

OMEA Dist. 3 Fall Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2016
Elida High School Band Room

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM, introductions were made, 36 members present
2. Motion by Craig French/Zack Nellom 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

State Board Meeting Notes

- Advocacy Report by Tim Katz and Jim Dowdy
 - The best of OMEA PDC CD was given out at the statehouse
 - 58 Rule bill had a second hearing
 - Every Student Succeeds Act There is a summary by Joan Platz at OAAE.net
 - HB 74, Kasich is pushing for STEAM language, House is pushing back
 - Encouraged members to find all politicians to send concert info or performance recordings.

President Terry Herschman shared her hope that the Children's choir festival model would spread to all of the regions. She encouraged everyone to think about deserving individuals for the State Level awards (DSA, Administrator, Booster Groups, Educator)

Adjudicated Events

- Choral SR should show improvement 2nd time
- Band Class B SR, 10 percussion parts, they will be more proactive
- Event chair handbook is revised on portal July 1st
- 2018 add AA orchestras
- JH duets district 3 pilot in 2017, ww, brass, perc, vocal, District 9 and 10 also
- HS S/E, open class for unlisted literature (college prep) comments only
- New LG sheets 2018, S/E 2019
- Discrimination issue with parents
- Participation up in AE events
- 8480 adjudicator ratings
- Feedback on event sites on portal
- Honors group expenditure form will be required this year
- Adjudicator travel trying to balance

Continue to help identify and nurture our future leaders. We are who we are because of the outstanding members who demonstrate the highest levels of servant leaders.

b. Pres. elect – Wendi Sanders Davis – Wendi attended the summer OMEA leadership conference and is interested in "How to make OMEA relevant to young directors?"

c. Sec./Treas. Karen Kelly - Due to our bank (Van Wert Federal) holding all out of town checks 10 days, all event checks (SE entry fees, LG entry fees, festival acceptance fees, etc.) must be deposited at least 10 days before the event, to assure enough funds to cover the event. Checks must get to the event chair in such a timeframe to accommodate the treasurer's deadline.

- All event checks (audition, acceptance, entry, registration fees) should be made payable to "**OMEA**", that's it.

- A number of schools have yet to return their directory update information

d. Past Pres, 2.0 - James Vaughn – Welcome to all the new teachers in D3.

5. Committee Reports

a. District HS Festival – Bob Sloan – The 2017 HS choir conductor is Amy Johnston Blosser, formerly teaching in Wapak and now in Bexley; Guest band conductor – Bill Thomas-Lakota East and earlier in his career, Minster. Thanks to the committee responsible for selecting the audition etudes. Festival information and etudes will be in the mail/on the website yet this week. The google calendar is up to date and all "pending" dates are now firm.

HS Festival recordings - At the spring meeting the membership voted to sever our relationship with WTLW with respect to all broadcast, recording and duplication of the HS Festival. The District has voted to begin a relationship with SOUNDWAVES as our duplication and sales partner. While we will no longer be broadcasting the concert on TV, we believe that a quality memory for parents and students outweighs the minimal gain we were receiving as "public relations" from the concert broadcasts. We also have been assured that purchased CDs will be mailed out with 3 to 4 weeks of the concert. Orders will be taken on the day of the event and online following. CDs will be \$17. Our contract with Soundwaves requires \$0 in recording fees provided our parents/students/you order a minimum of 50 total CDs. We are also granted 6 free archive copies for the Festival files and our guest conductors, a luxury we have not received since our time working with EJ Suttman recording. Those of you who have worked with Soundwaves or have purchased product in the past know that their workmanship is top notch. Additionally they do 100% of the graphic, packaging, and licensing. In our estimation this is a win win win for everyone. We are very pleased to be making this switch. If you have any questions please feel free to reply to r_sloan@vwcs.net and I'll do my best to answer.

Janis Griffin – Need choir sectional directors for the December 10 HS festival choir rehearsal

b. District Jazz Band – John Stetler/Dave Sycks – 2018 jazz commission composer is Brent Wallarab, Indiana University. Do not need to have a jazz band at your school for students to audition for district jazz band. Wind players audition with etudes; rhythm section auditions are "round robin", given the opportunity to play on several different instruments. Be aware of the jazz rehearsal dates. They're different from the band/choir rehearsals and somewhat different from previous years. Check the district google calendar and website.

c. District JH Festival – Klayton Hilleary/Stacie Korte/Paul Baransy – 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. Stacie is concerned about the low number of choir students, particularly boys, submitted by the D3 MS choir directors. She'd like to re-format the choir recommendation procedure. Stacie, James Vaughn and Amanda Beining will review the process.

