



South Dakota Music Education Association

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

June 1st, 2019

Brandon Valley Intermediate School, Brandon, SD

10:00 AM

Board members present: Mike Bossman, Erin McFarland, Paul Schilf, Char Cade, Rogene Brown, Colby Shuck, Kim Bruguier, Bethany Amundson, John Bakken, Kim Bogart, Spencer Wahl, Calvin Lipetsky, Vicki Hyder, Laura Schenk, Andrea Harstad, Kristen Dunlap, Danny Eye, David Sanderson, Beth Neitzert, Laura Cooper, Kortney Temple

Board members absent: Wendy Van Gent, Angela Larson, Kari Owens, Deb Rohrer, Tanya Davis

President Bruguier called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

Changes/additions to agenda

Motion by Bossman, second by Schenk to approve the agenda. Motion carries.

Secretary's Report – Jaime Kessler

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Motion by Schuck, second by Sanderson, to approve the October 2018 and the January 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report-- Laura Schenk

Schenk reported that voucher and deposit guidelines are available on SDMEA website and noted the importance of following these guidelines. Schenk reported that our first fiscal year with new accountant was going very well. She noted and explained some of the headings in the fiscal report which differ under the new accountant.

SDMEA Grant

Schenk reported that three schools had turned in applications as of the date of the meeting. Schenk assembled a group of board members to review the grant applications.

President's Report- Kim Bruguier

President introduced the new board and welcomed them to the organization. President Bruguier discussed providing guest director plaques for all events and advised events chair that once guest directors are secured a plaque can be made for them through Quality Quick Print in Aberdeen.

National Assembly

Discussion was held on the changes in state per diem rates made by the SD Legislature.

Motion by Schenk, Second by Brown that the board adopts the current state rates as it changes through the SD Legislature. Motions carries.

Advocacy Grant

President Bruguier reported that SDMEA has submitted a grant application for an advocacy grant through the Country Music Association Foundation. The funds from this grant would be used to create an Advocacy Summit at our state convention and a Teacher Advocacy Toolkit. We will find out the results of our grant application at the National Assembly in DC.

Advocacy Position

Discussion was held on creating a board position for advocacy. Currently, the ALF position through NAFME has been taken care of by Amundson and Bruguier, but the board has had an advocacy chair in the past. Further discussion on this position will be held at the August meeting.

Summer Session

The presenter for this year's Summer session is Denise Gagne. NSU is providing credit for the session. President Bruguier asked that we share information on this event with any interested party, and reported that the presenter for 2020 is Tracy King.

Executive Director Report—Paul Schilf

Voting and Run Off Elections

Schilf reported that our board elections in March had good initial numbers, but the numbers dropped off in the run-off election. Schilf reported that elections were very tight races this year, and stressed the need for each board member to vote.

Insurance coverage of all events

Schilf thanked the program chairs, and reported that this year we were insured at every event that we had. It only cost us an extra \$141 to insure every event. Hosting Schools will not hold the responsibility for outside events; therefore, it is important for us to have them. Schilf urged the board to be sure to continue the practice of getting insurance coverage for each event.

NAfME National Assembly

Schilf is traveling separately from Amundson and Bruguier to National Assembly, as State executives meetings are held earlier in the week than the rest of the National Assembly event.

Corporate Sponsorships

Schilf stressed that the board does not have individual program sponsorships (ie, Middle School ASB, MSASO, etc) as we do not want our programs competing for sponsorships. We do; however, have corporate sponsors. Schilf advised that if programs know of someone who would like to sponsor, to report this information to him. Schilf reported on the different levels of sponsorship, which can be found on the website. Schilf advised the board on the need to be uniform in how we thank and promote our sponsors in programs. Schilf will send out corporate sponsorship letter in August. The various sponsorship levels will also be published in the SD Musician Magazine.

Motion by Dunlap, second by Neitzert to recognize corporate sponsors at the Crescendo Level and up in the programs for all events. Motion carries.

President Elect Report-- Bethany Amundson

Amundson reported that Newsletter items are due by the 15th of each month. Please send these items to sdmea@sdmea.net.

SDHSAA Report- Brooks Bowman

Bowman reported that the schedule for the 2019 All State Chorus and Orchestra has remained largely the same as past years. This schedule is posted on the SDHSAA website. The orchestra conductor is Timothy Dixon, and the Choir is Andrew Lath. Bowman asked that if there is anything he can do to help promote conference, please let him know. He asked the awards chair and retired teachers chair to please provide him with a list for awards winner tickets and retired tickets by October 1st. Bowman gave SDMEA accolades for promoting music in the state and nationally, thanked for all we do.

