



South Dakota Music Education Association

Approved Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2020

Zoom Meeting

10:00 AM

Board Members Present: Bethany Amundson, Kim Bogart, Mike Bossman, Kim Bruguier, Char Cade, Laura Cooper, Tanya Davis, Kristen Dunlap, Danny Eye, Sheri Holt, Vicki Hyder, Iwona Lewter, Calvin Lipetzky, Erin McFarland, Dave Sanderson, Paul Schilf, Laura Schenk, Colby Shuck, Ryan Stahle, Deb Rohrer, Molly Stueckrath, Kortney Temple, Spencer Wahl

Board Members Absent: Jon Bakken, Angela Larson, Wendy Van Gent

President Bruguier brought the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to our new members, Ryan Stahle and Iwona Lewter.

Changes/additions to agenda: Paul Schilf added an addition about insurance under the treasurer's report.

Motion by Dave Sanderson, second by Laura Schenk, to accept the agenda. Motion carries.

Secretary's Report – Sheri Holt

Please review minutes at www.sdmea.net

Motion by Bethany Amundson, second by David Sanderson to approve the January 2020 meeting minutes with a few name spelling corrections. Motion carries.

Discussion was made about the summer session and upcoming fall events (Music Education Conference, Elementary Honor Choir, Freshmen Festival) that may need to be held virtually due to our current pandemic situation. Discussion was made to follow the SDHSAA guidelines that will come out regarding these. We will continue planning as if they were in person.

Treasurer's Report—Laura Schenk

We run on a fiscal calendar: July 1st to June 30th). Schenk reported that the conference has lost money once again for us, but this is normal. The conference is not a money making event but our festival events have been profitable. ASCO T-shirts are one of the most profitable for us, this helps support our conference financially. We had about a \$2600 loss overall this year.

Schenk recommends that we suspend the grant program for a year until we see a healthier bottom line.

All events should have insurance. Every chair needs to fill out the insurance form each time they have an event. This insurance is based on facility not event.

Tax exemption forms are available on our website. Just add the seller name and address and give to the seller.

Event chairs: Just a reminder to share your budget in our shared folder to help our treasurer keep track of everything as well.

Motion by Vicki Hyder, second by Laura Cooper, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carries.

Executive Director Report—Paul Schilf

Schilf "attended" several online events hosted by NAFME. These online meetings were very informative regarding music in our current state. They also provided information regarding the best way to handle reimbursement situations for cancelled contracts.

President Report- Kim Bruguier

President Bruguier reported that the national assembly was canceled. The North-Central division will still have a meeting. Hill Day is canceled.

Bruguier suggested and all agreed to give a special thank you gift to Rogene Brown for all the years of service that she provided to SDMEA. Bruguier and Schenk will work on a gift idea for her.

SDMEA put out a special notification last week regarding the state of SD music in regards to COVID. South Dakota looks much different than other states and will look different in the fall in comparison than others.

The Music Advisory Committee with SDHSAA has changed the layout of the board to follow their by-laws and the SDMEA president will no longer need to attend these meetings. Brooks Bowman reported that there had been an oversight on board members numbers and things needed to be changed to follow the correct guidelines.

NSU sent notice that the board of regents is mandating pay on noninstitutional credit now. The amount being requested is higher than is feasible for us. The executive board is looking for additional avenues for this.

A reminder that every voting and non-voting board member must fill out a conflict of interest form. This form can be found on our website.

Chairs are encouraged to add to the vendors list.

A reminder to add “inclusive” verbage for special services/needs when planning events.

President Elect Report- Bethany Amundson

Amundson has been busy filling board positions. Still waiting on a few positions.

Discussion was made to have the newsletter be part of the president elect's job. This is too much for the president to cover. The digital platform that we changed to has made things much easier.

Amundson expressed her personal thanks to the board and their leadership in supporting her as she finished up her degree out of state.

The minutes would like to show congratulations to Dr. Bethany Amundson on the completion of her advanced degree!

SDHSAA Report—Brooks Bowman

ASCO is still on at this point. The facilities in Sioux Falls are a go as well.

Regional fall meetings will be allowed to be held online and not in person this fall. SDHSAA is waiting on research that is being done by NHFS for singing and wind instruments. Once this research is in the SDHSAA will go forward with suggestions on what that could mean for our music classrooms in the fall.

