



South Dakota Music Education Association

Approved Meeting Minutes

January 5th, 2019

Huron Middle School, Huron, SD

10:00 AM

Board Members Present: Rogene Brown, Jaime Kessler, Kim Bruguier, Beth Neitzert, Paul Schilf, Vicki Hyder, Kim Bogart, Mike Bossman, Laura Schenk, Spencer Wahl, Dave Sanderson, Erin McFarland, Bethany Amundson, Kourtney Temple, Molly Stueckrath, Angela Larson, Andrea Harstad

Board Members Absent: Colby Schuck, Wendy van Gent, Kari Owens, John Bakken, Kristen Dunlap, Char Cade

President Bruguier brought the meeting to order at 10:12 am.

Changes/additions to agenda:

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

Secretary's Report – Jaime Kessler

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Motion by Larson, second by Bogart to approve the August 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carries.

Motion by Amundson, second by Neitzert to approve the October 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carries.

President Report- Kim Bruguier

Bruguier reported on the North Central Division Meeting. At the meeting, there was discussion on the validity and purpose of future events hosted by NAfME, such as the National Conference and Hill Day.

Board members have received new magnet name tags to wear anytime they are representing SDMEA in a professional capacity.

Planning is in progress for the SDMEA Summer Session.

Discussion was held on raising board member stipend amounts for meeting attendance. The stipend is currently set at \$25 for a half day meeting and \$50 for a full day meeting. Schenk mentioned that it is fiscally feasible to raise the stipend amounts.

Motion by Brown, second by Schenk that we set the full day stipend at \$75 for a full day board meeting and leave the stipend amount at \$25 for a half day board meeting. Motion carries.

The board reviewed the stipend positions of Executive Director, Treasurer, Webmaster, SD Musician Magazine Editor, and Conference Chair. Stipend position holders tracked their time spent working on their duties as it pertains to their specific positions on the board. Each stipend position holder spoke on the details of their current workload. Discussion was held.

Amundson questioned the fiscal feasibility of raising the stipend amount for all stipend positions. Schenk noted that it would be fiscally responsible and reasonable to raise stipend amounts. Schenk also suggested that we set a base stipend for the SD Musician Magazine and Executive Director positions and then above that have a percentage of payment be based on performance. This will consider revenue brought in by ads and corporate sponsorships.

Motion by Amundson, second by Wahl to keep the SD Musician Magazine stipend the same and reevaluate in June. Motion carries.

Motion by Larson, second by McFarland to set the Conference Chair stipend at \$2,500. Motion carries.

Motion by Wahl, second by Brown to double the stipend amounts for the Webmaster, Treasurer, and Executive Director from where they are currently set and to retroactively pay that increase to those in those roles. Motion carries. Schenk and Bosman abstained.

Bruguier asked the board to email her nominations for the following positions that are up for election.

- MS Band Elect
- HS Choral
- Band
- Orchestra Elect
- Elementary Elect

Bruguier and Amundson led the board through By-law revisions. Discussion was held on necessary amendments. The board will vote by email to approve the by-law revisions after all revisions have taken place.

LUNCH BREAK at 12:35 pm—Meeting resumed at 1:04 pm

Treasurer's Report-Laura Schenk

Schenk reported on the details of the income statement for all SDMEA events and Admin/Advocacies for July 1st, 2018 to January 31th, 2019. She mentioned that the fall portion of the fiscal year generates much less income than the spring.

Schenk detailed the process of filling out vouchers and depositing money for board members and covered other basic financial guidelines.

Schenk received a membership form to become an organizational member of Arts SD. The board discussed becoming a member of this organization.

Motion by Amundson, second by Schenk to become an organizational member of Arts SD. Motion carries.

Schenk created an SDMEA Grant program and asked the board for guidelines on a timeline for rolling out the grant. It was decided that the grant would be for the 2019/20 school year with a deadline of June 30th to apply. Sanderson mentioned that the grant recipients should follow up detailing how the grant impacted their program.

Executive Director Report—Paul Schilf

Schilf reported on the need for board members to make sure that they have proof of insurance for the specific events they are running. If events are held on Saturday at a school, it is likely that it is not covered under the school's insurance policy. Board members then need to contact Schilf to use SDMEA's blanket insurance policy.

Schilf reported that our organization received a letter with a 2018 copyright compliance form from Tresona. SDMEA now has blanket licenses from BMI and ASCAP to cover all our events and sites for compliance with copyright law.

Schilf and Bruguier attended Nebraska's Music Educator's Conference and had meetings with the North Central President Elect.

