

## SCMMEA Board Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2014 @ Heritage Cafeteria 5:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 5:45 by Raphel Thompson

Board Attendance:

- ✓Raphel Thomspson, President
- ✓Kathy Phillips, President Ellect
- ✓Cathy Coonis, Treasurer
- ✓Allyson Tipton, Secretary
  - Lori Hutton, HS Band VP
- ✓Curtis Tipton, HS Jazz VP
- ✓Aaron Stewart, JrHigh Band VP
- ✓Kevin Williams, HS Vocal 9-10 VP
- ✓Amy Jameson, HS Vocal 11-12 VP
- ✓Alicia Campbell, JrHigh Vocal VP
- ✓Ian Tapson, Elem VP
  - Steve McClard, Webmaster
- ✓Alberta Smith, MCDA chair
  - Rocky Long, Past President

Reports:

### **Cathy Coonis - Treasurer**

MMEA is bringing us all under their own umbrella of 501 C 3. This means we will no longer have to file paper work on our own. Reports to Paul Swofford July 1.

See treasury report... Elementary/Jr. High Honor Choir: Cancelling caused ½ of the students attend. Reimbursed those that didn't attend for overpayment.

Update laptop programs requested by Cathy...Curtis Tipton motioned for new laptop. The current laptop has not been updated since purchase 10+ years. She needs to be up to date. Aaron Stewart 2<sup>nd</sup> All pass – Amend with new printer. ALL PASS. Tech guy at Seymour will help with purchase and disposal of current computer. Motion Kathy Phillips, Aaron Stewart 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Kathy Phillips - President Elect**

Looking at handbooks for contracts can't find. We need to contact webmaster to put those on website for convenience. Everyone (VP) needs to update their sections to provide current information.

### **Alberta Smith – MCDA**

We started a sight reading program for Jr High's. Piloted in many festivals STL and at Mark Lawley's SBC festival. Worked very well and good to get kids reading earlier.

### **Ian Tapson-Elementary VP**

Feb 21 at SBU Renard Brown will be the clinician for Jr. High and Jason Honeycutt will work with the 5-6. We will be altering the times to structure the travel times and get rid of down time. Looking to do Registration all electronic. Larry Dame is willing to work with them on T Shirts again. Ian sent out a survey to all of the elem/jr high teachers. After the replies came in they would like to restructure the fee for ALL kids get meal, registration and t shirt. The t shirt would be worn for performance so they can all look the same.

### **Curtis Tipton- HS Jazz VP**

Jazz dates same as HS Band District Auditions (November 4, 2014). The Jazz clinic and performance will be February 20-21 coordinating with PHS Jazz Festival. Derek Limback from St. James High School will be the clinician and compose a piece for free for the SCMMEA Jazz band. On Feb 20<sup>th</sup> the band will rehearse all day long at PHS, the Jazz Festival will be all day Saturday Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, and students will meet with clinician before the concert to warm-up. The concert that evening will be before the awards presentation for the PHS Jazz Festival. So there should be a pretty good audience.

**Allyson Tipton - Secretary - only new business and no meeting notes from the January Meeting at MMEA.**

### **Aaron Stewart- Jr High Band**

November 15<sup>th</sup> rehearsal and performance at Marshfield. Now that Jazz has been moved will have plenty of room and time for a great day. Entries by Friday October 3 – Scott Kuhlman, Nathan Wilhoit from the KC area are clinicians.

### **Kevin Williams - HS Vocal 9-10**

Auditions will be Sep 20 @ Kickapoo. Nov 1 rehearsal/performance @ SBU: Carla Oliver 9-10 and Dr. Paul Crabb 11-12. Extra rehearsals are set for Thursday Oct 23 @ Central HS from 7-9 and Tuesday Oct 28 Mt. Grove HS from 6-8. Discussion was then talked about how to make rehearsals more of a priority.

### **Amy Jamieson - HS Vocal 11-12**

Same dates with Kevin. All State Choir Auditions will be Nov 1<sup>st</sup> in the morning at SBU. There will not be an announcement at the concert, it will email out who made it. The email will be sent while at SBU so people can check during the day. Pre All State rehearsals will be Sat Jan 3 from 11-4 and Sat Jan 10<sup>th</sup> from 11-4 with both being @ Ozark HS. This time change helps accommodate those students who could possibly be in both All State choir and All District Band.

