there are concerns (issues) with the delay in delivery of the CDs/DVDs ordered at the concert, and, WTTW's ability to secure copyrights for the music performed. WTTW is suggesting they pick the music our groups perform, 12 months in advance, based on their choice of publisher, and WTTW's ability to secure copyrights. After discussion, it was suggested our D3 officers personally visit those in charge at WTTW, soon. One reason D3 switched to WTTW, as a recording venue, was due to their offer to broadcast the event. Eric Suttman, our former recording engineer, is no longer available. Dan Ruckman and Dane Newlove are working with WTTW to resolve this concerns.
  - b. **District Jazz Band** – John Stetler/Dave Sycks – Encourage students to audition. You do not have to be a member of your own HS jazz band to audition for the HS festival jazz band.
  - c. **District JH Festival** – Klayton Hilleary/Stacie Korte/Paul Baransy – 2016 band guest conductor will be Kathy McGrady (Toledo/Springfield), guest choir conductor is Robyn Reeves Lana (Cincinnati Children's Choir). Jazz - encourage students to audition. You do not have to be a member of your own JH jazz band to audition for the JH festival jazz band.
  - d. **Festival Luncheon** – Yes - Kandy Saunier catering. Sign up through Google. Details to follow, lunchtime; 11:30 to enable guest conductors to join us.
  - e. **Festival Scholarships** – James Vaughn – Sponsors continue to support the scholarship. The Kewpee issue has been resolved. James would like someone else to head the scholarship committee.
  - f. **General Music/MIOSM** – Lindsey Newlove – Encourage GM teachers to attend. There will be a breakout session at the winter D3 meeting.
  - g. **Public Relations** – Stephen Popa – Use D3 Facebook, Twitter, website.
  - h. **Mentoring** – Richard Sherrick – Contact information for designated D3 mentors is on the D3 website. Mentoring has gone well this year, but mainly at the HS level with LG AE. Directors have used mentors to help them prepare. Please encourage directors that have graduating seniors to promote the area community bands. This is a great way for students to continue playing after HS. Younger teachers should reach out too more than their peers. **Mentors:** HS Instrumental: Randy Clark, Retired (New Bremen), Patricia Meeks, Shawnee Schools. HS Choir: Janis Griffin, Spencerville Schools. MS Instrumental: Tina Decker, Van Wert City Schools. MS Choral: Kevin Manley, Findlay City Schools. EL Instrumental: Richard Sherrick, Retired (Parkway Local Schools). EL GM: Katie Brautigam, Celina City Schools
  - i. **Retired** – Randy Clark/Linda Fox-Miller– Subscribe to the email list, pass along by word of mouth. Email Bob & "request" to be on the listserve.
  - j. **Technology** – Bob Sloan – Keep your listserve subscription up to date. If you've a new email address, please re-subscribe. If you have a gmail.com account, make use of the D3 google calendar. We are also on Facebook & Twitter. The current list serves are stable for another 12 months. We will not have to re-subscribe before the summer of 2016.
  - k. **Advocacy** – Holly Smith – Think outside the bubble. Join your own teachers union as an additional safety net, especially in this age of morphing and downsizing.
  - l. **OCMEA** – Janelle Sperry – [j-sperry@omea.edu](mailto:j-sperry@omea.edu). ONU OCMEA meetings are Monday's at 8pm, every 2 weeks. The ONU OCMEA students would like to volunteer as needed for any type of sectional help, adjudicated event help, etc.
  - m. **Higher Education** – Ben Ayling, ONU, will be the higher ed representative for 2015/2016
6. **Adjudicated Events Report**
  - a. **HS S/E** – Steve Popa (E-Lima Senior), Chuck Sellers (W-Celina) – Lima Senior will again host the east side HSSE for 2016. Craig French: Craig and Chuck Sellers (Celina). West side HSSE is moving to Celina for one year due to a conflict at St Marys Memorial HS. This is one year only. West side HSSE will return to St. Marys in 2017.
  - b. **HS Large Group** – Pat Meeks (E-Shawnee)/Bob Sloan (W-Van Wert) – Shawnee will again host the east side. There will be a few changes in the room assignments, due to construction at Shawnee HS. Meet your deadlines; chairs cannot help after the portal closes. Van Wert – Hope to return choir performances to the lecture hall. If not, the choirs will perform in the MS gym.
  - c. **JH S/E** – John Stetler (Elida/north)/Jen Bear (Minster/south) – JHSE – see "**ALL AE EVENTS**" below
  - d. **JH Large Group** – Shannon Wagner (Parkway): Yes

