

OMEA Dist. 3 Winter Meeting
Saturday, January 13, 2018
Niswonger Performing Arts Center, VWHS

1. **Meeting called to order**, 12:30 PM, introductions were made, 46 present
2. **Motion** by Tim Davis/Dave Sycks to approve the fall minutes. **APPROVED.**
3. **Motion** by Amy Phillips/Ray Wolfe to approve treasurer's report. **APPROVED.**
4. **Executive Board Reports**
 - a. **President - Wendi Davis** – See report at end of minutes
 - b. **Pres. elect – Ryan Twigg** – Appreciate the time invested, by the chairs, to run smooth, successful festivals & adjudicated events
 - c. **Sec./Treas. - Karen Kelly** - Write all Festival/AE checks out to: **“OMEA”**
5. **State & NW Region Officer Reports**
 - a. **Bill Guegold – Director of Adjudications** – cancelled due to weather
 - b. **Linda Fox-Miller – Liaison Officials/Awards Coordinator** – no report (Nominate. All nominations go through Linda.)
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **District HS Festival** – Bob Sloan – Follow lines of communication for festival related announcements: **Festival Chair to Local director to student to parent to student to local director to Chair**. Have your students/parents communicate with **you**, the director, **NOT** the Chair. Bad weather Saturday – after an hour delay, 100% student attendance at the rehearsals.
 - b. **District Jazz Band** – John Stetler/Dave Sycks – Excited about the Jazz Commission, “Wicker Road” composed by Brent Wallarab
 - c. **District JH Festival** – Due to weather and Martin Luther King Day, deadline extended to January 16. Roster by January 20.
 - d. **Festival Scholarships** – Brad Spettel/Anthony Taylor – 2018 recipients – Band – Lily Carpenter (Shawnee), Choir – Katie Paulus (New Bremen), Jazz – Savanna Spitnale (McComb)
 - e. **General Music** – Lindsay Moore – encourage more GM attendance
 - f. **Mentoring** – Richard Sherrick – Retired directors have been guest clinicians. Contact information for designated D3 mentors is on the D3 website. Mentoring has gone well but mainly at the HS level with LG AE. Directors have used mentors to help them prepare. Younger teachers should reach out to more than their peers. Mentors will be assigned, as needed or requested, to the districts newer/younger teachers. D3 is trying to be more proactive in regard to mentorship and helping all new music educators in our district.
Mentors:
HS Instrumental: Randy Clark, Retired (New Bremen), Patricia Meeks, retired (Shawnee Schools). HS Choir: Janis Griffin, Arlington 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
 - g. **Retired** – Randy Clark /Linda Fox-Miller – no report
 - h. **Technology** – Bob Sloan – Keep your listserv 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** – Holly Smith - no report
 - j. **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.
 - k. **Higher Ed – ONU – Terri Lenzo** – no report

GENERAL MUSIC BREAKOUT SESSION with TERRI LENZO (ONU)

7. **Adjudicated Events Report**
 - a. **HS S/E** – Amy Phillips (E-Lima Senior), Craig French (W-St Marys) – Six schools on east side have yet to pay.
 - b. **HS Large Group** – Seth Justice (E-Shawnee)/Bob Sloan (W-Van Wert) – **FOLLOW DEADLINES – portal closes Feb. 9**
 - c. **JH S/E** – John Stetler (Elida/north)/Jen Bear (Minster/south) – **FOLLOW DEALINES**
 - 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. **FOLLOW DEADLINES**
8. **Business**
 - a. 2018/2019 D3 Calendar – 2019 JHLG date occurs at a time when several past participating schools will be out for the summer. Moving to an earlier JHLG date was discussed. If the date is changed, Parkway may not be able to host. March is too soon. Because of testing and sports, April is a “killer “ month for JH students. **MOTION by** Klayton Hilleary/Tim Davis: Accept the 2018-2019 D3 OMEA calendar with the exception of the May 17/18, 2019 JH large group date. The JHLG date will be debated and surveyed with a decision to be determined at the spring meeting. **APPROVED**
 - b. **Ryan Twigg - Buca di Beppo** dinner at the PDC in Columbus – Thursday (6-8), February 8, 2018. Cost is \$10 for OMEA D3 members, \$30 for non OMEA D3 members. Checks payable to **“OMEA”** via **Ryan Twigg**
 - c. **Spring Meeting – May 7, 2018 – 7:00 Elida HS Band room**

