

OMEA Dist. 3 Spring Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2015
Elida High School Band Room

1. Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM, introductions were made, 25 members present
2. Motion by Craig French/Shannon Wagner to approve the winter minutes. **APPROVED.**
3. Motion by Bob Sloan/James Vaughn to approve treasurer's report. **APPROVED.**
4. **Executive Board Reports**
 - a. **Pres. Ryan Yahl** - Thank you to all for everything
 - b. **Pres. elect** – Dan Ruckman – no report
 - c. **Sec./Treas. Karen Kelly** - Thanks to all our festival and AE site chairs for their reports and bookkeeping
 - d. **James Vaughn** – No report.
5. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **District HS Festival** – Bob Sloan - Nancy Ditmer will guest conduct the 2016 HS Festival band. The 2016 rehearsal and concert dates revert back to the MLK weekend. However, the audition dates may remain early, as in 2014.
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.
 - 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). 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 – mash potato bar – Good!
 - e. **Festival Scholarships** – James Vaughn – Sponsors continue to support the scholarship. Still trying to get funds from Kewpee's for a 2014 recipient. Registered letter is the next step.
 - f. **General Music/MIOSM** – Helen Ruhlen/Nancy Wehrkamp – Encourage GM teachers to attend
 - 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 to more than their peers.
 - 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 – no report.
 - l. **OCMEA** – Janelle Sperry – no report (Contact Janelle: 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), Craig French (W-St.Marys) – Lima Senior will again host the east side HSSE for 2016.
Craig French: Craig and Chuck Sellers (Celina) are discussing rotating the west side HSSE on the years when Celina does not host the west side HS large group. All still in discussion and research.
 - b. **HS Large Group** – Pat Meeks (E-Shawnee)/Chuck Sellers (W-Celina) - Shawnee will again host the east side, but will step aside if another school, on the east side, is willing to host.
 - c. **JH S/E** – John Stetler (Elida/north)/Jen Bear (Minster/south) – JHSE next – Posted date on the OMEA calendar: April 16, 2016, later than usual
 - d. **JH Large Group** – Shannon Wagner (Parkway): 21 groups participating. Due to Parkway's graduation that weekend, choirs will be in the smaller gym. Ventilating cooling system on stage cannot be adjusted. Advise students to bring paper clips, clothespins with them to secure music to the stands (seriously).
7. **OMEA State and NW Region Officer Reports:**
 - a. **Pat Meeks – OMEA Past Pres** – Check to see that your “Staccato” arrives in your primary inbox. Some are showing up in the “Junk” box. When updating your membership in NAFME on line, be careful you're assigned your same ID number. There are many reports of members receiving NEW numbers. For the moment, renew your membership other than online. The MB sessions, to be held this summer, are not just for MB adjudicators, all are welcome. All adjudicator training is about to radically change. After five years of successful teaching, consider applying to adjudicate. Applications are online and due by the OMEA State Spring board meeting, Friday, May 22, 2015.
 - b. **Dane Newlove – Dir of AE Materials & Awards** – Order medals & pins earlier than later (\$4.00). He's on his third re-order.
 - c. **Linda Fox-Miller – Liaison Officials/Awards Coordinator** – A new award is being created for 2015: “Outstanding Young Professional”. Each district will nominate 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. **D3 HS Choir commission** – no report
 - b. **Channel 44 broadcast of HS D3 concert** – see 5a.
 - c. **Festival Chair stipend discussion (tabled at the winter meeting)** – Karen provided information (spreadsheets) illustrating the festival/honors financials, 2011-2015. The HS/JH festival/honors events pay for themselves. Maintaining the current stipend allows D3 to leave the student audition and acceptance fees the same. Bob Sloan, as the HS festival chair, stated, in lieu of raising the stipend, he'd rather see those funds put toward his ability to acquire more

nationally known composer/conductors during the commission years, particularly during the band commission years, as those are far more expensive than the jazz or choral commissions. Motion was made by Craig French/Dan Meeks to keep the stipends the same. **APPROVED**

9. New Business

- a. **2015/2016 D3 Calendar** – Ryan stated he'd had many phone calls/emails/texts from teachers complaining about the D3 2015/2016 calendar, yet, they were not in attendance at the meeting to voice a concern. If you want a voice, come to the meeting. Motion to approve the D3 2015-2016 calendar by Shannon Wagner/John Stetler – **APPROVED**
- b. Congratulations to newly elected D3 officers; Pres elect Wendi Davis (Cory-Rawson, band) and sec/treas Karen Kelly (Van Wert band retired)
- c. Fall Meeting, Monday September 14, 2015, 7:00, Elida HS Bandroom

10. State Board Concerns - no

11. For the good of the order – Dan Meeks thanked Ryan for all his work and contributions to D3. Dan Ruckman offered his thanks to Ryan and presented a centerpiece acknowledging Ryan's years of service as a D3 officer. Ryan then thanked everyone and said what an honor it had been to grow up, serve and work in his home district. Best wishes to Ryan as he heads to Bloomington and IU.

By way of a drawing, door prizes* were awarded to Travis Unterbrink, Dan Meeks, Maddie Frankenhauser, Amanda Rhonemus, Dave Sycks, James Vaughn, John Stetler, Ryan Twigg and Anna Baker.

*No D3/OMEA funds were used in the purchase of said door prizes.

Motion for Adjournment – 8:20 – Dan Meek/Dave Sycks

Submitted by Karen Kelly, D3 sec./treas, 5/4/15

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