State Music Education Conference 2019: Oct.31- Nov. 2nd, 2019, Sioux Falls Convention Center—Convention Chair—Kim Bruguier, Exhibits Chair- Jon Bakken

Bakken reported that we hope will have a full hall of exhibitors for this year's conference. Exhibit Space will double in size this year. Bruguier mentioned that she would like to see lounge style seating areas, and tables and chairs in the exhibit area as well as this is fairly common with other exhibitors in the convention center and Rapid City said they could do this as well. Coffee/water and light snacks will be available in the exhibit hall.

Headliner/Keynote

Bruguier announced that [Simply Three](#) is the 2019 conference headliner, and that the Keynote Presenter is [Dr. John Feirebend](#). The Dessert Reception speaker is Judy Bush. Bruguier urged us to share this information with our colleagues.

Advocacy Summit

Judy Bush, the North Central Division President and Lynn Tuttle from NAFME Policy Staff will be in attendance at the convention to help present on the advocacy summit. Part of the grant we applied for would cover a possible video for training along with PSAs.

Registration costs:

Discussion was held on the cost of full conference attendance, continuing ed credits, and costs for members vs non-member. The whole conference cost for members will be \$100, a single day cost for members will be \$50, a the collegiate cost will \$10. A link to whatever institution is providing the graduate credit will be provided. The costs will be twenty dollars more for non-members. People registering for credit will follow the registration link provided for by the credit-granting institution to register and pay for credits. People registering for the college credit register with and pay the credit granting institution directly, not SDMEA. No additional dessert reception cost is included.

Collegiate ideas

We would like to add in a meeting of the State collegiate executives to the conference schedule.

App

Bruguier looked into the costs of various apps to support our conference. She reported that Guide Book is the most cost effective, and that it allows the user to select their sessions and custom-make a schedule. The benefit of such an app to SDMEA it that it will provide us data for which are the most-attended session. After discussion, it was decided to wait on the purchasing of the app and see how the conference grows.

Conference Schedule:

Bruguier announced that at this year's conference she would like to have separate Tracks for each discipline, chosen by representatives in that area.

Motion by Shuck, second by Schenk of new breakdown for conference position payment- Jan. meeting was decided \$2500 for a single conference chair. Motion to pay Conference Chair- Kim \$2000 and Conference On-Site and Registration Assistant - Beth \$500. Motion carried.

Break for lunch and conference session selection at 12pm. Meeting resumed at 12:30 pm

Middle School Band Chair Report--Andrea Harstad, Kristen Dunlap, Danny Eye

Harstad reported that the 20th year of MSASB was a great celebration. James Stueckrath and Julie Berger of the Huron School District were wonderful hosts. Dr. Wallace conducted honor band, and composer Tyler S. Grant conducted the festival band. The commission piece by Grant went off well. Thank you to Jason Ryggs for filling in for Grant when Grant was delayed due to weather. The 2020 MSASB will be in Mitchell March 6-7th. Audition material has been re-written and go approved by the judges. The panel of volunteers who wrote the excerpts worked together very well. The directors for 2020 are Haley Armstrong and Cassie Bachard.

Elementary Report--Kari Owens, Vicki Hyder, Tanya Davis

Elementary Honor Choir

Owens created an audition tutorial video, which was very helpful. Hyder reported that there was an judging error that was corrected in the key of G scores. An additional judge was hired to complete a rescore so as to correct the problem. Audition results were emailed to teachers on May 10th as well as posted on the SDMEA website. The Rescore results for the key of G were emailed on Wednesday, May 29th. Schilf publicly complimented Vicki and Kari on how effectively and professionally they handled the judging error.

Festival Choir

This year we added an extra Festival Choir site at Corsica-Stickney. Discussion was held on weather-related cancellations, as this year only one site had performances go on as scheduled. It was suggested that when SDMEA contracts the guest directors that we make sure that guest directors and facilities have the Monday of the event, as well as next Monday available in case of weather issues. The board discussed that there will be no refunds for schools not able to attend the event due to weather, but that an alternate dates of the event will be scheduled. Hyder asked for recommendations for Festival Choir directors for 2020.

Collegiate Report--David Sanderson

Sanderson reported that he was contacting NAFME membership specialists for accurate membership lists and to ensure that NAFME Collegiate Emails & Newsletters Going are to the Appropriate Members. Discussion was held on how to further engage Collegiate Students at the Conference. Sanderson suggested forming a Collegiate Council of Presidents and holding a Collegiate Student Recital, during which reps from each college give a solo performance. Sanderson thinks that this could entice applied faculty to get students to attend conference, and could get more institutions involved. Students who perform at the event have to be a member of SDMEA. Sanderson asked to be informed of any summer workshops available to collegiate for further engagement.

NMTM Report--Wendy Van Gent

Van Gent reported that the Mentoring program from the State BOE has gained momentum. This program is preferred by most new teachers and often required by administration. Van Gent will keep information regarding New Music Teacher Partnerships on the SDMEA website, and is happy to continue to work with anyone who requests a mentor.

