

MSBOA Winter Meeting: Sullivan's Food and Spirits, Saginaw Michigan 1-14-02

1. Meeting called to order: 7:21 p.m. and introduction of guests and members.

Members and guests present: Steve Burian-Saginaw Heritage, Craig Heydenburg-Bay City, Tim Nadeau-Bay City, Kathy Peretz-Midland, Sara Potter-Ashley, Ann Schoelles-Midland, Nancy Benjamin-Hemlock, Matthew Shephard-Meridian, Bill Shephard-Freeland, Jeannine Coughlin-Saginaw, Denise Compton-Frankenmuth, Chris Orlik-Mt. Pleasant, Jennifer Parker-St. Johns, Bill Tennant-St. Johns, Roger Stevens-Midland, Nikki Hunter-Swan valley, Kristy Keenan-Bay City, Michael Norman-Dewitt, Jim Ferden(student teacher)-Owosso, Roger Weyersberg-Ovid-Elsie, Ruth Ann Knapp-Saginaw, Ed Turner-Durand, David Valasek-Saginaw, Mike Bentley-Byron, Garret Ernst-Perry, Joel Beamish-Breckenridge, Carl Knipe-Owosso, Mike Tolrud-Owosso, Lynn Kelsey-Fowler, Mike Scholes-Merrill, Ken Feneley-Mt. Pleasant, Cally Campbell-Bridgeport, Linda Ryden-Midland, Chris O'Donnell-Midland, Steve DeRees-Midland, Bill Monroe-Midland, Karen Viele-Midland, Jim Huber-Midland, Patrick Dudzinski-Laingsburg, Diane Stoddard-Bangor Township schools, Cory Hutchison-Durand, Wendy Graham-Essexville

**Thank you to Ruth Ann Knapp for helping us move quickly to Sullivan's due to closure of Crown Plaza Hotel

2. Reports from Officers and Committees

- a. Secretary: Heidi Ott

- Minutes mailed and also available on-line at MSBOA District V Website.
- Minutes amended to correct All-Star Band dates to February 2 and 3, 2002.
- Motion to accept minutes as amended: Heydenburg/Norman Carried

- b. Treasurer: Mike Bentley

- We are doing well this year on paper, mostly because of cashing in the CD
- JH S&E will come out even or ahead with a few minor changes.
- Motion to accept: Turner/Campbell

**Congratulations to Mike Bentley for a job well done; our balance matched the balance from the Ann Arbor Audit!

- c. President Report: Roger Stevens

- Midwest Music Conference participants: Ann Schoelles is presenting a clinic with her Midland Northeast MS Orchestra on Friday and Karen Viele's HH Dow High School Symphony Orchestra is performing on Saturday, Stephen DeRees and Sue Monroe will guest conduct.
- Encourage all to stay for the State meeting in the Modern Language Building on Saturday.
- Please include email address on the attendance sheet this evening, if you read it frequently, for easier communication.
- Please meet your deadlines.

- d. Marching Band Festival: Mike Norman

- MB Festival went very well.
- Thanks for all the help from members
- Executive board recommendation to set the rate for the MB Festival gate admission. Bentley/Monroe
MOTION: Set the MB Festival admission price at \$3.00 for person with ages 5 and under free. Carried.
- Weyersberg: need to have 2 volunteer workers for the festival at the fall meeting or we will need to assign workers.

- e. Solo and Ensemble Festival: Garret Ernst

- Should be receiving schedules 2-3 weeks before HS Festival scheduled for February 16 at Owosso High School.
- Hiring judges going well.
- Executive board motion: Move to change the penalty for Solo and Ensemble late fee to \$10 per event, not to exceed \$150. Weyersberg/Bentley
Note: This is already in place without a maximum penalty. Also wanted to put it in writing in the district handbook. Carried
- Executive board motion: The district will pay for all pianos acoustic and/or electric, which will include tuning, used at the festival site for all performance rooms and piano warm-up. Ernst/Viele Carried
Note: This motion will help with planning for the festival and knowing exactly how many pianos to obtain.
- Middle School S & E in December went very well. Thanks to Jim Huber and Midland Jefferson for hosting.
- Suggestions made on comment sheets: Have an adult present in warm-up as well as performance, post ratings outside warm-up instead of performance to alleviate congestion, have 8 minutes instead of 7 for junior high events to give judges more time to comment to students.
- Deadline for Spring JH S&E is March 1. **Please send the original plus a copy even if you enter on-line.**
- Be sure to include the surcharge for piano events when registering on-line because the extra \$ are not included in the piano event on-line.
- Motion that documentation be clarified regarding on-line Solo and Ensemble registration of piano events. Nadeau/Weyersberg Carried
- Motion to accept report Weyersberg/Norman Carried