Schilf encouraged board members to contact him if they need assistance with contract reviews and negotiations related to specific SDMEA events.

ASTA members were not able to receive their copy of the SD Musician Magazine because ASTA could not share their membership database with SDMEA. Schilf and Rohrer resolved the issue.

President Elect Report- Bethany Amundson

Amundson traveled to Canton to talk with their students about Tri-M and SDMEA.

Discussion was held about the relevance and audience for the Newsletter. We are currently using Mailchimp to email out newsletters and are wanting to move away from that platform as not all members have been receiving the newsletters. Amundson will now send the newsletters to Schilf and Schilf will get it out to the membership.

Newsletter items are due by the 15th of every other month. The next deadline is January 15th. Please send to sdmea@sdmea.net.

Motion by Schenk, second by Brown to approve travel expenses and out of state meal per diems for President, President-elect, and Executive Director to attend the National Conference.

Middle School Band- Andrea Harstad

Harstad reported on MSASB. There were quite a few improperly uploaded auditions this year, mostly from new directors. This year there was a small decrease in audition numbers submitted and schools auditioning.

436 entries this year; 80 schools

449 entries last year; 82 schools

This year's event will be held on March 1st and 2nd in Huron. In 2020, MSASB will move to Mitchell to cut location costs.

Harstad suggested having a section on the website where directors can select specific events on which they want information. She added that chairs should then have access to the names and contact information of directors who want information for their specific events.

Collegiate Report— Dave Sanderson

Sanderson reported that Collegiate Day went very well at the conference. There was a great showing from BHSU. He is hoping for a better turn out for collegiate day in Sioux Falls, which will cut travel costs for most universities.

Bruguier suggested that we host a state collegiate cabinet meeting at the conference and to potentially invite collegiate cabinet members to come to our June SDMEA board meeting.

He has been encouraging collegiate members to get involved with student networking, particularly East River.

Middle School Report—Erin McFarland

The Middle School Choral Festival will be held on April 11th in Aberdeen, Yankton, and Custer. McFarland has been having trouble getting access to email addresses of middle school teachers to contact them about this event.

Music Exploration Camp costs will be lowered this summer as there is no location fee.

Orchestra Report - Beth Neitzert/Kortney Temple

The MSASO event will be February 22nd and 23rd. It will be held at the Mitchell Performing Arts Center with Bethany Amundson as the guest conductor. The YouTube auditions for this event were successful. The SDMEA String Symposium will be held in conjunction with this event.

Band Report- Spencer Wahl

MSASJB will be in Mitchell on February 1st and 2nd this year and the amount of auditions submitted has almost doubled. They had 91 auditions from 30 schools.

He tried a new audition platform this year and there was some concern with the lack of anonymity.

They had a change in guest director due to an issue with the membership stipulation in the contract.

Wahl questioned who will offer the credit for the director workshop. He is working on finding presenters for this event and will use google forms again for registration.

Tri-M Report – Molly Stueckrath

Stueckrath is working at expanding the number of schools that have Tri-M chapters. Current Tri-M chapters in the state are working at creating a network to communicate with student members from other chapters.

Webmaster/Historian Report – Mike Bossman

For SDMEA related matters email Bossman at webmaster@sdmea.net rather than his k12 address.

Retired Report- No Report

Elementary Report—Vicki Hyder

Elementary Honor Choir was in Rapid City this year and was a success. Some teachers were not pleased with the rehearsal tracks as there was no inclusion of piano accompaniment with

the voice part. The snack was an issue at the event as they ran out of donuts for the students. Hyder is looking for suggestions for judges for next year's auditions.

The 2019 Festival Choir is a work in progress and a new site was added. So far there are already 802 students registered for this event. There were also new schools that registered for the first time this year.

Choral Report – Angela Larson

Larson reported on looking for a new way to submit All-State Chorus T-shirt forms. She also mentioned that she is still waiting on payment from some schools.

There were 115 students that participated from around the state in Freshman Choral Festival. There was a lot of positive feedback from those that participated in this new event.

Awards Report—Kim Bogart

Bogart reported on the cost of awards that were presented during the State Music Conference. The cost of the awards this year was \$394.70. The cost of printing programs for the banquet was \$139.84.

Bogart suggested that we could ask local high schools to provide quiet music to enhance the mood of the banquet.

State Music Education Conference 2019 Items

Schilf suggested that the board discuss the job description details for advertisement of the Conference Chair position.

Motion by Schenk, second by Bossman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Next meeting: June 1st, 2019; 10:00 AM, Brandon Valley Intermediate School

Submitted by Kessler, January 5, 2019

