

OMEA Dist. 3 Winter Meeting
Saturday, January 10, 2015
Van Wert Niswonger Performing Arts Center Lobby

1. Meeting called to order at 12:28 PM, introductions were made, 36 members present
2. Motion by Linda Fox-Miller/Sandy Miller to approve the fall minutes. **APPROVED.**
3. Motion by Bob Sloan/Dave Sycks to approve treasurer's report. **APPROVED.**

4. **Executive Board Reports**

- a. **Pres. Ryan Yahl** - Thank you for your attendance here today, and thank you for responding to the survey on Survey Monkey in regard to RSVP'ing for lunch. Thank you to Kandy and her crew for another outstanding meal. Dan, Karen, Pat, and I attended the fall state board meeting in November.
 - All State Children's Chorus will be part of the 2016 PD Conference
 - Adjudicated Events Report - Brian Stevens
 - o Adjudicator standards and Adjudicator evaluation. The DROA is dead in the water. 3/100ths of a percent actually returned to the AE committee. Very little feedback from participating directors. A new system will come in to play in the very near future. Hoping to start with this year's LG AE. We need to create new habits, and encourage participating directors to take the time to fill out the evaluation. They will all be online. Adjudicators will also get immediate feedback.
 - o Guitar pilots are continuing. We are doing one more year of piloting, and then hope in 2016 to make guitar events state wide. We don't have the adjudicators yet trained to do this.
 - o Deadlines for events are 28 days. There is 0 tolerance for entries beyond the deadlines. Also, pay your fees. There is 0 tolerance for late fees for Adjudicated Events.
 - o Rolling revision for solo and ensemble events is still continuing. Woodwind and vocalists have new lists this year. Next year is brass, percussion, and string. We are at the end of the eight year cycle of rolling revisions. We start all over again with harp.
 - o There are new scale requirements for strings at solo and ensemble.
 - New email system Greg Taylor
 - o We have email for officers. There is also the capability of website hosting on the OMEA server.
 - o OMEA email is not a replacement for the bulk email system. Designed to send emails to smaller groups of 600 or less. It is integrated with the database, with real time access to information. It will not send to someone who has opted out of OMEA emails. It uses the OMEA server. You will be able to search by name, area, and level. The trustees, district presidents, region chairs, and staff will have access. You are able to send to your own district or region. AE site chairs will have the ability to email only those directors registered for their event. The email will be sent to yourself and blind copies to the list of members. There will be a five minute delay before the email is actually sent. **ONLY FOR OMEA BUSINESS.** Don't use it to promote groups not associated with OMEA. Members may opt out of the email system at any time. Currently unable to send attachments, but should be able to in the next couple weeks. The only person who can change the email setting is the person who unsubscribed.
 - Dr. Lisa Hanson spoke to the board about Mentorship, and creating a statewide mentoring program for young teachers.
 - Roger Hall and Kevin Dengel reported to the board about the State Board of Education. Operating Standards Committee, and the five of eight rule. Roger is the point person for all OMEA communications related to the State Board of Education.
 - Ended the afternoon going around the room and hearing about what is going on in all of the other OMEA Districts. It was interesting to hear how other districts run their festivals, and how many are involved in commissioning projects. It was much higher than expected. This time was also used to express concerns about things going on in our districts. Dan and I voiced the concern about high school solo and ensemble being so early this year, and the schedule of OMEA events in the spring while students are out of our classrooms for over twenty days with standardized testing.

Thank you to Karen for her work again this year on the District Directory. Hopefully everyone got their copy. Thank you to Bob and Janis for all of their work preparing for this year's high school festival. Hopefully you are all back tomorrow for the performance at 3:00 PM. If you are not receiving district communications over email, make sure you are signed up for the email list. You can also get information on the District Facebook page, or Twitter account. Best of luck to everyone gearing up for solo and ensemble next week. Hopefully Mother Nature helps us all out.

b. Pres. elect – Dan Ruckman – no report

c. Sec./Treas. Karen Kelly - New HS Festival audition requirements for band, will be in the 2016/2017 directory, any changes before publication?

d. James Vaughn – No report.

