

OMEA D3 WINTER Meeting 2019 – CANCELLED

OMEA D3 Spring Meeting

Monday, May 6, 2019, Elida High School Bandroom

1. **Meeting called to order**, 7:00 PM, introductions were made, 19 present
2. **Motion** (Wendi Davis/Dave Sycks) to approve the fall minutes. **APPROVED.**
3. **Motion** (Tim Davis/John Stetler) to approve treasurer's report. **APPROVED.**
4. **Executive Board Reports**
 - a. **President (Interim) – Chuck Sellars** – Items to follow at a later point
 - b. **Pres. elect – Ryan Twigg** – Be aware of the fall meeting clinic with motivational speaker, Fran Kick, for the benefit of D3 music students and teachers, sponsored by D3 and hosted by ONU. \$15/student registration fee includes dinner. D3 will provide dinner for the directors.
 - c. **Sec./Treas. - Karen Kelly** – Call attention to the purchase of a new laptop, as the 2011 Mac Book Pro said its farewell in March. School treasurers are inquiring about the uncashed HS Festival acceptance fee checks. As per the email sent to all in March, please inform those concerned that the checks were not cashed, but held until all the HS festival finances were settled, in the effort to retain a 100% refund to the students. At this time, upon request, the checks may be voided and returned to the originator.

Continue to convey to your students, parents, booster/school treasurers, the importance of check writing with DARK BLUE OR BLACK INK. Due to lighter colored ink (neon, gel, green, pink, purple, iridescent) multiple checks were not accepted by our bank and had to be returned for re-writes, a time consuming and stressful exercise as fee deadlines approached.

Several school treasurer generated checks were returned due to too much information on the "Pay to:" line. "OMEA" is the only accepted "Payee". Any additional information, the bank views as multiple "Payees" and requires additional endorsements.

Do not include:
Attention/c/o of Host/Chair...
Name of Host/Chair
Host/Chair School
Host/Chair School Address

Please continue to educate your students, parents, booster/school treasurers.

- d. **Past President** – Wendi Davis – no report

5. **Committee Reports**

- a. **District HS Festival** – Bob Sloan – An early down payment is not required for the 2020 Boysen band commission.
- b. **District Jazz Band** – John Stetler/Dave Sycks – encourage students to audition. The accepted number varies widely year to year.
- c. **District JH Festival** – Klayton Hillary/Stacie Korte/Paul Baransy – From Klayton:
"I would like to get feedback from the membership about starting the event a half hour earlier on Friday night and beginning with sectionals for an hour and a half without interruption. This will allow the conductor to work with a rehearsed group for a solid two hours. It should help the final project and would be a better use of the time. This will require the guest conductors to have a "Hit list" before they arrive and I understand that."

At this point of the meeting, members spent considerable time expressing concerns they have about the function of the JH Festival and discussing how to enhance the performance quality of the individual student and ensembles, band and choir. There is a feeling the students come to the JH festival too unprepared and what can be done to improve this situation.

Concerns and Suggestions:

- How do we establish/convey to the students, better rehearsal etiquette/behavior?
- Spend additional sectional time days (week) in advance of the performance
- Have a "ringer" (HS student, director, student teacher) **playing** in every section at early rehearsals to guide the students
- On the nomination form, include questions more specific to the student's instrument/voice and skill level, ie.:
 - Vocal range - not just SATB
 - Clarinet – are they able to play over/above the break
 - Trumpet – what is their current, comfortable range
 - Trombone – can they reach 5/6 position
 - Percussion – Do they have mallet skills, how is their knowledge/execution of rudiments
- Based on these answers, parts can be assigned for more individual student success.

At some point this summer, for anyone interested, there will be an open discussion to exchange ideas, suggestions, and thoughts on how the directors of D3 view the function of our JH Festival. What does the JH Festival need to be to best accommodate the students?

The JH Festival Jazz position is open. Anyone interested, should contact Chuck Sellars or Ryan Twigg.

- d. **Festival Scholarships** – Brad Spettel/Anthony Taylor – no report
- e. **General Music** – Lindsay Moore – no report
- f. **Mentoring** – Richard Sherrick – **Mentors:**
 - HS Instrumental: Randy Clark, Retired (New Bremen), Patricia Meeks, (Shawnee). HS Choir: Janis Griffin, (Arlington).
 - 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)

Early in the year, mentors were assigned to new teachers in our district. There was some outreach by those mentors. I am not sure if we were overly effective this year, but the opportunity was provided.

