

**Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association  
District V**

**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Rustic Inn – St. Charles

Attendance: Linda Murray(Midland), Jim Burkhart(Coleman), Jenn Parker(St. Johns), Justin Valla(St. Johns), Scott Vetter(Bath), Jordan Sterk(Owosso), Jillian Schlegel(Owosso), Mike Tolrud(Owosso), Sue Monroe(Midland-Retired), Bill Monroe(Midland), Roger Stevens(Midland), Chad Parmenter(Carson City), Matt Wicke(St. Charles), Scott Stewart(Saginaw Heritage), Kimberly Burger(Saginaw Heritage/White Pine), Beth Anderson(Saginaw White Pine), Chris Anderson(Durand), Phil Baker(Fulton), Stephanie Smith(Vestaburg), Matt Shephard(Meridian), Jeanine Ignash(Ovid-Elsie), Heidi Schlosser(Bay City Western), Joann Gross(Shepherd), Scott Stuijbergen(Bay City), Dustin Vanderveer(Bay City), James Tyner(Byron), Chris O'Connell(Midland), Nicki Bruski(Midland), Steve DeRees(Midland), Craig Heydenburg(Bay City Western), Garret Ernst(Perry), Craig Luft(Corunna), Amanda Thoms(Midland)

- I. Call to order
- II. Reports from Officers and Committees:
  - A. Secretary – Jim Burkhart
    - 1. Minutes were posted online
    - 2. Motion to accept - Ernst/Heydenburg - motion carries
  - B. Treasurer – Steven Shaw
    - 1. Report in packet
    - 2. Motion to accept - Baker/Wicke - motion carries
  - C. President – Matthew Shephard
    - 1. Director Development Days was a big success. March 1 deadline for Scholar Musician and Teacher of the year. MMC is Jan 22-24. We are the last district to choose festival dates this year. If dates change it will be communicated. New B&O rubric will take effect in the 2016-17 school year.
    - 2. Motion to accept - Gross/Stevens - motion carries
  - D. Solo and Ensemble - Heidi Schlosser
    - 1. First year with one December JH S&E and it went well. Complete breakdown in the packet. HS S&E coming up in Owosso February 7<sup>th</sup>.
    - 2. Motion to accept - Ernst/Anderson - motion carries
  - E. Band and Orchestra – Jeanine Ignash
    - 1. B&O schedule is up online. 97 events this year compared to 98 last year. Reduced a section on the first weekend. Worker schedule will be done soon.
    - 2. Motion to accept - Heydenburg/Gross - motion carries
  - F. Adjudicators – Steve DeRees
    - 1. Working on B&O judges. Received several evaluations from Marching Band, please send those in. Never take an adjudicator to task and tell parents the same thing. MSBOA room chair makes the decision regarding rules in the room.
    - 2. Motion to accept - Ernst/Baker - motion carries
  - G. Orchestral Activities - Linda Murray
    - 1. No report
  - H. Marching Band – Chris O'Connell
    - 1. Thanks to all who helped last minute. Would like to eliminate last minute changes. Next year there will be a “changes” deadline.
    - 2. Motion to accept - Gross/Parmenter - motion carries

- I. Junior High All Star Weekend – Linda Murray
    - 1. District handbook has All-Star details. Nomination window will be open on the website soon. March 13 is confirmation deadline. Fee needs to accompany the confirmation. April 18 and 19 are rehearsals and performance at Shepherd High School.
    - 2. Motion to accept - Baker/Schlosser - motion carries
  - J. Festival Improvements – Roger Stevens
    - 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> of two annual meetings happened recently. Recommendation was made to change All-State deadline to allow late entries to more closely resemble B&O. Question was raised: how many would pay festival fees with a credit card. It was pointed out that there are many hurdles-the biggest is cost-to making credit card payments for festival fees available. Discussion about recorded adjudication at S&E.
    - 2. Motion to accept - Wicke/Anderson - motion carries
  - K. Music Education – Nicki Bruski
    - 1. Newsletter should be getting to all members. State office is looking for articles, especially string and general. Dave Jensen is working on “5 ills” cards. Session scheduling issues, heat, and wi-fi from Director Development Days were discussed as well as some improvements. Mentoring program was discussed. Committee would like to collect all handouts from MMC and provide them on the state website.
    - 2. Motion to accept - Stevens/Baker - motion carries
  - L. Member Emeritus – Jo Ann Gross
    - 1. Carl Knipe has been accepted as Member Emeritus and will be recognized at the MMC.
    - 2. Motion to accept - Schlosser/Wicke - motion carries
- III. Old Business
- A. Commissioning Literature
    - 1. Nicki Bruski-It has been difficult contacting composers. If you have any direction, please let Nicki know.
  - B. Jr. High Solo & Ensemble Festival
    - 1. Heidi Schlosser-We need to vote to keep the one JH S&E festival format or go back to the two JH S&E format.
    - 2. Members present voted to return to the two JH S&E festivals beginning the 2015-16 school year.
  - C. Mentoring Program
    - 1. Joann Gross has agreed to head the mentoring program.
- IV. New Business
- A. JH S&E Festival
    - 1. Motion to reconsider the previous vote on two JH S&E Festivals. Motion: Stevens/Heydenburg – motion carries.
    - 2. Motion to keep one JH S&E festival for the 2015-16 school year and reconsider the one festival format at the fall general membership meeting 2015. Anderson/Murray – motion carries.
  - B. Dates for next year:
    - 1. Fall Meeting: **Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**
    - 2. Marching Festival: **Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015**
    - 3. Marching (Rain Date): **Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**
    - 4. JH S/E Festival (Winter): **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015**
    - 5. Winter Meeting: **Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**
    - 6. HS S/E Festival: **Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016**
    - 7. B/O Festival (1<sup>st</sup> Weekend): **Friday/Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

8. B/O Festival (2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend): **Friday/Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**
  9. JH All Star: **Saturday/Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**
  10. Spring Meeting: **Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**
  11. We need sites for all festival events. If you would like your school to host please fill out an Application to Host and return it to Matt as soon as possible so that we can vote on it at the spring meeting.
- C. Move to accept dates as presented: Heydenburg/Ernst – motion carries
- D. Election of Officers
1. President
    - a. Matthew Shephard
  2. V.P. of Solo & Ensemble
    - a. Nicki Bruski
  3. V.P. of Orchestral Activities
    - a. Jennifer Parker
  4. Secretary
    - a. Jim Burkhart
- E. Motion to cast unanimous ballot for nominated officers: Baker/Gross – motion carries
- F. Other
- V. For the good of the order
- A. Announcements
1. Idea for All-state audition online. If you have any ideas regarding this, please let Matt or Paul know.
  2. Jazz Combos are no longer able to perform at State S&E. This will happen at the State Jazz Festival.
  3. If you are interested in commissioned works by MSBOA-who should perform the works, where should they perform the work, etc? Who should we be honoring?
- VI. Adjournment
- a. Motion to adjourn: Baker/Parmenter – motion carries.