

MSBOA District V Spring Meeting – Roma’s in Owosso, MI May 5, 2003

Members and Guests present: Heidi Ott-Western Middle School, Chris Orlik-Mt. Pleasant, JoAnn Gross-Shepherd, Denise Compton-Frankenmuth, Garret Ernst-Perry, Beth Bergh-Perry, Andrew Wendt-Arthur Hill HS, Monike Hill-Heritage HS, Craig Heydenburg-Western HS, Greg Wells-DeWitt, Mike Norman-DeWitt, Nick Pourcho-DeWitt, Mike Bentley-Byron, Roger Stevens-Midland Northeast, Mike Tolrud-Owosso, Patrick Dudzinski-Laingsburg, Carl Knipe-Owosso, Nicki Bruski-Midland, Linda Ryden-Midland, Lyle Brooks-Corunna, Dawn Gergen-Carrollton, Jim Hargett-Saginaw North, Bill Monroe-Midland HS, Scott Vetter-Bath, Iris Haynes-White Pine MS, Melissa (Foor) Everett-Heritage HS, Diane Stoddard-Bangor, Jonelle Tichnell-Fowler, Tim Nadeau-Bay City Central HS, Kristy Keenan-Bay City Central HS

1. Meeting called to order at 7:21 pm.
2. Reports from Officers and Committees:
 - a. Secretary-Heidi Ott
 - i. Minutes mailed and available online at District V website.
 - ii. MOTION to accept minutes as published. Gross/Keenan Carried
 - b. Treasurer-Mike Bentley
 - i. S&E-came out a little ahead, B&O-we overspent quite a bit. All judges were paid for two full days and some did not work two full days, sight-reading-could have purchased one less set of music, there was also no surcharge for using SVSU in our revenue because we were not there...we will discuss B&O Festival later in the meeting. YAF must check the box on the application for the student to have district V cover the cost. Sight-reading music that we sold to the state was not listed on the report.
 - ii. MOTION to accept report. Haynes/Compton Carried
 - c. President-Roger Stevens
 - i. Mike Bentley has done a fantastic job with the treasurer position. The last few years we've had to only pay for _ hour of the auditor's time. Congratulations! It's been quite a year for MSBOA...the concerns that we bring up at our meetings are statewide. Please let Roger know if there are any concerns that you have so he can take those concerns to the meeting at the state level. The executive board is planning to propose a fee increase at the state level for next year. Roger appreciates the professionalism of our district members.
 - ii. MOTION to accept report. Stevens/Heydenburg Carried
 - d. Marching Band Festival-No report
 - e. Solo & Ensemble Festival-Garret Ernst
 - i. Adjudicator recap given at meeting. April 1-contracts were sent out to potential adjudicators. Please keep track of your deadlines, please return all adjudicator evaluations, fulfill your work assignment-it is your responsibility, not the worker chairperson to find an appropriate substitute for the work assignment if you cannot attend, try to limit the amount of events your accompanists accept for your students-accompanists have become sort of an issue because one person is accompanying too many events.
 - ii. Questions-One of the reasons that work assignments have been a problem may be that directors accompany their students' events. Could this be remedied somehow? Garret would like to see this question discussed at the next executive board meeting. (Nicole Hunter)
 - iii. What consequences are there for unfulfilled work assignments? Roger-a letter is sent to the worker, the principal and the person goes through a probationary period. The worker assignment issue needs to be discussed by the executive board and some suggestions for improvement need to be made.
 - iv. MOTION to accept report. Orlik/Knipe Carried
 - f. Band & Orchestra Festival-Craig Heydenburg
 - i. Thanks to all the hosts! Great Job! You can visit (http://www.msboa.org/cougar/bo/bo_rating_recap.php) to see a recap of the rating statistics from the various sites. Craig has C/D sight-reading music that our membership can purchase (see Mike Bentley to work out the financial details). Sites for 2003-04 are listed in new business.
 - ii. MOTION to accept report. Brooks/Norman Carried
 - g. Worker Assignment-Denise Compton
 - i. Denise found this year to be challenging for worker assignments. We need to come up with some guidelines for members to follow as far as fulfilling the work assignments. There were a number of directors who called Denise and wanted Denise to find a replacement or asked to switch their site of their assignment. This is not her job. Once the assignment is made it is the director's responsibility to fulfill the assignment or find a suitable replacement.
 - ii. Discussion: Is the open enrollment policy causing us problems with worker assignments? It seems that people are taking advantage of Denise. We ALL need to be responsible for our own assignment...it is not the worker chairperson's responsibility. Stoddard/Ryden
 - h. JH All-Star Band-Roger Weyersberg/Jeannine Coughlin
 - i. No report

