

Spring 2007: MSBOA District V

General Membership Meeting: Monday, May 7th, 2007

The Embers – Mt. Pleasant

Dinner – 5:30 p.m.

Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to order at 7:04 p.m.
- II. Members present: Garret Ernst – Perry, Mike Bentley – Byron, Carl Knipe – Owosso, Mike Tolrud – Owosso, Ed Turner – Durand, Jo Ann Gross – Shepherd, Scott Vetter – Bath, Beckie Chambers – Midland Dow, Steve DeRees – Midland Dow, Kathy Peretz – Midland HS, Linda Murray – Midland Northeast, Ann Schoelles – Midland, Ruth Ann Knapp – Saginaw City, Chris O’Connell – Midland, Bill Monroe – Midland, Roger Stevens – Midland, Mark Wells – Laingsburg, Kristy Keenan – Bay City Central, Alex Benoit – Bay City Central, Craig Heydenburg – Bay City Western, Jonelle Tichnell – Fowler, Doug Lull – Bay City John Glenn, Heidi Schlosser – Bay City Western, Abe Khalaf – Bay City Handy, Heather Ellenwood - Merrill
- III. Reports from Officers and Committees:
 - A. Secretary – JoAnn Gross
 1. Garret made copies of minutes to hand out at this meeting.
 2. Minutes are posted online
 3. Move to accept report – Knipe/Turner – Motion Carried
 - B. Treasurer – Mike Bentley
 1. Our checkbook is at \$215.65
 2. Mike also gave us a hard copy of expenditures.
 - a. Medals from S&E have not been included.
 3. Motion to accept report – Heydenburg/Lull – Motion Carried
 - C. President – Garret Ernst
 1. Garret hopes that all your experiences with MSBOA have been positive and welcomes you to express any questions and/or concerns you may have.
 2. Adjudicator workshop is December 8th.
 3. Marching Band Adjudicator workshop is tentatively scheduled for October 6th at CMU.
 4. Motion to accept report – Bentley/Orlik – Motion Carried
 - D. Marching Band – Roger Stevens
 1. October 8th
 2. Goal is to have sign up sheet for the fall meeting.
 3. Motion to accept report – Heydenburg/Turner
 - E. Solo and Ensemble - Doug Lull
 1. Doug has breakdown sheet of ratings
 2. Please turn in adjudicator evaluations.
 3. Meals provided need to be kept at 7-8 dollars a person.

4. There will be a charge of \$5.00 to mail the sheets to you.
 5. Please encourage parents to be patient if there are delays.
 6. Thank you to all of the sites for hosting.
 7. Motion to accept – Turner/Stevens – Motion Carried
- F. Band and Orchestra – Ed Turner
1. Ed has totals of how many groups performed at each site and site/judge evaluations.
 2. Thank you to all of the hosting sites.
 3. Please turn in evaluations. Not many turned them in this year.
 4. We need to take a look at our cost. Should we look at different recording options?
 5. Motion to accept report – Knipe/Orlik – Motion Carried
- G. Workers – Mike Tolrud
1. Mike thanked us for another successful year.
 2. Areas needing improvement/changes
 - a. Worker assignment meetings will start on time. Please be there 30 minutes before your work assignment.
 - b. Worker sheet will be edited for next year.
 - c. Proper/professional attire is required at all festivals.
 - d. A continuing issue...Some directors accompany their kids. It is impossible for them to cover their work assignment and accompany their student at the same time. Solutions?
 - e. Scripts for workers at both B&O and S&E were used at some sites this year. Mike attached a copy to the report and posted it on the website. He is open to your suggestions/feedback.
 3. Questions or concerns should be directed to Mike Tolrud at tolrud@owosso.k12.mi.us or call him at (989) 729-5725.
 4. Motion to accept report – Lull/Khalaf – Motion Carried
- H. Orchestral Activities – Karen Viele
1. The state string committee met on Friday, January 26th, 2007 to discuss goals and the Middle Level String Workshop. Here were the main points:
 - a. Fall string clinics will include this music:
 - i. Orchestra A
 1. Allegro in D-Vivaldi/Frackenpohl
 2. Reverie for String Orch – Corigliano
 3. Mountain Chase - Silva
 - ii. Orchestra B
 1. Gauntlet – Spata
 2. Conquistador – Monday

- 3. Wm Tell Overture – Rossini/Dackow
 - iii. Orchestra C
 - 1. Fancy Fiddles – Williams
 - 2. Out of Winter – Clark
 - 3. Nightrider - Meyer
 - b. Clinics and reading session have been moved back due to later start of school.
 - c. Discussion of how to help train band directors to teach orchestra
 - d. Discussed the need for more string adjudicators in Michigan.
 - e. Janis Peterson suggested an innovative idea of developing a “Rent-a-Wind” section/collaboration with College-level Orchestra programs.
 - f. The committee agreed to watch out for orchestra programs in danger in order to provide support.
 - g. The importance of music staff in schools teaming up was stressed. Orchestra, Choral, and Band Directors can accomplish more during difficult times by maintaining friendships and working together. Our organizations should also work together: MSBOA plus MASTA plus MSVMA plus MMEA to make a stronger voice.
 - 2. Motion to accept report – Haynes/Schlosser – Motion Carried
 - I. Junior High All Star Band – Kristy Keenan
 - 1. Thank you for being patient through construction
 - 2. Motion to accept report – Bentley/Gergin – Motion Carried
 - J. Festival Improvements – Jo Ann Gross
 - 1. No report
 - K. Music Education – Craig Heydenburg
 - 1. No report
 - L. Elementary Music – Iris Haynes
 - 1. No report
 - M. Member Emeritus – Roger Stevens
 - 1. If you are retiring – see Roger
 - N. MSBOA Honors/YAF – Kristy Keenan
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Other
- V. New Business
 - A. If anyone wants to chair All State Band and Orchestra process for us, see Garret
 - B. Election of Teacher of the Year for District V
 - 1. Candidates are:
 - a. Steve DeRees
 - b. Bill Monroe
 - 2. Elected by secret ballot – Our District V Teacher of the Year is: Bill Monroe

