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SDMEA General Membership Meeting Notes

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Location: Sioux Falls Convention Center, Sioux Falls, SD

President Paul Schilf called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Board members present were Dr. Bruce Ammann, Laura Baker, Mindee Birnstiehl, Rogene Brown, Todd Carr, Jennifer Hawkinson, ReNae Jackson, Barb Myers, Rebecca Rasmussen, Deb Rohrer, Paul Schilf, Mary Beth Sutton, Melissa VandeStroet, Wendy Van Gent, Sheila Wipf, Lisa Zahn.

President Schilf reviewed the attendance numbers from the 3rd Annual Conference. There were more than 90 collegiate members and 136 active teachers in attendance.

Rapid City 2012 will feature key note speaker Tim Lautzenheiser, and the headline concert will be Tonic Sol Fa.

Dr. Ammann addressed the increased traffic through the exhibitors' area. This year the exhibits were open to everyone and there was complimentary coffee. The exhibitors paid \$1,000 for booth space.

Todd Carr briefly addressed using Opus Events as the new submission process for events.

Char Cade spoke on the new retired teachers luncheon and the exchange of thoughts/ideas and utilizing retired teachers in mentorship.

Wendy VanGent is the new collegiate chair from NSU. She spoke of the value of mentorship and keeping and building relations with new teachers. The collegiate day was a success and the recital went well.

There was a comment that the room numbers for the workshops need to be correctly labeled on the schedule and that there was bleed through room noise.

The Elementary Honor Choir featured 161 students and Dr. Henry Leck is the guest conductor.

President Schilf asked for members to think about either running or recruiting the following board positions Orchestra Chair, Elementary Chair, President Elect. Any names submitted need to be SDMEA members and their names should be forwarded to Past-President Hawkinson.

Middle School All State Band Chair ReNae Jackson reminded everyone that the dates are March 2-3, 2012 in Pierre. The guest conductors are Dr. Alan LaFave and Larry Peterson. Sheila Wipf reminded members that credit is available for professional development during the MSASB event and mentioned some of the workshops being offered.

Don Crowe from SDSU spoke briefly about the music survey that he asked music teachers to complete last year and he will be sending out a follow-up survey this spring.

President Schilf mentioned that there is a monthly state e newsletter and that if you are not receiving it to please contact the membership chair Laura Baker.

There were no questions from the floor.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am

The meeting notes were submitted by Sutton on December 31, 2011.