- i. Festival Improvements Committee-JoAnn Gross
 - i. No report
- j. Music Ed Committee-Diane Stoddard
 - i. There will be a form that directors can fill out online; goal is for this to be available in the fall, which will allow us to see what other members are teaching. For example, if I want to know what the budget, school size, student numbers in program, parent organizations, etc. from another district, a members can find out this information because the form is attached to the school data entry form.
 - ii. Asked membership to write down suggestions that has lead to success at festival. For example, I teach style by.... Or my ensembles work on tuning by.... Diane is taking the suggestion sheets back to the state committee
- k. Elementary Music-Nicole Bruski
 - i. No report
- l. String Committee-Iris Haynes
 - i. Fall String Orchestra reading session will be held on September 13, 2003 at Plymouth Centennial Educational Park HS. Middle Level String Clinic 2003 will be held at St. Johns Middle School on October 11, 2003. Jennifer Parker is the host. State Band and Orchestra Festival all orchestra weekend will be April 30 and May 1, 2004.
- m. Marching Band-Mike Norman
 - i. No report
- n. Member Emeritus-Roger Weyersberg
 - i. Please contact Roger Weyersberg if you know anyone who is retiring.
- o. MSBOA Honors/YAF-Kathy Peretz
 - i. The festival is held at western Michigan University on May 9 and 10, 2003. District V does cover the entry costs for our students to attend this festival. Indicate that your student is from district V on the application.

3. Old Business:

Plaque orders for Band & Orchestra festival-if you have not received it yet, it will be coming soon.

4. New Business:

a. Election of officers-

President: Nominations- Roger Stevens

MOTION to close nominations Knipe/Gross Carried

MOTION to cast a unanimous ballot. Bentley/Norman Carried

Vice President for Solo & Ensemble Festival: Nominations-Greg Smokavitz (Bullock Creek HS)

MOTION to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Smokavitz. Heydenburg/Ernst Carried

Secretary: Nominations-Heidi Ott

MOTION to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Knipe/Heydenburg Carried

b. Select locations for 2003-04 District 5 activities:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fall Meeting	9/15/03	The Embers, Mt. Pleasant
Marching Band Festival	10/13/03	DeWitt High School
Marching Band Festival (Rain Date)	10/20/03	DeWitt High School
JH/MS Solo & Ensemble	12/6/03	Christa MacAliffe MS
Winter Meeting	1/12/04	Heritage House, Chesaning
JH All Star Band	1/31 & 2/1/04	Bay City Western Middle School
HS Solo & Ensemble	2/21/04	TBA
Band & Orchestra Festival	3/12/04 & 3/13/04	Perry, Bullock Creek, John Glenn
Band & Orchestra Festival	3/19 & 3/20/04	Perry, Midland Central
JH/MS Solo & Ensemble	4/3/04	Perry
Spring Meeting	5/3/04	Eddie O'Flynn's, St. Johns

Fall Meeting

MOTION to have the fall meeting at The Embers, Mt Pleasant Heydenburg/Gross Carried

MB Festival

Application to host from Dewitt HS

MOTION to choose Dewitt as the MB site. Knipe/Ernst Carried

JH S&E (fall)