Research Poster session

There were three research poster sessions at the convention last year. The board will not pursue a research poster session for convention this year.

Middle School Report--Erin McFarland

MS Festival Choir

This year there ended up being 2 sites instead of 3. We will stick with 2 sites going forward. Yankton had 110 students registered for their site and Sturgis had 18. Both sites were snowed out but were rescheduled. Erin received positive feedback regarding splitting up treble chorus and mixed chorus the conductors, accompanists, and music selections. Teachers were excited to have an opportunity for their middle school students. Changes to the event in 2020 will be to have music sent out earlier, as well as menu in advance for people with allergies so we can accommodate their needs.

Kids Music Exploration Camp

The camp is scheduled for June 22-26 at Brandon Valley Intermediate School; however there is only 1 registrant so far. McFarland has sent out fliers, personalized emails to previous students, emailed the surrounding school teachers about the event. SDMEA needs 15 to make the camp happen. If 15 participants are not registered by July 1, the camp will be cancelled.

Band Report--Spencer Wahl, Calvin Lipetzky

MSASJ Recap

Wahl reported an increase in audition numbers, an increase in quality of ensembles, and an increased ticket sales and profit over last year. The venue worked well for this event and the Mitchell PAC is booked for February 7th and 8th, 2020. Dr. Yi Chen from SDSU verbally agreed to conduct honor band, but we are still looking for a festival band director .

MSASB Workshop

Wahl reported that 21 directors took the workshop for credit

Tri-M Report--Molly Stueckrath

Stueckrath reported that the current Tri-M Chapters are in Pierre, Huron, Tea, and Tri Valley. Stueckrath will create a Chapter Spotlight in the magazine and will continue to contact current chapters and prospective schools. SDMEA will have a Tri-M Chapter of the Year award for upcoming school year.

Webmaster/Historian/Archivist Report--Mike Bossman

Please send Webpage updates to webmaster@sdmea.net. Please send Bossman historian information from your events.

Retired Chair Report--Char Cade

Cade asked for retired teachers to get in touch with her if they are interested in a Free ticket for all-state. She asked board members to learn of and contact retired teachers through the region music meetings.

Awards Report--Kim Bogart

Bogart reported that all nomination forms for awards are on the SDMEA website. All awards nominations except for high school participation can be done on google forms. Nominees are still needed for the Outstanding young educator award. Bogart has contacted educators up for a years of service award according to our database to confirm their years of service. Discussion was held on the creation of a Music Educator of the Year Award. This was tabled until the August meeting.

Membership Chair Report--Colby Shuck-

Shuck reported that Membership is fairly steady, up from last year at this time. He asked board members to talk to colleagues at Region Meetings about joining SDMEA. Shuck mentioned the need to advise educators to put in on their requisitions for next year so that their school can pay for the membership.

Orchestra Report--Beth Neitzert/Kortney Temple/ Laura Cooper

Neitzert reported that MSASO was a huge success! Bethany Amundson conducted the orchestra. and was very well-received. Due to weather, the concert was moved earlier and combined with honors orchestra. Gate proceeds were divided based on average ticket sales from past three years. The 2020 MSASO is February 21 & 22, 2020 in Rapid City Central, Christopher Stanichar, Conductor. Audition materials are online and the audition window opens November 1.

String Symposium—Kortney Temple

This year was the 2nd Annual Symposium. The 2020 Symposium will again be in conjunction with MSASO and the cost of the event will be \$50.

Motion by Schenk, seconded by Neitzert that any workshop provided by SDMEA (15 contact hours) will cost \$50, with the cost of an additional graduate credit charged per regulations of the credit-granting institution. Motion carried.

SD Musician Magazine--Deb Rohrer

Rohrer reported that a few states have moved to only digital. This would cut productions costs, but SDMEA needs to investigate potential loss of revenue caused by digital production and changes in add pricing\ for digital publications. As of now, the musician magazine will be kept in print, but a digital copy can be provided upon request. The article submission deadline is September 1. Rohrer asked for high-resolution photos from new board members

Board Training

Bruguier presented information on General board practices and expectations . this information is located in Board Member Training Folder in the SDMEA share drive.

Old Business

discussion was held on the Magazine Editor Stipend Amount.

Motion by Amundson, second by Schenk to keep the editor stipend at \$2400 for this fiscal year.

New Business

E-newsletter info is needed by the 15th of each month and should be sent to sdmea@sdmea.net.

The next board meeting will be August 24th in Pierre 10am-4pm. There will also be a breakfast meeting on Saturday Nov 2 meeting SF convention center 7am. Meeting Dates of January 4th in Mitchell and May 30th in Brandon were set.

Motion to adjourn by Shuck, second by Bossman. Motion carries.