- f. B&O Festival: Carl Knipe

- Deadline is January 18.
 - Preferences will be honored on a first come, first served basis. The time of your event will be official when Carl receives your check and application form.
 - Adjudicators have been hired for both weekends.
 - Surveys: 86 groups responded/112 entered festival last year.
 - May be an overload the first weekend, Diane Stoddard has offered Bay City John Glenn High School to help with the overload in the Northern site at Bay City Western.
 - MOTION: Move to give the executive board latitude to open an additional site to help with numbers in the northern site on March 8 and 9, if needed. Huber/Ryden Carried
Note: Both sites would still be mixed JH and HS if the site were added.
 - Art Kinsey will be recording at all sites with CD's.
 - Craig Heydenburg is working toward getting our B&O festival registration on-line. Thank you, Craig.
 - Should we look at adding another section in the north?
- g. Worker: Denise Compton
- Tried to honor all requests, most were honored.
 - It is your responsibility to fill your assignment and if not possible, call festival chairperson to notify of your substitute worker, not Denise Compton.
- h. Junior High All-Star Band: Roger Weyersberg
- We need a director's jazz band director.
 - Hosted at Saginaw High, February 2 and 3, 2002
 - Information packet from Saginaw High within the week.
 - J.Coughlin needs to know percussion needs ASAP and any students needing housing.
 - Saturday evening event: Kokomo's (involves all students invited including those who are not staying overnight); \$10.95 per student includes-2 tickets for attractions, \$3 worth of tokens, _ pizza and a pop.
- i. Festival Improvement: Stephen DeRees
- FIC recommendations for vote at State Winter Meeting:
 - a. Recommend allowing orchestras and bands going for comments only to be allowed to have an adjudicator clinic with the sight-reading judge after the performance in lieu of sight-reading.
 - b. Clean up the application for provisional classification to make it easier to fill out and add a question: How will the provisional classification benefit your students?
 - c. Omit the word "tape recording" and just say recording on the form that we fill out for the festival.
 - Proposals:
 - a. To have up to three players per part for String Chamber Ensembles.
 - b. Add the words "current printed" to the basic music list.
 - c. Be sure you are only entering your students in 3 maximum events for Solo and Ensemble Festival.
 - d. Task Force to research how to enforce ethics in our state festivals?
- j. Music Education: Diane Stoddard
- Professional development brochure to "Administrators only" to explain the type of quality professional development opportunities in the MSBOA that we could actually attend to fulfill professional development requirements that are beneficial to us as band directors.
- k. Elementary Music: Kathy Peretz
- No report
- l. String Committee: Karen Viele
- Fall Middle Level string clinics were very successful. Adding sites in the Upper Peninsula to benefit the large number of students that were involved.
 - Looking at an all-orchestra State Band And Orchestra Festival site.
 - Pleased to announce new orchestra programs in Michigan: Hudsonville, Grandville, and Benton Harbor
- m. Marching Band: Michael Norman
- No Report
- n. Member Emeritus: Roger Weyersberg
- Two Nominees: Tom Broka and Neil Everson
 - Please let Roger Weyersberg know if you are planning to retire so he can investigate qualifications.
 - Michaelson did not fill out the forms
- o. MSBOA Honors: Bill Tennant
- Youth Arts Festival posters are out there—please post and alert your students.
 - Only one weekend again.
 - Applied and received a \$70,000 partnership grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and used the money to hire an executive director (facilitator) for the festival.
 - Piano trio from last year's festival sent a recording to MPR radio in Washington and were accepted. They will be part of a program that will be seen nationally.
 - Festival will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 9, 10 and 11, 2002

- p. Futures Comm.: Roger Stevens
- Jane Church-Chair of committee
 - a. MSHAA expanded HS play-offs; this extends our MB season. Many questions have been raised about how this issue is affecting our band programs. Let Roger know how you are handling this in your district. The state needs input on this issue.
 - b. Are your administration pressuring band directors to do things that make you uncomfortable?
3. Old Business
- Survival Camp – 5 members went to Mt. Pleasant and the district paid the fee for their weekend. Comments were heard by present attendees to thank the district for paying their way and what a great experience it was.
4. New Business
- a. All-Star Band Conductor: Need to replace Heidi Ott who has a conflict with a rescheduled college class.
 - i. Nominations from membership: Jeannine Coughlin and Kathy Peretz
 - ii. Motion to close nominations: Viele/Ryden Carried
 - iii. Results by paper ballot: Jeannine Coughlin, director of A/B band
 - b. Locations for district meetings: meeting locations are becoming a problem. Executive board appointed Denise Compton to investigate restaurants.
 - c. Proposed dates for 2002-03 being recommended by executive board:

Fall Meeting	9/23/02	JH All-Star	2/1 & 2/2/03
Marching Band	10/14/02	HS S & E	2/15/03
Rain Date	10/21/02	B & O	3/7-8 & 3/14-15/03
MS/JH S & E	12/7/02	MS/JS S & E	4/12/02
Winter Meeting	1/13/03	Spring Meeting	5/5/03

 - Dates have been submitted tentatively and need to be voted on.
 - d. Marching Band festival: Alma College has approached and would like to host but it has to be a Saturday. Motion to have the Marching Band Festival on 10/12 and rain date 10/19. Valasek/Coughlin
Motion (hand vote) defeated.
Discussion:
 - Host schools would lose concession profits?
 - Alma HS Band boosters would run concessions.
 - Do we run into athletic conflicts?
 - Conflicts with MCBA?
 - No charge to use facility.

**We will return to this in the spring when members have a chance to investigate Saturday conflicts.
Move to accept dates as printed on Agenda: Weyersberg/Orlik Carried
 - e. Some discussion about B & O and Marching Band Festival late fees.
Move that the executive board provide a recommendation on B&O and Marching band festival late fees.
Heydenburg/Monroe Carried
5. Announcements:
District V members:
Conductor Frederick Fennell will be in Grand Ledge, Michigan on February 24-28. You are invited to a dinner in his honor at Christie's Bistro in the Lansing Sheraton on Tuesday, February 26, 6:30 p.m. (Dinner expense on your own). A concert with Dr. Fennell and the Grand Ledge Bands will be held on Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Mike Kaufman at Grand Ledge HS: 517-627-9509.

Motion to adjourn meeting: 9:01 p.m. Heydenburg/Ernst

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi G. Ott