- C. We discussed open classification and then moved on.
- D. Election of All Star Band Directors
 - 1. Nominations
 - a. Pete ONeil
 - b. Chad Parmenter
 - c. Abe Khalef
 - 2. By Ballot vote, we elected Pete Oneil and Chad Parmenter
- E. Locations for out Dates next year:
 - 1. **Fall Meeting:** Monday, September 10th, 2007
 - a. Lumber Baron
 - 2. **Marching Festival:** Monday, October 8th, 2007 with rain date of Monday, October 15th, 2007
 - a. Owosso – Motion to accept – Heydenburg/Tichnell – Motion carried
 - 3. **JH S/E Festival (Winter):** Saturday, December 8th, 2007
 - a. Perry High School
 - 4. **Winter Meeting:** Monday, January 7th, 2008
 - a. Zehnders
 - 5. **JH All Star:** Saturday/Sunday, January 19th/20th, 2008
 - a. We will decide at the Fall Meeting where.
 - 6. **HS S/E Festival:** Saturday, February 16th, 2008
 - a. Owosso High School – Motion to cast unanimous ballot – Lull/Turner
 - 7. **B/O Festival (1st Weekend):** Friday/Saturday, February 29th/March 1st, 2008
 - a. Perry – Motion to cast unanimous vote – Schlosser/Knipe
 - 8. **B/O Festival (2nd Weekend):** Friday/Saturday, March 7th/8th, 2008
 - a. Perry
 - b. Bay City Western
 - c. Midland Central MS
 - d. Owosso MS (If needed)
 - e. Motion to cast unanimous vote – Heydenburg/Khalef – Motion carried
 - 9. **JH S/E Festival (Spring):** Saturday, April 12th, 2008
 - a. Alma
 - b. Motion to cast a unanimous ballot – Orlik/Bentley – Motion Carried
 - 10. **Spring Meeting:** Monday, May 5th, 2008
 - a. Steve’s Place in Owosso
- F. Information, Discussion, and Executive Board Action Re: Fee Structures, Revenues, and Expenses
 - 1. Officer Expenses
 - a. Create a document to outline what are acceptable items to claim for expenses.
 - b. Executive Board meals: To pay or not to pay
 - 2. Solo and Ensemble

- a. A need exists to adjust fees (see Mike Bentley's proposals)
 - i. **An Executive Board motion was made by Mike Bentley and supported by Doug Lull to raise our Solo and Ensemble fees to the sliding scale presented by Mike Bentley. – Motion carried**
 - ii. **Moved by Stevens/Gergen to support Executive Board Action – Motion Carried**
 - b. Acoustical vs. Digital Pianos: What does the district desire?
 - c. Possibly setting up a contract with one company to supply all of our needs to cut costs.
 - d. Medals are currently included in the price of the entries: Do we want to continue to provide medals for the students, or have them pay for their own medals?
 - e. Create a document to outline what are acceptable items to claim as expenses for the host.
 - f. Thoughts about the idea of figuring out mileage with the use of Map Quest for adjudicator mileage and them automatically putting that into the adjudicator expense sheet.
3. Band and Orchestra
- a. Recording services: Could we get by just as easily by adding another work assignment and using our own Superscopes, thereby saving the District \$25 - \$30 for each entry?
 - b. Create a document to outline what are acceptable items to claim as expenses for the host.
 - c. Do we need to pay for lodging for the recording technicians or should whomever we contract with pay for that and absorb it into their business expenses however they wish?
 - d. Do we need to look at the fees for entries?
 - i. **An Executive Board Motion was made by Mike Tolrud and supported by Mike Bentley to raise Band and Orchestra Fees \$5.00 per event. – Motion Carried**
 - ii. **Moved by Heydenburg/Poposki to support Executive Board Action – Motion Carried.**
4. Marching Band
- a. This has been an event that provides revenue for us to do “extra” things. If we are indeed able to make each of our “accounts” self solvent, do we want to continue charging a fee at the gate?
5. All Star Weekend

- a. All possible changes with regards to this event and finances start with answering the question: Are we going to continue to provide meals for the kids?
- b. After this is answered, we can then ask questions dealing with the following:
 - i. Do we want to continue with the number of students being accepted?
 - ii. Should we set up a fee structure for this event? And should it be per student, per school, or other?
 - iii. **An Executive Board motion was made by Doug Lull and supported Ed Turner to charge both a \$50.00 entry fee and keep our \$3.00 gate fee for Junior High All Star Band. – Motion Carried**
 - iv. **Moved by Keenan/Viele to support Executive Board Action – Motion Carried**

G. Other

1. Doug found a piano book at S&E if you lost one.
2. June 2nd there is a swing band playing in Owosso – Call Carl Knipe
3. Does anyone know of a school that has converted their gym into an auditorium? Please email Jo Ann Gross if you have any help. She would like to visit a facility.
4. Chad Parmenter has some information on DCI if you need it.
5. Anne Scholles is retiring this year.

VI. For the good of the order

- A. Announcements
- B. Free Discussion

VII. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn – Haynes/Keenan – Motion Carried