

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

General Membership Meeting

May 3rd, 2010

Drew's Steakhouse and Pub (Formerly known as "Lefty's")

Dinner – 5:30 p.m.

Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Patrick Dewitt-Alma, Heidi Schlosser-Bay City, Garret M Ernst-Perry, Mike Bentley-Byron, Steve Cross-Heritage HS, Linda Ryden-Midland Dow, Doug Lull-Bangor Twp., Jill Turner-Corunna MS, Steve Shaw-Corunna HS, Ed Turner-Durand, Scott Vetter-Bath, Carl Knipe-Owosso, Roger Stevens-Midland Northeast, Denise Compton-Frankenmuth, Steve DeRees-Midland Dow, Craig Heydenburg-Bay City, Linda Murray-Midland Northeast, Bill Monroe-Midland, Mike Tolrud-Owosso, Phil Baker-Fulton, Joe Kuzdzal-Saginaw Arthur Hill, Dawn Gergen-Carrollton, Heather Ellenwood-Merrill, Katie Harris-Handy MS, Randy Voisinet-Pewamo-Westphalia, Jeanine Ignash-Ovid-Elsie, Chris Orlik-Mt. Pleasant, Roy Davis-St. Johns, Jo Ann Gross-Shepherd

- I. Call to order 7:04 p.m.
- II. Reports from Officers and Committees:
 - A. Secretary – Matthew Shephard
 - 1. Matthew could not be present at the meeting. The minutes are posted online.
Motion Baker/Knipe Passed
 - B. Treasurer – Mike Bentley
 - 1. We have money!
 - 2. There is no written report tonight.
 - 3. Look online for more info later
 - 4. Thank you for being timely with all payments and fees. It was very helpful.
 - 5. Should end the year with between \$12,000-\$13,000 plus CD
Motion Gergen/Baker Passed
 - C. President – Jo Ann Gross
 - 1. Outlook for next year is grim. Many cuts due to lack of funding.
 - 2. Please let her know if you need any help with anything, ie: advocacy of your program. Don't try to ride it out alone.
 - 3. Thank you to executive board and to this year's hosts for a very successful year.
Motion to accept Ernst/Lull Passed
 - D. Marching Band – Mike Tolrud
 - 1. No report
 - E. Solo and Ensemble - Doug Lull
 - 1. Thank you for a successful year.
 - 2. Looking for a replacement because his term is up next year. Please contact Doug or Jo Ann if you are interested.
 - 3. Motion to accept Stevens/Turner Passed

4. Discussion: Question about how many events make a full section. 57 events is a full section
- F. Band and Orchestra – Ed Turner
Available sites are:
1. Please be aware that Midland Central is not available as a site.
 2. There are too many hosts right now and one school will probably be one day only.
 3. 115 groups going to band & orchestra festival this year. Average rating was 1.4. Nice job everyone!
 4. Thank you to all hosts. All did a very nice job.
 5. I have enjoyed working for you as B&O Vice President. Thank you.
- Motion: Heydenburg/Stevens passed
- a. Discussion about digital recording: Membership seemed happy with the recording. Not as difficult of a process as we thought it might be. Maybe we should consider moving in this direction and investigate the purchase of digital recorders.
- G. Workers – Heidi Schlosser
Thank you for a very nice year. Everything went very smoothly.
Motion to accept: Lull/Ryden passed
- H. Orchestral Activities-Linda Ryden
1. List of tentative songs for directors and dates. No sites yet. Dates are Oct 16 & 23, 2010.
Motion to accept Turner/ Bentley Passed
- I. Junior High All Star Weekend – Heidi Schlosser
1. All Star Weekend was very successful this year. It was so nice to include our District orchestra students in the weekend events. Thank you to all directors that participated. This weekend would not happen without your support.
 2. Turning All Star Weekend committee over to Jill Turner
 3. Looking into copyright laws, need to purchase music for the weekend
Motion to accept Turner/Cross Passed
- Discussion: directors liked the chair auditions. It was so nice to see the orchestra there. Students missed the director's jazz band. Please consider directing one of the ensembles.
- J. Festival Improvements – Roger Stevens
No report at this time.
Discussion: Cynthia Swan-Eagan is heading a committee to look into state fee structures. Much discussion was had about the possibility of schools dropping out of festivals and MSBOA completely because they can't afford it.
- K. Music Education – Dawn Gergen
There is a link to a music advocacy page on the MSBOA website. Please use this link and look for ideas of how to keep our programs moving along.
- L. Elementary Music – Iris Haynes

Looking for a replacement for this committee chairperson. Iris is retiring next year. Congratulations to Iris! This committee is not necessarily about elementary general music. It is more geared toward the beginning years of band and orchestra.

