

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

**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

Spencer's 46 Road House  
Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Attendance: Chad Parmenter (Carson City), Matt Shephard (Meridian), Jim Burkhart (Coleman), Garret Ernst (Perry), Scott Vetter (Bath), Jason Lowe (Beal City), Jeanine Ignash (Ovid-Elsie), JoAnn Gross (Shepherd), Heidi Schlosser (Bay City), Phil Baker (Fulton), Justin Valla (St. Johns), Jenn Parker (St. Johns), Chelsea Lagalo (Merrill), Kathy Peretz (Midland), Bill Monroe (Midland), Eric Attard (Birch Run), Eric Clauder (Frankenmuth), Steve Shaw (Freeland), Linda Murray (Midland), Chris Anderson (Durand), Beth Anderson (Saginaw Township), Scott Stewart (Saginaw Heritage), Chris O'Connell (Midland), Steve DeRees (Midland), Nicki Bruski (Midland), Roger Stevens (Midland), Dustin Vanderveen (Bay City), Kristy Keenan (Bay City), Scott Stuijbergen (Bay City), Mike Tolrud (Owosso), Jordan Stark (Owosso), Jillian Schlegel (Owosso), Richard Jensen (guest), Katie Wiley (Bay City-Student Teacher)

- I. Call to order
- II. Reports from Officers and Committees:
  - A. Secretary – Jim Burkhart
    - 1. Minutes posted online shortly after last month's meeting
    - 2. Motion to accept - Baker/Anderson – motion carries
  - B. Treasurer – Steven Shaw
    - 1. Reduced S&E Solo fees, but still made money on that festival. Proposing another drop in fees. B&O should be close to what it was last year.
    - 2. Motion to accept - Gross/Baker – motion carries
  - C. President – Matthew Shephard
    - 1. Spring general membership meeting at Okemos. State office will be moving down the street sometime in late June. Check the address for membership renewal. New rubric training is mandatory for adjudicators, available for other members if they want information on the new system.
    - 2. Motion to accept - Anderson/Murray – motion carries
  - D. Solo and Ensemble - Heidi Schlosser
    - 1. S&E numbers were up for high school this year. Recommend an additional worker position to keep rooms running on time. Medals will be ordered for next year. Recommend lowering the non-piano solo fees again.
    - 2. Motion to accept - Gross/Murray – motion carries
  - E. Band and Orchestra – Jeanine Ignash
    - 1. Totals for B&O were similar to last year. Register early and use certified mail. We cannot edit number of students after payment has been processed.
    - 2. Motion to accept - Murray/Baker – motion carries

- F. Adjudicators – Steve DeRees
    - 1. New list of adjudicators came out April 20<sup>th</sup>. Working on securing contracts. Fill out evaluations. Don't take adjudicators to task - bring concerns to the office.
    - 2. Motion to accept - Gross/Schlosser – motion carries
  - G. Orchestral Activities - Linda Murray
    - 1. No Report
  - H. Marching Band – Chris O'Connell
    - 1. Marching festival planned again for fall. More information to come.
    - 2. Motion to accept - Gross/Keenan – motion carries
  - I. Junior High All Star Weekend – Linda Murray
    - 1. Weekend was a great success. New fee structure worked well. Date is set next year for April 16<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup>.
    - 2. Motion to accept - Baker/Stevens – motion carries
  - J. Festival Improvements – Roger Stevens
    - 1. No report. Next meeting will be Fall 2015.
  - K. Music Education – Nicki Bruski
    - 1. No report.
  - L. Member Emeritus – Jo Ann Gross
    - 1. Will invite Carl Knipe to our fall meeting.
    - 2. Motion to accept - Lowe/Parmenter – motion carries
- III. Old Business
- A. Commissioning Literature
  - B. Mentoring Program
    - 1. Ideas for the program include identifying veteran teachers to be a mentor for our 10 directors that are in their first year in teaching or first two years in our district.
  - C. 2015-2016 Officers:
    - 1. President – Matthew Shephard
    - 2. V.P. of Band & Orchestra – Jeanine Ignash
    - 3. V.P. of Solo & Ensemble – Nicki Bruski
    - 4. V.P. of Orchestral Activities – Jennifer Parker
    - 5. V.P. of Adjudication – Steve DeRees
    - 6. Secretary – Jim Burkhart
    - 7. Treasurer – Steve Shaw
    - 8. Past President – JoAnn Gross
- IV. New Business
- A. Sites/Dates for next year:
    - 1. Fall Meeting: **Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**
      - a. Italian Oven – Mt. Pleasant
    - 2. Marching Festival: **Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015**
      - a. Owosso
    - 3. Marching (Rain Date): **Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**
      - a. Owosso
    - 4. All State Auditions: **Sat./Sun., October 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>, 2015**
      - a. Shepherd
    - 5. JH S/E Festival (Winter): **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015**
      - a. Perry
    - 6. Winter Meeting: **Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**
      - a. Rustic Inn – St. Charles
    - 7. HS S/E Festival: **Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

- a. St. Johns
    - 8. B/O Festival (1<sup>st</sup> Weekend): **Fri./Sat., March 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**
      - a. Bay City Western
      - b. Perry
    - 9. B/O Festival (2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend): **Fri./Sat., March 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**
      - a. St. Johns
      - b. Frankenmuth
      - c. Perry
- Motion to accept dates and venues as proposed with Owosso Marching Festival and St. John's for High School S&E  
Ernst/Parmenter – Motion Carries
- 10. JH All Star: **Saturday/Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**
    - a. Shepherd
  - 11. Spring Meeting: **Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**
    - a. Coco Loco – Bay City
- B. Solo & Ensemble Fee Reduction
    - 1. Motion to reduce all “non piano” solos by \$1, to a fee of \$12.
    - 2. Move to support executive board action – Clauder/Baker – motion carries
  - C. Teachers of the Year
    - a. Matthew Shephard – Band
    - b. Linda Murray – Orchestra
    - c. Move to accept candidates Anderson/Stevens – Motion carries
  - D. Rubric Training
    - 1. Not JUST for adjudicators...please attend one of the SEVERAL training sessions throughout the 2015-2016 school year.
  - E. Other
- V. For the good of the order
    - A. Announcements
      - a. This weekend is MYAF at WMU
      - b. Congratulations to Ayana Terauchi MYAF
      - c. Hunter O'Brien MYAF featured soloist
      - d. CMU drum major camp with Steve and Matt, July 12-18
- VI. Adjournment
    - a. Move to adjourn Baker/Gross – motion carries