



South Dakota Music Education Association

Approved Meeting Minutes

November 2nd, 2019

Sioux Falls Convention Center, Sioux Falls, SD

7:00 AM

Board Members Present: Erin McFarland, Colby Shuck, Kim Bruguier, Kim Bogart, Laura Schenk, David Sanderson, Laura Cooper, Kortney Temple, Wendy Van Gent, Angela Larson, Jaime Gargantiel, Vicki Hyder, Bethany Amundson, John Bakken, Calvin Lipetsky, Molly Stueckrath

Board Members Absent: Mike Bossman, Paul Schilf, Rogene Brown, Char Cade, Spencer Wall, Andrea Harstad, Beth Neitzert, Deb Rohrer, Kristen Dulap

President Bruguier brought the meeting to order at 7:05 am.

State Music Conference 2019 - Discussion

Bruguier presented on the details of the 2019 State Music Conference.

Bruguier stated that 92% of those that pre-registered online paid through PayPal by the end of Thursday night. PayPal does take a small cut of each online payment.

Collegiate Day numbers were very high. The presidents from three of the South Dakota's collegiate groups met with Bruguier to touch base and share ideas.

Discussion was held on the idea of collegiate members voting in our elections. Bruguier stated that according to our bylaws they should not be voting.

Kim asked the board what they've heard from the General Membership as far as feedback on the conference. Van Gent stated that the track option has gone over well with the general membership. Van Gent mentioned the idea about being able to pay per session or have a punch card for a certain amount of sessions. Bruguier mentioned the idea of offering one free session pass to the choir directors that are not attending the conference. Discussion was held.

Bruguier sent out multiple emails to high school administrators in the state asking them to consider allowing the music educators in their district to attend the State Music Conference. Sanderson mentioned the idea of inviting Sioux Falls administrators to attend parts of our conference for free next year. Bruguier mentioned that this could be linked with the advocacy track.

Bruguier stated that for next year's conference she plans to switch the room assignment of the exhibit hall and the performance room.

Bakken mentioned that one of the biggest complaints from the exhibitors is that they want a designated exhibit time that is not next to lunch. Bruguier stated that it wouldn't be a problem to build exhibit time into the schedule next year.

Discussion was held on what can be done to achieve better attendance at the Headliner Concert. Bruguier mentioned that next year she would like to bring in a choral group.

The NAFME website is having technical issues and membership renewal has been difficult. Bogart mentioned that it would be useful to have a link to join or renew membership on our SDMEA website. Shuck said that he could help manage renewals if we added such a link to our website.

Bruguier said in 2018 we had 88 people who attended the State Music Conference. This year we had 176 people who attended the State Music Conference.

Sanderson suggested that in future years we have specific people in charge of each session room to keep presenters on track for time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 am.

Next meeting: January 2019; Date/Time/Location: TBD

Submitted by Gargantiel, November 2nd, 2019