Stacie also would like advice about published images of the ensembles, when not all the participants have submitted approved image release forms.

Suggestions – blur those students’ faces, do not include them in the group photo, do not take a photo.

Paul is concerned about the declining quality of the MS jazz band. He may consider one less rehearsal and/or allowing students to miss one rehearsal, possibly following the same guidelines as the HS festival – allowing students to participate in both choir & jazz or band & jazz. Parents may not be willing to commit to the rehearsal time. It was suggested to try auditions by recommendation in lieu of a recorded audition. Todd Schreiber, Whiteford, Michigan, is the 2017 MS Choir Festival guest conductor

d. Festival Scholarships – Brad Spettel – James Vaughn reported that the scholarship selection continues to be a good blind process. Sponsors continue to support the scholarship. All previously presented scholarships have been paid. Brad may appreciate help, during the January 7, 2017 rehearsal

e. General Music/MIOSM – Encourage GM teachers to attend.

f. Public Relations – Stephen Popa – Use D3 Facebook, Twitter, website.

g. 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, retired (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

h. 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.

i. Technology – Bob Sloan – Keep your listserve subscription up to date. If you’ve a new email address, re-subscribe. If you have a gmail.com account, make use of the D3 google calendar. We are also on Facebook & Twitter. Four list serve categories: GM, Instrumental, Retired, Vocal

j. Advocacy – Holly Smith - no report

k. OCMEA – 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.

6. Adjudicated Events Report

a. HS S/E – Steve Popa (E-Lima Senior), Craig French (W-St Marys) – Lima Senior will again host the east side HSSE for 2017. West side HSSE will return to St. Marys in 2017. Be aware of SAT conflicts

b. HS Large Group – Seth Justice, Ranga Munasinghe (E-Shawnee)/Bob Sloan (W-Van Wert)

c. JH S/E – John Stetler (Elida/north)/Jen Bear (Minster/south) – JHSE – Check the directory for site assignment.

d. JH Large Group – Shannon Wagner (Parkway) no report

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. Click on the correct site when working on the portal.

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. Check to see that your “Staccato” arrives in your primary inbox. Some are showing up in the “Junk” box.

- **“Policies and Practices” finalized, check the website.** The Blue HSSE literature list hardcopy is **NO LONGER VIABLE**. Send it to re-cycling. All literature lists are on the website and regularly updated.

- Ensembles may attend out of district LG events, however, request deadline is January 1, 2017. SE cannot be out of district.

- Congratulations to Hannah Snyder and Brad Spettel for attending the OMEA Leadership Academy, held alternate years in July. Be thinking whom D3 would like to send to the 2018 academy. Wendi Davis & Dan Ruckman attended the OMEA Leadership retreat.

- The OMEA trustees frequently discuss copyright concerns. Parents posted a marching band video on “YouTube” and are now being sued by the music publishers of the tunes that were performed by the marching band. Ohio is the 2nd highest culprit, in the country, for breaking copyrights. Be aware, there are two different copyright licenses: 1 – Copyright to arrange, 2 – Copyright to post, sell, generate a profit. This is known as a “Sync” License.

b. Dane Newlove – Dir of AE Materials & Awards – In 2017, State Plagues for Superior Ratings will be on-site and presented the day of the event.

- Purchased awards are a statement for music advocacy. If financing is an issue, look to local service groups to finance the awards.

- A reminder that my office is always ready to ship awards for marching band, high school & junior high solo & ensemble; band, choral, & orchestra large group events at **ANY TIME** of the year.

- If you need something by a certain date, please get your order to me in plenty of time. I am generally able to get awards processed and shipped the same day or within 24 hours; however, unforeseen delays can occur due to low inventory, incorrect payment, or not filling out the award order form completely and properly. Please make sure that checks are payable to OMEA (**not your OMEA district, nor to me**) and the form is completely filled out. Make sure to include an e-mail address and phone number so you can be contacted if there is a problem with your order.

You can access the award order form from the members portal on the OMEA website.