SDHSAA has put out guidelines for schools that include a three phase system for summer events.

State Music Education Conference 2020

Bruguier reported that she has received 29 initial applications to present at the Music Education Conference and 9 performance applications. At this point plans will go forward as if we are meeting in person but all presenters did agree that they would present virtually if needed.

Discussion was made about the strong suggestion to hold a SDMEA membership to present or adjudicate. Bruguier reached out to North Dakota to see what they do for non-membership. Discussion was made on the pros and cons of using SDMEA members versus non-members in these positions.

A motion was made by Laura Schenk, and seconded by Calvin Lipetzky, that when securing clinicians, adjudicators, or conductors that it is preferred they are members of NAFME but it is not required. Motion carries.

Bruguier shared plans on conference schedule changes that will allow for a better flow with choir members and directors. A headliner or keynote speaker has not been secured yet. Discussion was made about allowing a special time on Thursday for exhibit time. Discussion was made regarding a boxed lunch idea for exhibitors, etc.

Chair Reports:

Middle School Band-- Kristen Dunlap (Danny Eye, chair-elect)

Dunlap reported that the middle school band event was held in Mitchell and that this was a new venue that worked very well for them. Their usual photographer and videographer was not available so they utilized a new photographer, Photography Unlimited. This company was very good to work with. The concert was streamed via Facebook live. This worked ok but the quality was a bit grainy/fuzzy.

The 2020-21 Middle School Band will be held in Huron once again. The schedule may change a bit to allow more down time for the band members in the evenings. May reduce the number of songs from 7 to 6 to help this schedule change. The reading band session went over really well.

New etudes have been written and the 2021 etudes have been posted. Thanks to many volunteer hours from John, Andrea, and Mike in this etude writing process).

We are in the process of hosting a new way of auditioning. Discussion was made on viable options including such things as Google. Possibly have the need of a tech person to assist in this?

South Dakota Musician Report: Deb Rohrer (editor)

Rohrer reported on finance amounts used to print and disperse the SD Musician Report. Things are running well, we are running in the black. Rohrer is interested to see what will happen in the fall with COVID situation.

Discussion was made regarding adding entity logos (such as bandmasters) on the front cover of the magazine. Rohrer will reach out to other organizations as well for interest in the Musician Report (a list can be found under "organizations" on our website).

New board members need to submit a picture to Rohrer for the magazine.

Elementary Report—Vicki Hyder, (Tanya Davis, chair-elect)

Elementary Festival Choral: The numbers were right around 770 for last year's festivals. Festivals were held at six sites: Gregory, Beresford, Harrisburg, Mitchell, Sturgis, and Pollock-Mobridge. (Corsica did not host this year). Last year a second date was provided to help with planning in case of storms. Next year the alternate date may be left up to the site-chairs.

Next year they will be adding another site, Brandon. Would consider pushing registration/audition date back to January permanently.

Elementary Honors Choir: Audition deadline has been extended to August 29th. There are rehearsal videos on the website for students to rehearse this summer. Judges will have a one week turn around so judges will have an increase in pay for this change.

Collegiate Report— Dave Sanderson

Sanderson reported that he is in discussion with Mary Cogswell regarding SD Bandmasters collegiate membership and opportunities. He is also in conversation with Dr. Van Gent in coordinating new teacher placement information to help with SD mentoring.

SD colleges will be back in person in the fall. Student teaching was very challenging this last spring due to COVID. There may be some follow up work with those students.

Collegiate enrollment is down for 2020-21. College faculty is under a travel restriction so this may cause adjudication issues.

Middle School Report—Erin McFarland (Iwona Lewter, chair elect)

McFarland reported that the 2020 MS Festival was cancelled due to COVID. \$16.50 per student of the registration fees were able to be refunded. So expenses and income came out even. May possibly use the same music for next school year.

McFarland expressed her thanks to the board for their help and support in the cancellation process.

The board would like to express their thanks to Erin McFarland on how she handed the cancellation of this event.