MOTION to choose Christa MacAliffe as the host for JH S&E. Heydenburg/Ryden Carried

Winter Meeting

MOTION to have the January meeting at Heritage House in Chesaning. Monroe/Knipe Carried

JH All Star Band

MOTION to choose Western Middle School as the JH All-Star Band Festival. Ott/Nadeau Carried

HS Solo & Ensemble

No nominations at this time. Tabled and sent to Mr. Smokavitz

Band & Orchestra Festival (1st weekend)

Applications from Perry, Bullock Creek, and Bay City John Glenn

Band & Orchestra Festival (2nd weekend)

Applications from Perry and Midland Central

MOTION to accept all the schools listed in the report. Heydenburg/Bruski Carried

JH/MS Solo & Ensemble (Spring)

MOTION to accept Perry as the site for JH S&E. Brooks/Orlik Carried

Spring Meeting

MOTION to accept Eddie O'Flynn's, Owosso and have Roadhouse, St. Johns as a backup. Ernst/Gross Carried

c. Festival Fees:

Some suggestions for change in fee structure for B&O festival from executive board-

1. Contract needs to stipulate that one day a judge will get \$175 and then the other day you will get less if you judge less than 6 hours.
2. \$15 for the meal will read, "If requested."
3. \$0.32 instead of \$0.30 per mile for mileage.
4. Raise the entry fee \$20 for all groups to offset the raise in the adjudicators salaries

Discussion-It is known that some adjudicators will not do half day sites if they are paid less because it takes so much time to get there.

We could save some money by not having any half days anymore. Then, some people would probably not get their choice for sites, but we would save money.

It also costs us more money for sight-reading music because of our open enrollment. If we only had one junior high weekend and a high school weekend, then we would need less music.

\$20 raise in fee would mean the district would make approximately \$2200.

MOTION to have adjudicators receive \$175 for one day of adjudicating and then \$125 for a second day, if less than 6 hours, otherwise \$175 for both days, \$15 for meal allowances and \$0.32 for mileage. Bentley/Ernst Carried

Discussion-We should offer the adjudicators that have already signed a contract the option of signing a new contract or keeping the old.

There was some discussion about raising the entry fee for the festival \$20 to help offset costs.

MOTION to raise B&O fees \$20 for the 2003-04 school year and beyond. Brooks/Heydenburg Carried

d. Teacher of the Year Elections:

MOTION to nominate Denise Compton for Band Teacher of the Year. Knipe/Orlik Carried

MOTION to close the nominations. Monroe/Gross Carried

MOTION to nominate Iris Haynes for Orchestra Teacher of the Year. Orlik/Keenan Carried

MOTION to close the nominations. Bentley/Norman Carried

- e. There is a concern regarding the low attendance of our membership at the general meetings. Most of the problems we seem to have are from those who do not attend and in turn do not understand the policies our district sets forth. The executive board is open to suggestions from the membership to help aid our members' ability to attend the meeting.

5. For the Good of the Order...

a. Announcements

- i. Monroe-The Marine Corps have a program called the Educator's Workshop. It is a government-funded project to educate educators about the Marine Corps. You fly out to San Diego for a week and watch several aspects of boot camp and the training the Marine Corps get. It is spectacular!!!! They treat you like royalty and everything is paid for (except dinners). They even give you \$225 for expenses you may incur while on the trip. The hotel is fabulous and you learn a ton about the Marines. They don't sugar coat anything -- political correctness does not exist in the Marines! You can get information about it from the local Marine recruiter. Your counselors probably know about it too.
- ii. Knipe-There is a free website that students are using to post information about them. It is being used for recruiting in colleges, etc. in the southern part of the country at this time, but is coming our way. The school system must agree to use the online recruiting service. It is free to the school district. Students then post their attributes with their director's approval and then colleges and others can pay to access the site to read the posted information.

MOTION to adjourn 9:15 pm. Heydenburg/ Nadeau Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi G. Ott