

South Dakota Music Education Association  
Meeting Minutes  
June 3, 2023  
10:00 am T.F. Riggs

**Board Members Present:**

Mike Bossman, Danny Eye, Laura Schenk, Kim Bruguier, Julie Berger, David Berberick, Mackenzie McKeithan - Jensen, Colby Schuck, Tara Hahn, Tabitha Unruh, Julie Fastnacht, Heather Nelson, Erin McFarland, Laura Wilsie, Kim Bogart

**Board Members Absent**

Bethany Amundson, Ryan Stahle, Ellie Kenkel, David Sanderson, Kari Wilmes, Molly Manchester, Char Cade

President Mike Bossman called the meeting to order at 10:13am

**Motion to approve agenda approved.**

**Secretary's Report – Heather Nelson**

Please review minutes at [www.sdmea.net](http://www.sdmea.net).

**Motion by Kim Bruguier , second by Colby Schuck, to approve the January 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carries.**

**President Report- Mike Bossman**

Start shifting items to shared drive including a welcome document with an overview of running event.

Working on new merchandise for the fall.

MaKenzie McKeithan will be taking over as the new webmaster.

Laura, Kim, and Mike will be traveling to D.C. to attend the National Assembly

**Kim Bruguier motions that SDMEA covers accrued travel expenses for hotel, travel and meals while attending national assembly, Seconded by Erin McFarland. Motion Carries.**

## **Webmaster Report-Mike Bossman**

Updating the webpage - most webpages are moving to square space.

- **Site Consulting and Initial Set up Only** (cheaper option)
- **Full Site Transfer and Set up - Turn Key** (\$2000-\$2500)
- Ongoing costs hosting fee - \$275
- Recommended waiting to turn it over until next summer, paid our current hosting fee through the end of the year (December)
- Mike recommends going with option one \$500 to design and knowing that we may need more than one hour of training (\$100 per hour) and not roll out until the summer (pay 2 hosting fees at the same time)

## **Julie Berger motions to pay 5JDesigns to do sight design and initial set-up only to update our website. Seconded by McKenzie McKeithan. Motion Approved**

Event chairs can update their button in canva 500px. Make sure to update your event pages - be very specific on what you want it to look like. Working to add a "donate here" option on webpage.

Add QR code on programs for a donate option and add into the title of livestream.

## **President Elect Report - Danny Eye**

Next Newsletter in August - Deadline on August 11th. Share ideas for anything to add to the newsletter.

## **Past President Report - Bethany Amundson (absent)**

### **Executive Director/Treasurer's Report: Laura Schenk**

Facility Use / Insurance - Make sure everything is updated and filled out appropriately to ensure we are covered in case of incident

Election Format and timing - recommended that if you are going off the board, in the January meeting, nominate candidates for replacement and move the election to earlier in the year to a less busy time. This would allow us to invite new people to the June meeting. Announce at directors meeting at your event and volunteers are welcome.

Discussion of choral events and age ranges and timing for each event. Recommended taking specific ages out of festival choir. Create a flier of choral events.

National Assembly - appointments with Thune's office, Dusty Johnson's office, working to meet with rounds to discuss funding priorities. Forward stories to share to Kim, Mike, and / or Laura.

Corporate Sponsorship - switch to more of an event based sponsorship instead of the SDMEA organization as a whole. Discussion of ways to increase our corporate sponsorship.

Treasurer's report - Best fiscal year since covid! Reminder to fill out forms, vouchers, and deposits. Change financial guidelines to accurately reflect current practice.

**Colby Shuck moved to table financial guidelines until end of meeting. Seconded by Erin McFarland**

**SDHSAA Report:** Brooks Bowman (Absent)

Break for Lunch

**Conference Manager Report/Summer Session:** Kim Bruguier

Summer session August 1st in Mitchell with Denise Gagne. Already over 20 people registered!

Music Ed conference in Rapid with Dr. Tim. Excellent applications for sessions and working on solidifying the schedule. Possibly get it out by summer. Discussion of exhibit hall location.

**Awards:** Erin McFarland, Chair

Deadline for awards September 15th. Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser will speak at the banquet.

**Collegiate:** David Sanderson, Chair (*absent from this meeting*)

Notice that SD Dept of Ed has created two new certification licenses. Student Teacher License (1-year, non-renewable) Advanced Student Teacher License (1-year, non-renewable).

Discussed faculty advisors, SMTE, SRME, the governor's letter to the Board of Regents & whistleblower hotline present concerns

**Choral:** Kari Wilmes, Chair (*absent from this meeting*)

**Band:** Ryan Stahle, Chair, Ellie Kenkel, Chair-Elect (*both absent from this meeting*)

Mitchell will continue to host. Next year February 2nd and 3rd in Mitchell Dr. Brian Hanegan and Drew Balta. Change of fee to \$15 audition fee and no participation fee. Changing the placement process: instead of top scores going to honor band, and lower scores in festival band, the top score will be 1st chair one group, the second score will be 1st in the other group, etc. Similar to how high school all-state jazz is set up. Adding Director's combo. Good turnout for directors workshop.

**Orchestra:** Kim Bogart, Chair, Laura Wilsey, Chair-Elect

Thank you Kim for your work with the event this year!! Discussion of 2023 event. Next year, February 23-24 2024 in Rapid City. Bruce Knowles, Conductor and string symposium. Raising audition fee to \$15 and no participation fee.

**SD Musician Magazine:** Molly Manchester, Editor (*absent from this meeting*)

Discussion of errors occurring and the purpose of the magazine and its relevance. Decrease from 3 issues a year to 2 and seeing feedback to inform future decisions. Newsletter in August and April and Magazine in October and January.

**Tri-M:** Mackenzie McKeithan-Jensen, Chair

6 active chapters and more interest. Continuing to bring awareness of Tri-M.

**Retired:** Char Cade, Chair (*absent from this meeting*)

Historical project moving along well!

**DEIA:** David Berberick, Chair

Discussion of DEIA strategic plan.

**Membership:** Colby Shuck, Chair

Membership is at its highest levels!

**Middle School All-State Band:** Danny Eye, Chair, Julie Berger, Chair-Elect

Discussion of 2023 event. Change of fee to \$15 audition fee and no participation fee. Next year in Mitchell March 1 and 2, 2024 with Randall Standridge and Larry Petersen. Danny proposes that we use the same photo release form for all events. Discussion of paying the judges more. Thank you Danny for all your leadership!

**Julie Berger moved to adopt the changes to financial guidelines as proposed. Seconded by Tara Hahn. Motion carried.**

**Elementary:** Tanya Davis, Chair, Tara Hahn and Tabitha Unruh, Chair-Elect

Discussion of past elementary honor choir event. 2023 event in Rapid City October 28th. Director is Chris Maunu.

Discussion of past elementary festival event. Next year March 4, 2024. Hoping to be at 7 sites. Discussion of possible future sights.

**Middle School:** Julie Fastnacht, Chair

Discussion of past middle school festival choir. Goal to get a third site for next year.  
Date of next year TBD.

**2023-2024 Meeting Dates**

August 19 Mitchell  
October 28 (conference in Rapid)  
January 6 Brandon  
June 1 Huron

Thank you Mackenzie for hosting!

**Motion by Julie Burger , second by Kim Brugier, to adjourn. Motion carries. 2:57**