### **Lori Hutton – Ab**

(The following information was corresponding dates from previous years given by Curtis Tipton.)

Auditions Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup>, PHS with entries due October 24<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals on Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm with location TBD and rehearsal/performance on Jan 17<sup>th</sup> @ Central HS. Composer Randall Standridge will be the clinician for the Honor band and there is no one for concert band at this time.

MBA dates - June 22-25, 2014 @ The Resort at Port Arrowhead reservations/registration are online

MCDA dates - July 23-26, 2014 @ Capital Plaza, Jefferson City MO reservations/registration online

### **Old Business**

Discussion/clarification of the January vote on “NO registration for events if you are not paid from the previous year”. Cathy will email out before the reg deadline to those that are in violation and will continue to monitor.

**STATE MMEA Meeting Update** – no one is filling the MIOSM chair at the state level. If anyone has any suggestions please let Raphael know. She also encouraged everyone to look at the state reports that are many times online or in the MSN magazine. Very good info is provided as a contrast of how our district compares to others around the state.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alberta Smith asked the question if the SCMMEA could look into the idea of using credit card for payment of District events. Paypal accounts were explained by Curtis Tipton and how to do that for schools. Fees could be set up for direct deposit. A fee would have to be added to the transaction so that the price would even out for the convenience. This would benefit a lot of schools because many of them are using credit cards instead of PO's. This would just be an additional option and wouldn't change the current system. It's just to have the added bonus for those that would use it. Raphael asked Curtis to explain the system at our next meeting.

Allyson Tipton discussed the possibility of using Google Forms with the Website so that the registration of directors (done typically at the summer meeting or online) would come directly to her. This would then allow her to sort the information by area and update the Vice Presidents on the participating directors. We would like to set up computers at the summer meeting and have directors register online so that the information is directly sent. Those that do not attend the summer meeting will be sent a reminder email from the email lists currently in place. She also asked to send a postcard to each school superintendent about our summer meeting so that information can get to new directors. Cathy Coonis and Raphael Thompson suggested the state book that each school district has to get who is in our district. Allyson will get a hold of Steve McClard to make sure this can be set up from the SCMMEA.COM website.

Raphael Thompson opened up discussion about the SCMMEA Summer meeting on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ideas – VP's are talking about adding in clinics vs speaker. There have been complaints about the length. The dates for the year are on web site so why should people come. Having something for those areas to draw them in could help the attendance numbers. Elementary would like to have a session to sing through pieces, talk about voicing, solos, and discussion. They are also looking into a session on chime bells. They sent out a survey to see what their teachers want and the ideas were a reading session and preparation for the year. The biggest thing is that schools would be able to give PD credit because we are having actual sessions.

It was brought up by Curtis Tipton and Aaron Steward that it is really important that we focus on having a quality session. Important to be quality vs. a session reviewing dates that can all be handed out. Alfred publishing has offered to send a quality presenter for free to our meeting. Curtis Tipton has

been in contact with them and has reserved Robert Sheldon for our August meeting. His clinics will be determined at a later date.

How long....how many...vendors...lunch....charged/free was all discussed.

Dates/Communication – register and get a sheet of dates.

Robert Reed, the new Music Supervisor for Springfield Public Schools, will be asked to give the welcome as it is being held at Parkview High School.

The following structure was then determined.

Meeting – 3 major areas each have 2 sessions.

Breakfast – 8:30 (Palen Music Center)

Session 1: 9-10:15

Session 2: 10:30- 11:45

Lunch – w/ meeting 12:00 (Curtis Tipton is working on sponsor for this)

12:45 (after lunch) New Teacher – meet & greet - each VP will meet with the new teachers and get them connected to a teacher from their area.

BAND / CHOIR / JR.& ELEM Ideas...

Jim Terrant – Choir

Reading Session – Choir

Reading Session – Elem/Jr

Robert Sheldon – Both Band Sessions

It was then brought up and discussed that the President Elect could be in charge of mentoring for our district. This would always make sure that someone was working to help those new teachers. Cathy Coonis made a motion “that the Pres. Elect always mentoring chair”. 2nd Curtis Tipton. Unanimous Vote

Meeting at PHS August for board to go over schedule/facilities. Raphael will send out possible dates.

Motion to Adjourn Cathy Coonis 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy Phillips. 6:45 pm