

OMEA Dist. 3 Spring Meeting

Monday, May 3, 2010

Bath Middle School

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM, introductions were made, 23 members present

2/3. Pres. Newlove presented to Helen Ruhlen her District 3 OMEA retirement plaque. Motion by Beth Vaughn/Lori Klausung to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Motion by Erin Grim/Helen Ruhlen to approve the January treasurers report. Both **MOTIONS APPROVED.**

4. Executive Board Reports

- a. **Pres. Dane Newlove** - *integrated with later topics of the meeting*
- b. **Pres. elect** – James Vaughn – still learning
- c. **Sec./Treas. Karen Kelly** - HS S/E & JH Festival refunds went smoothly. Two schools requested the district keep their refund. Thank you from the district.
- d. **Past pres. Erin Grim** - see government relations, #5k.

5. Committee Reports

- a. **District HS Festival** - Bob Sloan/Karen Kelly – All concert band & choir rehearsals and performance will be in Van Wert, in the NPAC. The weekend of the performance, the jazz band rehearsals/performance will also be at the NPAC. The cost of the facility is significantly less than the Lima WMCCC, parking is plentiful and the size of the auditorium will accommodate the ensembles and the audience. Our recording engineer, Eric Suttman should talk to Paul Hoverman about recording logistics in the NPAC.
- 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.
- 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.
- d. **Festival Scholarships** - Helen Ruhlen – A thank you note was received from Kelly Patterson (Shawnee), the 2010 recipient from the concert band. The scholarship students don't always follow through with transcripts to be eligible to receive their funds. Helen needs copies of the initial scholarship applications in order to put the student together with the funds. Funds are secure for 2011
- e. **General Music/MIOSM** - Helen Ruhlen. Helen thanked the district for her retirement plaque. 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.
- f. **Public Relations** – Sarah Hasselman – no report
- g. **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. 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.
- h. **Retirees** - Tony Alessandrini/Jim Leaman – no report
- i. **Technology/Website** - Bob Sloan – looking to do a complete overhaul over the summer, Facebook possibilities. Be sure to email r_sloan@vwcs.net to get on the D3 listserve.
- j. **Government Relations** – Erin Grim – forward materials to the website & list serve. Be aware of schools looking into "Credit Flex" options (New Bremen). Students may test out of a class and receive credit for that class. It allows students an additional studyhall and possible early graduation. It may only apply to academics. Band/choir students may test out of academics and be able to participate in more arts courses. If arts classes are eligible to test out of, be sure course description/requirements include "Group Performances", not just solo performances.
- k. **OCMEA** – Lindsey Newlove (ONU) – Sammy Hazo will be the resident compose for the composer's competition (June 13-18) at the 2010 ONU summer camp. \$400 per student, scholarships/discounts are available.
- l. **Higher Education** – The ONU Brass quintet interested in traveling to schools for individual clinics. Members of the quintet: Tpt – David Kosmyna, Paul Hoverman, FHn - Thomas Hunt, Tbn – Dale Laukhuf, Tuba – Tim Holt.

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. Beta testing will happen in June & July
- b. **HS Large Group** - Shawnee (East-Pat/Dan Meeks)/Celina (West-Chuck Sellers) – 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.
- c. **JH S/E** – Sarah Santilli (Liberty Benton/north)/Jenn Bear (Minster/south) – Sarah – smooth, considering LB was involved w/ state BB finals that week. There were a lot of software issues.
- d. **JH Large Group** – Shannon Wagner (Parkway) – There were a lot of software issues. Band & choir will be held on the same day. The choir shell is borrowed from Celina. Dane sent letters to the administrators of all D3 schools involved in State AE's, inviting them to attend. He will be doing the same for JH LG

7. Old Business

- a. **District 3 HS Festival rehearsal attendance.** This has been and continues to be a chronic concern and issue for members of the D3 HS festival band /choir. Due to several members of the D3 HS festival band & choir also participating in the OMEA All-

State choir and running into conflicting rehearsal dates and expectations, the following policy was brought up for discussion, change and approval:

“Members of District III Honors Band and Choir who are also members of All-State Choir will be excused from District rehearsals (without penalty of dismissal) if there is an unavoidable conflict. These members are encouraged to find alternate All-State rehearsals to attend if at all possible. The Festival Chair must be notified **BY THE STUDENT’S DIRECTOR** prior to the first rehearsal of the District ensemble in order for an excused absence to occur.”

Motion made to approve the above statement by Mary Glick/Steve Popa. **MOTION APPROVED**

b. Possible broadcast of HS Festival on Channel 44, out of Lima – Erim Grim – Erin has talked to Channel 44 producers, cost is \$2000 for the 2011 concert. Kevin Bowers will contact Paul Hoverman (NPAC). Possible student waiver may be required for the broadcast.

8. New Business

- a. District HS Festival – require a parent acknowledgment form similar to JH Festival
- b. 2010/2011 D3 calendar. Motion by Sarah Santilli/Helen Ruhlen for JH S/E on April 2, 2011. **MOTION APPROVED**
- c. OMEA Leadership Academy – July 19-21 at Otterbein College. See Dane if interested, also for LPDC info.
- d. Congratulations to Patricia Meeks, the new OMEA State President-elect
- e. Congratulations to Nancy Ditmer, the new MENC President-elect
- f. Thanks to all for your patience and understanding for weather cancellations!

9. Items of Concern for the State Board Meeting – none

10. For the Good of the Order:

- a. 2010 Lima Senior Music College Fair – Monday, Nov. 1
- b. Do we need to have alternates for the HS Festival band/choir?
- c. St. Marys School will be holding an auction sometime in Sept./Oct of all things school furniture related – music stands, instrument cabinets, Wenger chairs (black/black), etc. Jane Moheyer has choir music to give away, upright pianos.
- d. Dale Laukhuf and the ONU Polaris brass – see 5j.
- e. “Sisters in Song” needs a director, Tuesday nights, 7-9, Lima Presbyterian Church
- f. Paul Hoverman announced the summer “Fountain Park” concert series. May 15, 7:30 in the NPAC will be Frank D’Ambrosio of “Phantom” fame and the Lima Symphony Orch. D’Ambrosio will hold a vocal masterclass on the May 14 on “Christine and Raoul”. A selected student will perform w/ him on the concert. The “American Spiritual” ensemble (25 African-Americans), Lexington, Ky., will perform and present a master class on Feb. 19, 2011.
- g. Cricket Smith is interested in other schools handbooks and statements on accountability

11. Motion to adjourn – Ryan Yahl/John Stetler, 8:45

Submitted by Karen Kelly, D3 sec./treas., 5/3/10