

## **SDMEA Board Meeting Minutes**

January 2, 2021

### **Board members present (via Zoom)**

Bethany Amundson, Kim Bruguier, Mike Bossman, Paul Schilf, Laura Schenk, Char Cade, Angela Larson, Laura Cooper, David Sanderson, Danny Eye, Kristen Dunlap, Iwona Lewter, Erin McFarland, Molly Stueckrath, Ryan Stahle, Tanya Davis, Vicki Hyder, Colby Shuck, Kim Bogart, and Deb Rohrer

President Amundson called the meeting to order at 9:00.

Meeting minutes were reviewed. All changes should be emailed to Sheri.

### **Treasurer's Report: Laura Schenk**

There hasn't been much action due to COVID. The Musician Magazine is the only entity that's had normal operations this year. Our income is down, though many expenses have gone on as normal. This year has been difficult financially for our organization as many others.

### **President's Report: Bethany Amundson**

Reporting on creating a new position for a Diversity, Equity, and Advocacy Chair. This appointed, voting position would take the place of the previous Government Relations chair. Job description was presented and discussed.

Discussion relating to length of appointed terms, and decision made to include that in the president's section of the bylaws.

Bylaw revisions- each board member should make any necessary changes within the Google Doc sent by Bethany. Deadline for these changes is January 15, and the executive board will meet to compile these.

Brief discussion related to COVID event cancellation. Feedback has been largely positive from teachers, with two negative bits of feedback received from parents. Teachers have been very supportive of the decision and have been thankful that we went through the audition process to maintain continuity of learning. If any negative feedback should be received, please send that on to the President for an official response. The factor really tipping the scales was that no suitable facility could be found that was willing to hold the events. We opted to continue auditions so that students could be adjudicated, receive feedback, and receive the "honor" of placement in groups. This decision was in line with the SDHSAA and NAFME.

### **Executive Director Report: Paul Schilf**

Response to the feedback from the event cancellation.

Discussion on insurance-related factors for event cancellation. Insurance will not be reimbursed, but we will be receiving a credit on our next year of coverage.

Discussion related to COVID relief money from the state.

### **Webmaster: Mike Bossman**

Please email Mike with any updates needed.

**Conference: Kim Bruguier**

2021 Virtual Conference took place in November.

Attendance was down due to virtual format, but fiscally the conference did well.

Looking forward to a live conference in Rapid City in 2021.

Looking ahead- the exhibit chair role will be restructured in future years to work together more closely with the conference manager.

Summer Session will be held August 3 in Mitchell. Tracy King will be presenting in person.

The SFCC is still booked for June 28 and 29 due to the rooms we had held for the conference.

Discussion was held on what to do during that time since we're still responsible for paying for the rooms. Exhibit Hall Food and Beverage minimum is \$2,600 and \$4,200. Rooms 11-14 rent is \$1,200 and Food and Beverage minimum is \$1,000. Many ideas were discussed, particularly low to no-cost teacher centered programming. Food and drink options were discussed. Kim will follow up with an email to the board.

**SD Musician Magazine: Deb Rohrer**

Change in ad revenue was discussed. Down about \$1,000 for the fall, but up a little for winter and hopeful for spring.

Great working relationships have been developed with affiliate organizations.

**Middle School All-State Band: Kris Dunlap**

Auditions are completed using a Google Files format instead of Music Festival Software Solutions. John Laughlin was instrumental in managing the back end of this process. Audition numbers were on par with previous years (68 schools, 375+ students.)

Bands will still be seated so that students have the honor of making the band. Three-year members will be honored as well. Shirts will still be offered.

**Elementary Report: Vicki Hyder**

Elementary Honor Choir

Positive feedback was received from parents and teachers regarding the event being cancelled.

Tonya Cline will be the director next year in 2021, and music will be reused next year. Rehearsal tracks are already done and will not need to be recreated for next year.

T-shirt sales will still be held for those students who were accepted.

Elementary Festival Choir

Festival choir was cancelled.

March will still be Music in our Schools Month.

**Collegiate Chair Report: Dave Sanderson**

Collegiate Day didn't happen in the virtual conference, so collegiate student participation has been down. Spring should be back in person, so hopeful for a more normal spring semester.

Zoom speakers are planned for collegiate chapters and available to multiple chapters.

Discussion regarding the combination of the two higher education positions and collegiate student representation on the SDMEA board was held.

**Middle School: Iwona Lewter**

Event was cancelled due to COVID. Hopefully we can use directors and music that were planned for next year's event.

**Band: Ryan Stahle**

Event was cancelled due to COVID. Auditions are still open and not due until January 8. New etudes were written to follow the same format as MSASB. Only one etude is being used in addition to scales. This makes it more accessible to students, especially those who are also auditioning for MSASB. Reference recordings are available for students. Band director clinic was cancelled due to COVID.

**Tri-M: Molly Stueckrath**

Tri-M doesn't have an "event" to cancel, but due to the unusual nature of this year many chapters have had a slower year. Hopefully spring will feel more normal.

**Retired Music Educator: Char Cade**

Duties in relation to ASCO concert were cancelled.

Bylaws revision- includes statements about collegiate/retired members mentorship. It's become obsolete with the creation of the statewide teacher mentoring program.

**Awards: Erin McFarland**

With so many event cancellations, there hasn't been an opportunity to recognize years of service recipients. Erin is brainstorming ways this could still happen.

Potential June event may be able to include awards.

Seeking nominations for awards- use the links in her board report.

**Membership: Colby Shuck**

Numbers are down slightly, but in light of COVID it's understandable.

NAfME site is not working properly, and Colby is having a hard time getting ahold of the head of membership for NAfME. The process at national has changed and become cumbersome and quite untimely for Colby. He will compile his concerns into correspondence for the Executive Board to take to the North Central meeting.

**Choral: Angela Larson**

Article was written by Dr. Holdhuisen regarding how to prepare for collegiate choral auditions for the musician magazine. It was very good!

**Orchestra: Laura Cooper**

MSASO is cancelled for this year. Auditions were held, and 122 students submitted auditions. The group was still selected. Teachers have been supportive of the process. Three-year participants will be honored with plaques. A program of some sort will be compiled and sent to students and directors. Shirts are still available and being sold through an online store.

Next year will be held in Rapid City and Chad is still willing to conduct. RC Central HS has hosted before, but there is an issue with charging admission. Free will donations will be accepted instead with a suggested donation of \$5.

### **Old Business**

None to discuss.

### **New Business**

Next meeting will be held June 5 in either Brandon or Pierre. An in-person meeting is hoped for, but the situation will be discussed as we're closer to the event.

Vouchers are available online and you can fill one out and send it to Laura for a half-day stipend.

Reminder to submit articles for the Musician to Deb.

Motion was made to adjourn by Mike Bossman and seconded by Laura Schenk.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:03am.