- A new updated pin for JH awards will be available for the 2018 season

- See report on 2016 medal sales at end of minutes

c. Linda Fox-Miller – Liaison Officials/Awards Coordinator – nominate

8. Old Business

a. 2016-2017 District calendar – “district3omea.org” – Google calendar is live, active, and, up to date

b. Reception at the professional conference – Friday, on site, 6/7PM

c. D3 HS Jazz commission – see 5b.

d. Channel 44 - see 5a. Motion to contract with Soundwaves Recordings for the HS Festival performances – Dave Sycks/Jason Lozer - **APPROVED**

9. New Business

a. Contact Karen with names of newly retired D3 music educators

b. Be on the lookout, introduce yourself to new D3 teachers.

- c. D3 OMEA 2017 Conference participants - Cory-Rawson Band will present a session – “Outstanding Balance with Limited Instrumentation”. The Wapakoneta Symphony band and Spencerville Woman’s Vocal group will perform. Van Buren and Liberty Benton have students in the All-state choir.
- d. Kandy Saunier will cater the winter meeting, Saturday, January 14, 2017. Potato & Cookie bar
- Bill Guegold will present an adjudicator session, 9:00. Any topics of interest – how to reconcile a LG 1-2-3 split, small band instrumentation? The session is open to all, not just current adjudicators. Be thinking about the 2018 AE dates.
- e. Spring open meeting, May 1, 2017, 7:00 Elida HS Bandroom

10. State Board Concerns:

- Motion** – Dan Meeks/Bob Sloan - The trustees should continue to study the concerns of and look into the all-state performance group options. In an effort to make all-state more feasible for more students, is it time for large school/small school all-state groups? **APPROVED**
- Motion** – Ray Wolfe/Richard Sherrick - Update all AE LG Sight-Reading guidelines on the portal to match current practice. **APPROVED**

11. For the good of the order –

- a. Kara Place, Bluffton, works on Advocacy through OAAC, OAAE. She’s in on the ground floor for sample assessments for “Battle for Kids” and standardized tests for kids in music. She also worked on the practice “SLO’s”. “kplace@limacityschools.org”
- b. Doug Olenik - Ottawa-Glandorf parade of bands is Saturday, September 17, 5:00. 11 participating bands.
- c. Dick Sherrick - Thoughts go out to Chuck Sellars, as he deals with some health issues.
- d. Dane Newlove – looking for brass/percussion instruments for the St. Marys alumni band
- e. Dave Sycks – Apollo would like a band, made up of students from the schools attending Apollo, to play the SSB Thursday, Sept. 29, rehearsal at 3:30, play at 4:00. Contact Dave.
- f. Ranga Munasinghe – Shawnee is looking for a valve trombone (that works) for their jazz band
- g. Pat Meeks presented to Bob Sloan, the second “Special Person and Musician Award” (a can of SPAM). It’s the recipient’s responsibility to pass it on, at the next meeting, to another worthy SPAM.

12. Motion for Adjournment – 9:14 – Dan Meeks/Dave Sycks

Submitted by Karen Kelly, D3 sec./treas, 9/12/16

Winter Meeting – Saturday, January 14, 2017, Van Wert, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Lunch 12:00, Meeting 1:00

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I. Award Sales

Item	2015-16	2014-15	Trend
Solo I	3462	3512	Down
Solo II	1513	1511	UP
Ensemble I	4268	4471	Down
Ensemble II	1769	2051	Down
Band I	1270	1119	UP
Band II	1571	995	UP
Choir I	1662	1468	UP
Choir II	650	353	UP
Marching Band I	3301	2130	UP
Marching Band II	1345	2083	Down
Orchestra I	952	720	UP
Orchestra II	52	235	Down
Junior High I	4234	4366	Down
Junior High II	1547	1680	Down
Total	27596	26694	UP

State Event	# schools purchasing/total *	% of state groups purchasing awards
Marching Band	52 / 130	40%
Band	57 / 159	36%
Choir	47 / 239	21%
Orchestra	13 / 127	10%

* does not include individual purchases nor multiple ensembles from the same school.

- II. State Plaques will be awarded ON SITE at ALL state level events.
- III. New Junior High pin design effective with 2017 events.
- IV. Please fill out forms correctly, and make checks payable to OMEA.

Feel free to contact myself, or any member of the OMEA Staff if we can be of assistance!