**ALL AE EVENTS** – Chairs can do nothing to help after the portal closes. Send fees **before** the event, not the day of the event. SE – once events are entered & portal is closed, event numbers cannot be changed. If possible, and you know before the portal closes, delete cancelled events to avoid payment on those cancelled events. Once the portal closes, you are financially responsible for all event fees, including events not cancelled before the deadline. Events cancelled after the portal closes will still need to be paid.
7. **OMEA State and NW Region Officer Reports:**
  - a. **Pat Meeks – OMEA Past Pres** – This is one of the best districts in the state. Get involved, checkout the new OMEA website, [www.omea-ohio.org](http://www.omea-ohio.org). Check to see that your "Staccato" arrives in your primary inbox. Some are showing up in the "Junk" box.
  - b. **Dane Newlove – Dir of AE Materials & Awards** – Distributed 27,000 awards during the 2015 AE season. Order early. Thanks for your support.
  - c. **Linda Fox-Miller – Liaison Officials/Awards Coordinator** – Our own Lindsey Newlove, GM/Crestview, was the first recipient of the new OMEA, created in 2015, "Outstanding Young Professional". Each district nominates a young professional, having taught 3-8 years. Award nomination forms can be downloaded from OMEA website. There have been years when single nominations have been submitted in certain categories. Nominate, Nominate,

Nominate. Include a diverse broad spectrum of letters of endorsement for your candidate. While binders of information about a candidate are impressive, they are no longer efficient. Linda takes binders apart and scans all materials to the committee. Letters, materials should be sent to Linda electronically – email, text, smart phone, scanned, etc.

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

- a. District calendar for 2015/2016:** Go to [district3omea.org](http://district3omea.org). The Google calendar is live and active.
- b. Reception at Professional Development Conference:** Yes. Wendi Davis/James Vaughn will handle the details. James has already submitted the form.
- c. D3 HS Festival Choir Commission** – See 5a
- d. District Honors Band Excerpt Committee – Craig French** – Good, up to date.
- e. Channel 44 broadcast of HS D3 concert – Dane Newlove, Dan Ruckman** – see 5a

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

- a. Retired D3 educators** – For recognition at the HS Festival concert, please send names to Dan Ruckman, Wendi Davis or Karen Kelly
- b. New teachers** – Who do we have? Please be on the lookout for new teachers & welcome them!
- c. Any performing groups/presenters/all-state students, etc.?** All-state choir – [Van Buren](#) - Mary Beth Kane, Katelyn Reineke, Tom Rowles, Jared Smith. [Van Wert](#) – Jakob Schaufelberger. Holly Smith (New Bremen) – presenting a poster session through BGSU
- d. D3 luncheon/winter meeting** – Saturday, January 16, 2016 – see 5d
- e. Spring Meeting** - Monday, May 2, 2016, 7:00, Elida HS Bandroom
- f. D3 Elem honors choir?** – no response or interest evident.
- g. Mark Suderman** – Choral, Bluffton Univ. – Mark is willing to visit D3 schools and work with choirs. He also invites HS students to participate in rehearsals and performance of HANDEL'S MESSIAH
  - On Sunday, December 6 at 4:00 p.m. Bluffton University will be performing Handel's *Messiah* with regional soloists and orchestra
  - Any singer, high school age and older, is invited to join the chorus
  - Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Gilliom Room of Mosiman Hall (music building) on the Bluffton campus
  - Rehearsals will be held every Tuesday evening up to the performance, except November 24
  - There is no cost to participate

#### **10. State Board Concerns - no**

#### **11. For the good of the order –**

- a.** Bob Sloan presented promotional posters for the Niswonger Performing Arts Center (Van Wert). Anyone taking a selfie standing next to the poster, in their classroom, then, posting it on facebook, will receive a free NPAC ticket, to a concert of their choice. Email Tafi Stober, director of marketing ([marketing@npacvw.org](mailto:marketing@npacvw.org)) for more details/information.
- b.** James Vaughn – Findlay, the Marathon Fine Arts will be opening soon – old Central JH auditorium
- c.** Wendi Davis – Kalida is looking for an interim concert band director. For reasons of health, Lori Klausung will be leaving the end of Sept. Paul Baransy is now the Kalida interim marching band director.
- d.** Kathryn Moore - Arcadia is looking for a long-term choir sub, March-May, to fill a maternity leave.
- e.** Steve Popa – Lima City Schools has an open MS Choir position. See the Lima City Schools website
- f.** Jim Leaman – Long time Lima area musician, Don Hurless passed away and his family is holding an auction of Don's items, including many instruments, a 9' Steinway, a large library of piano music, etc. Check his facebook page, "Don Hurless", for details.

**Motion for Adjournment** – 8:20 – James Vaughn/Tim Davis

Submitted by Karen Kelly, D3 sec./treas, 9/14/15

**Winter Meeting – Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016, Van Wert High School, NPAC Lobby, 11:30 AM**