If you wish me to continue in this position, I will and then ask that districts, schools and local music teachers be proactive in letting me know of new music teachers that join our district.

Hello to everyone, please keep Sharon Spinner in your prayers as she continues to regain her health and strength so she can join her Wayne Trace music students in a fulltime capacity. The students have been great to work with and have treated this old man well.

g. Retired – Randy Clark/Linda Fox-Miller

h. 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

i. Advocacy – Ray Wolfe

j. OCMEA – ONU meetings are Monday's at 8pm, every 2 weeks. The chapter has received the "Gold Standard" award.

k. Higher Ed – ONU – Dr. Terri Brown Lenzo/Dr. Sarah Waters – Dr. Waters – Thank you for taking advantage of ONU meal services and facilities for our meetings. ONU will again host our fall dinner meeting, along with providing the facility for our student oriented "Fran Kick" clinic. THANK YOU to ONU, Dr. Terri Brown Lenzo and Dr. Sarah Waters

6. **Adjudicated Events Report**

a. HS S/E – Amy Phillips (E-Lima Senior), Craig French (W-St Marys) – **DEADLINES – FOLLOW THEM**

b. HS Large Group – Pat Meeks (E-Shawnee)/Ryan Twigg (W-Parkway) - **DEADLINES – FOLLOW THEM**, Cooperate and be on time

Pat – AE Committee is in need of more choir adjudicators. Are you interested?

c. JH S/E – John Stetler (N-Elida)/Jen Bear (S-Minster) – **DEADLINES – FOLLOW THEM**. John – numbers down, the registration program crashed due to too many AM requests.

d. JH Large Group – Shannon Wagner (Parkway) - **DEADLINES – FOLLOW THEM**

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 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. **FOLLOW DEADLINES**

7. **Business**

a. HS Festival Attendance Policy – Addendum to the HS Festival attendance policy presented by Anthony Taylor:

Attendance Rule Change Committee Proposal:

"A student may be excused from the first or second rehearsal (not both) in the event of the death of a biological parent, biological sibling or legal guardian within 7 days of the rehearsal"

*Notification of the absence will come from the director to the chair/co-chair

*Notification from parent or student to chair/co-chair will not be accepted

Anthony Taylor: "I believe that this policy is black and white and puts the responsibility on the teacher to investigate the situation. This would give the festival chairs some flexibility in these rare situations. We talked about making sure that the students understood this and that a copy of the attendance policy went home with every kid and that we made sure the online registration talked about reading the attendance policy and all festival rules."

MOTION (Chuck Sellars/Wendi Davis) to approve addendum. Show of hands, 10-6, **MOTION NOT APPROVED**

Discussion turned to the All-State D3 choir members and the exemption to the D3 HS Festival attendance policy. Current D3 HS Festival attendance policy (Festival Handbook, p. 41 D. Responsibilities of Students):

"Members of the D3 HS Festival Band and /or Choir who are also members of the OMEA 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 STUDENTS' DIRECTOR prior to the first rehearsal of the district ensemble in order for an excused absence to occur."

A large number of D3 HS Festival All-State choir members miss crucial D3 rehearsals and often the day before the concert. They have other options and the above exemption no longer applies.

MOTION (Tim Davis/Wendi Davis) Rescind the attendance exemption for D3 HS Festival Honors All-State Choir participants. **MOTION APPROVED**

b. Accept 2019-2020 D3 Calendar (Bob Sloan/Tim Davis) - MOTION APPROVED

8. **State Board Concerns** - none

9. **For the good of the order:**

a. Wendi Davis – Distributed extra Roger Hall "Ethics" posters

b. Congrats to Ryan Twigg as the new D3 president

10. **Motion for Adjournment** – Tim Davis/Dave Sycks, 8:30 PM

Submitted by Karen Kelly, 5/6/2019

OMEA D3 Sec/Treas

Fall Meeting – Monday, Sept. 9, 2019, ONU Fran Kick Clinic, D3 providing Dinner