9. State Board Concerns - none

10. For the good of the order:

Brad Spettel – Received Masters in Music Ed. Teaching Artistry from BGSU online
Dave Sycks & John Stetler – presenting at PDC “Small School Jazz”, Friday Feb 9, 8:00AM
Dave Sycks – daughter will be student teaching in South Africa

12. Motion for Adjournment – Klayton Hilleary/Dave Sycks, 1:35PM

Submitted by Karen Kelly, D3 sec./treas, 1/13/18

[Spring Meeting – Monday, May 7, 2018, Elida HS Band Room](#)

D3 President’s Report

Winter Meeting 2018

I will begin with an update from the November State Board meeting. At this meeting, Michael Crist reported that OMEA has a strong foundation and that we are in good financial shape. He thanked Roger Hall for his outstanding dedication and work to ensure that this is the case for our outstanding organization.

Roger Hall gave an update regarding the Professional Conference in February. The Columbus Convention Center has been renovated, all-state rehearsals will have some “open” windows of observation, and there are many outstanding general music opportunities at conference this year.

Michael Crist and Roger Hall both provided a lot of information regarding the ongoing issues that NAFME has been having due to faulty software. Because of the faulty software, membership information that was received by NAFME wasn’t always downloading properly to our Ohio members’ portal. There are members who had renewed and this was not reflected in their portal profile. This had the potential of creating a HUGE problem for District 3 as we had the very first registration deadline in the state for HS Solo & Ensemble. I am thankful that our members responded to the emails that I sent regarding this situation because I believe that we avoided many issues. The NAFME site has been running very slowly for months and causing considerable frustration. In short, the state officers are FURIOUS. As a protective measure, the OMEA Board approved the hiring of another person to “scrub” all of the information that we receive from NAFME. Greg Taylor is our IT person and because of the tremendous amount of problems he was overwhelmed and unable to complete his normal workload. The state officers will reevaluate the situation in May. Our state board is taking action and putting pressure on NAFME to fix the situation.

Adjudicated events:

It was reported that:

- Some districts are having JH Large Group in conjunction with HS Large Group (March dates)
- District 15 does bands at Capital mid-week, but must use all retired adjudicators
- The Site-Chair event in November was a success--we had great representation from our district! (Amy and John)
- Reminder: There is an “Ask AE” button on the OMEA website for rules, FAQ’s, etc.
- Jr. High duets are now statewide--please use woodwind, brass or percussion pairings
- No photos in performance areas

State of District 3

I am pleased to tell you that District 3 is thought of as a “model” in many regards at the state level. I am really excited about our more comprehensive mentoring program that we have kicked off this year--thank you to Richard Sherrick for his efforts with that. I have had several district presidents ask for the model that we used to get started. The toughest part remains obtaining the initial contact information as people get hired. When you know there is a new face in your county, please help us out by giving us a heads up ASAP. New teachers will likely need the most help before school even starts, and it’s difficult to get phone numbers/emails that quickly. Any help that you can provide is appreciated!

The other way in which District 3 continues to be a model for the state is by your participation in the professional development opportunities that have been offered. We had close to 70 music educators at our fall meeting and almost 200 students at the Scott Lang leadership workshop! It has been my mission to keep offering relevant professional development that will show that OMEA is much more than a venue of adjudicated events. If you like what you have seen this year, please talk it up with your colleagues who may be resistant to attending.

And last--Thank you to all of our festival hosts and AE site chairs for the service that they provide to OMEA. It is truly HOURS and HOURS of time that they spend so that our kids have great educational experiences. Please be sure to express your appreciation to them--the BEST way is to 1) follow all deadlines 2) read all of your emails carefully and 3) THANK them!

Also, thank you to Rettig’s and Conn Selmer for providing us with professional development today!