- M. Member Emeritus – Roger Stevens
No report
- N. YAF – Kristy Keenan
No report.
Discussion: The district pays half. Please let Mike know who is going and who needs to get the money from our treasury. District V will reimburse when you contact Mike Bentley.

Has there been any more discussion at the state level about nominations and how they are handled? They don't seem fair.

III. Old Business

- a. Ed has music for sale. C/D arrangements from B&O festival available for purchase.
- b. Some discussion about the poor quality of the DVD recording from Marching band festival. The recordings had a blue line through them. Joe Lajoy did the recording. Do we want to have him do this again? Most comments from directors were that the CD comments were really good, the DVD was not of good quality. Maybe we can use digital recorders that the district purchases for this as well instead of hiring it out. Ed Turner used his own recording machine from his district RESD. He ran his own recordings and they were of very good quality this way. All he used was a laptop and a camera.
- c. We will send this to the executive board for more information and possible purchase. Ed Turner and Carl Knipe will head the committee to research this.
- d. Be careful not to burden the hosts anymore.

IV. New Business

- A. Dates and locations for next year:
 - 1. Executive Board Meeting: Thursday, September 9th, 2010
 - 2. Fall Meeting: **Monday, September 13th,**
 - a. **Ghengis Khan – Midland yes**
 - b. ~~Pi's Chinese – Midland~~
 - c. _____
 - 3. Marching Festival: **Monday, October 18th, 2010**
 - a. **St. Johns High School yes**
 - b. ~~Owosso High School~~
 - c. ~~Saginaw Heritage High School~~
 - d. _____
 - 4. Marching (Rain Date): **Monday, October 25th, 2010**
 - 5. JH S/E Festival (Winter): **Saturday, December 4th, 2010**
 - a. ~~Perry HS~~
 - b. **Saginaw Carrollton**
 - c. _____Move to accept Sag. Carrollton for the fall S&E site and Perry as the Spring site. Motion Ernst/Stevens passed

6. Executive Board Meeting: Thursday, January 6th, 2011
7. Winter Meeting: **Monday, January 10th, 2011**
 - a. ~~Jake's Old Town Grill - Saginaw~~
 - b. **Famous Dave's - Saginaw**
 - c. _____
8. JH All Star: **Saturday/Sunday, January 15th/16th, 2011**
 - a. **St. Johns High School**
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
9. HS S/E Festival: **Saturday, February 19th, 2011**
 - a. **Saginaw Heritage High School**
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
10. B/O Festival (1st Weekend): **Friday/Saturday, March 11th/12th, 2011**
 - a. Frankenmuth HS
 - b. Perry HS
 - c. Bay City Western HS/MS

Move to cast a unanimous ballot to keep all schools currently on the list for both weekends and allow the membership the ability to choose their locations. Motion Ernst/Heydenburg Passed
11. B/O Festival (2nd Weekend): **Friday/Saturday, March 18th/19th, 2011**
 - a. St. Johns High School
 - b. Frankenmuth HS
 - c. Perry HS
 - d. _____
12. JH S/E Festival (Spring): **Saturday, April 16th, 2011**
 - a. **Perry HS**
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
13. Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 26th, 2011
14. Spring Meeting: **Monday, May 2nd, 2011**
 - a. **Drew's Steakhouse and Pub - Owosso**
 - b. ~~Zehnder's Frankenmuth~~

B. Teacher of the Year

1. Garret Ernst – Band (nominated by Carl Knipe)
2. Move to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Garret Ernst. Motion Baker/ Cross passed

C. Our district's interest in State Jazz Festival

1. State office is trying to get an idea of how many groups are in the central area of the state. In order to get a site closer to the middle of the state, we need to have nine bands

register for that site. Please send Jo Ann and email if you are interested or have any opinions on this festival.

V. For the good of the order

A. Announcements

1. Iris Haynes wanted to express thanks to the district for an enjoyable time with MSBOA district V.
2. Bill Shephard would also like to thank District V for all the good years. There is a party Talk to Jo Ann
3. Doug Lull and Craig Heydenburg are interested in starting a weekly golf outing for District V members. Please email Doug if you are interested in getting involved in this golf "league" with your District V colleagues. Email to: doug_lull@yahoo.com
4. Thank you to Ed Turner for an outstanding term as the VP of B&O
5. Heritage High School is hosting a marching band invitational on October 9, 2010. There is no limit on participation. It is an independent site. There will be six judges on site for comments. It is the director's choice whether or not to receive a score. If you would like to receive comments only, just specify on the application. Contact Steve Cross at Heritage HS if you have questions.
6. Midland High School is hosting an invitational on October 13, 2010.
- 7.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn 8:20 PM Lull/Heydenburg