5. **Committee Reports**

a. District HS Festival – Duane Davis and Jeff Shellhammer working hard. Jeff Shellhammer is in place of Russ Mikkelson, who had late scheduled conflicts w/ OSU commitments on these weekends. In 2016, D3 has commissioned Mark Patterson to compose a piece for the HS festival choir and also guest conduct. Nancy Ditmer will guest conduct the 2016 HS Festival band. Thanks for efficiently dealing with earlier dates, weather, etc. All available help for tear down would be appreciated after the concert. The 2016 rehearsal and concert dates revert back to the MLK weekend. However, the audition dates may remain early, as in 2014.

b. District Jazz Band – John Stetler/Dave Sycks – Encourage students to audition. Audition numbers were down this year. 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 – 2015, Feb. 27-28. Application deadline is January 17 – online. Be sure to fill out parent acknowledgement form. 2015 conductors are Matt Frost (Beavercreek) – band, Janine Baughman (Otsego) – choir. 2016 band guest conductor will be Kathy McGrady (Springfield). Stacie – please submit more choir names, can accommodate as many as 120.

d. Festival Luncheon – Yes - Kandy Saunier catering – mash potatoe bar – Good!

e. Festival Scholarships – James Vaughn – Sponsors continue to support the scholarship. Be sure the local director proofs the application package.

2015 recipients: Band - Rebekah Monnin - Minster, Choir - Olivia Velasquez - Pandora-Gilboa, Jazz - Adam Brian Grim – Jazz - Bath HS

f. General Music/MIOSM – Helen Ruhlen/Nancy Wehrkamp – Breakout. 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. \$200

will be sent, from D3, to the OMEA Foundation in honor of the recent D3 retirees. See list at end of report.

j. Technology – Bob Sloan – Keep your listserv 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. Due to changes within our current set-up, ALL will have to re-apply in the summer of 2015.

k. Advocacy – Holly Smith – encourage local band/choir directors to work with the GM teachers for k-12 “Music in Our Schools” projects.

l. OCMEA – Janelle Sperry – Haley Sperry subbing for Janelle - would like to have volunteers come talk to the ONU OCMEA chapter. 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 – no report

6. Adjudicated Events Report

a. HS S/E – Steve Popa (E-Lima Senior), Craig French (W-St.Marys) – The chairs hands are tied once the online deadline passes. They’re locked out & can’t adjust entries. Payment is due with the registration or the day of the event. IF payment does not arrive by the day of the event, participants from that school WILL NOT be permitted to perform. Also, all directors must present an UP TO DATE NAFME membership card as they check in on the day of the event. Your card may have been up to date at registration, but expired in the interim. If your school has registered, but not participating, there are NO REFUNDS.

Craig French:

Our enrollment is down about 60 events from last year. That’s two years in a row of enrollment declines. We are at 606 this year. In spite of that, we are actually running one more room than we did last year.

Several folks still have not submitted OMEA cards. PLEASE, email/scan to me if you haven’t already. I will send out an email to those whom I am missing information.

Brass choirs are different this year. Note the change. All pertinent documents are uploaded to the portal so you may download them at any time.

Finish unloading perc equip by 7:30 AM to give us a chance to control room temp and prepare the room for performance. Dock opens at 6:30 AM.

Breakfast will once again be provided by Celina Music, lunch by the St. Marys BPO. Enjoy! Emailing me cancellations ahead of time is great.

MANY AM/EARLY AM requests this year, tried to accommodate all of them. Several people thought they made requests in the program, which never made their way to me. Be very methodical when entering. If you don’t do it in the program, I don’t know. You can always adjust the day of.