Band Report- Spencer Wahl (Calvin Lipetzky, chair elect)

Wahl reported that the MS All-State Jazz Band, held this past February in Mitchell, had 77 students involved this past year. They added some master classes for more educational experiences for the students. Wahl reported that they have an inconsistency in the instruments that are being auditioned.

We already have the google drive audition process in place. It is almost identical to the MS All-State Band. Would like to see consistency in the audition process across events in SDMEA. There was a shortfall budget-wise with this event.

Next year's event will be held February 5-6 in Mitchell. This will be the fifth year. Looking for a director to make this a special year.

Lipetzky reported on how the 2020 MSASB Director's Clinic went. Directors really enjoyed the opportunity to play together and students enjoyed watching their directors play. Laura Schenk led a reading band session that was a hit, Dr. Robinette presented on breathing techniques, Pete Hansen presented on how to set up a drumline. *Thanks to Bethany Amundson and DWU in offering credit to the directors for this event.*

Lipetzky and the board would like to recognize the work that Spencer Wahl has put into this event in the past few years.

Tri-M Report – Molly Stueckrath

Not present but shared a brief report via folder. Stueckrath will send out a message to director's on August 1st on how to set up a Tri-M. Will provide an updated list in August on who all have chapters. Contact her if you know of anyone interested in starting a Tri-M chapter.

Webmaster/Historian Report – Mike Bossman (President-elect)

Our website has been hosted by Gage E-Services but now this company has been acquired by Sandhills Global. Our website price has gone up significantly since this change (\$225 to \$499 per year). Bossman shared that we will also be paying per email per month. The decision was made to pay the fees for another year of hosting with Sandhills Global but Bossman recommends that we update in the near future. He suggests going with the company called SquareSpace. This site would offer more flexibility and may save us money in the long run as we will not need to pay a host fee. Transitioning from Sandhills to SquareSpace will cost us around \$3500 to pay for someone to change everything over.

Discussion was made that we table the update/change until August and see where the school year takes us but we will pay someone to do a check and general maintenance of our current site.

For SDMEA related matters email Bossman at webmaster@sdmea.net. PDFs are always easier to post. Allow a week to post items on your page.

Retired Report- Char Cade

Cade reported that she put together an invitation for retirees to attend the ASCO concert and the awards banquet. This is the 8th year of doing this. Deadline for

retirees to get a ticket is October 1st. These are comp tickets for these retired directors. The board has a 20 ticket max but we usually have anywhere from 3 to 10 attend.

Awards Report—Kim Bogart (Erin McFarland--awards chair-elect)

Bogart updated the information on our website and submitted an article to the SD Musicians Magazine. Nominations are open for next year's awards. We will push these on our social media platforms this summer.

Membership Chair Report: Colby Shuck

Shuck reported that he will handle all membership issues. Please send all issues regarding membership to him and he will contact NAFME and deal with those. NAFME does have a few glitches with membership so Shuck can handle these as needed.

Our numbers are down about 40 people from last year. Shuck asks that we promote this membership at our local regional meetings. We have 285 active members but less than 30 are West River. Shuck suggests that we pull board members from West River going forward. Has COVID affected our numbers?

Choral Report – Angela Larson

Not present/no report submitted.

MSASO/String Symposium: Orchestra Report –Kortney Temple (Laura Cooper/Kim Bogart, chair-elect)

Temple reported that MS Orchestra was held last February. Feedback was shared from director's that was helpful information for future planning.

Cooper reported that the String Symposium was a success. Eighteen paid attendees with presentations from USD and a reading session from Popplers. Credit was provided from NSU. Cooper reported that next year's event will be in Brandon Valley on February 19-20 with Chad Hutchinson as our first out of state director.

Elementary Festival Orchestra has a tentative date of April 17, 2021. Still looking for a director.

Temple encourages us to reach out to Walmart, Safeway, and Target, etc. for donations for your event.

Old Business

Reminder that the e-newsletter information needs to be turned into the online folder by the 15th of each month.

Stipend positions review process: Current voting board members are asked to complete an employee survey regarding our board review process.

Chairs-event stipend: Discussion was made to table this conversation until a later date.

The board would like to express their thanks to President Brugueir for her service as president of SDMEA!

Motion by Mike Bossman,, second by Colby Shuck to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Next meeting: August 29th in Brandon

Submitted by Sheri Holt