JAN. 17 is not good. Ryan and Dan, PLEASE TELL EVERYBODY AND ANYBODY THAT HAS A CHANCE OF AFFECTING POLICY THAT IT IS NOT GOOD. It is unfair, not just to directors, but also to event chairs.

Dane Newlove – Directors, try to control the volume of the perc warm-up room. Sandy Miller – Lima (East site) entries are down this year, due to the early date and raised entry fees.

b. HS Large Group – Pat Meeks (E-Shawnee)/Chuck Sellars (W-Celina) – Pat – be aware, the out of district ensemble participation fee is higher. Portal opens Jan. 10. Register early.

c. JH S/E – John Stetler (Elida/north)/Jen Bear (Minster/south) – Jen – same issues continue each year with students treating the warm-up rooms as a home room. Please use the gym as the homeroom. JHSE is March 28, 2015.

d. JH Large Group – Shannon Wagner (Parkway): Dick Sherrick – 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 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.

b. Dane Newlove – Dir of AE Materials & Awards – Applause! – Order medals & pins earlier than later (\$4.00).

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 Festival Choir commission – down payment has been sent & cashed to Dr. Mark Patterson. He will also be the 2016 HS Festival Choir director. 2014 D3 band commission, “Light the Fuse” (Daniel Montoya Jr.) was performed by a band from Australia, at the 2014 MidWest Band & Orchestra Clinic.

b. Dane Newlove - Channel 44 broadcast of the HS Festival will stream live, with later broadcasts

c. D3 recent retirees – only 1 response to invitation to be recognized at the HS Festival concert. See list as end of report.

9. New Business

a. D3 presenters at 2015 conference: Thursday, 3:34 - Dawn Sloan – “Centers in Music Class? Yes!”

Thursday, 5:00 - Bob Sloan – “Using Contemporary Compositions to Enhance your concerts”

Thursday, 5:00 – Dane Newlove – “From the Other side, Hosting an OMEA AE event

Friday, 2:30 - Paul Baransy – “I Can’t Believe this is a JH Jazz Band”

Friday, 3:45 – Ryan Yahl - “I Didn’t Learn that in Methods: Tips for Successful playing of Aux. Perc. Instruments

Saturday, 9:15 – Bob Sloan – “Hosting a local Honors Festival: 40+ Years of Experience from OMEA D3

b. Outstanding Young Music Educator Award – D3’s own - Lindsey Newlove, GM Crestview

c. Spring Meeting, Monday May 4, 2015, 7:00, Elida HS Bandroom

d. Motion to revise the high school festival chair/co-chair fees, tabling changes, to the spring meeting, enabling research into the neighboring districts festival schedules and fee structures. Klayton Hilleary/Dan Ruckman – **APPROVED**

e. Klayton Hileary suggested, for cost saving purposes, the D3 Directory move to a PDF format. Many expressed their desire to retain the hard copy, however, a PDF version is available upon request from Karen. [Additional post meeting information – Thanks to Klayton, a searchable PDF version of the Directory is now available.]

10. State Board Concerns

More conflicts occurring between state testing and OMEA AE preparation and performances

11. For the good of the order

Tim Mattis introduced Dan Wilson as the new NW Region State Large Group AE chair. Improvements to the Findlay HS site include a closed in walkway between the auditorium and school classrooms and a wall between the cafeteria and auditorium lobby.

Motion for Adjournment – 2:05 – Dave Harris/Dane Newlove

Submitted by Karen Kelly, D3 sec./treas, 1/10/15

Spring Meeting – Monday, May 4, 2015, Elida HS Bandroom, 7:00

2014 D3 Retirees:

Keith Bowers - Parkway
Denise D'Arca - ONU
Rick Eakin – Van Buren
Sue Fox-Buroker - Kenton
John Hutchinson - Lima City
Kathleen Kuch – Columbus Grove
Sandy Miller - Lima City
Marie Moore - Wayne Trace
Mary Thornsberry – New Bremen