

The Tennessee Music Education Association
Board of Directors meeting
June 21-22, 2007
Belmont College, Nashville

Minutes:

11:30 Lunch meeting – officers

1:00 Officers meeting with B. J. Frost, conference manager

Review of Schermerhorn invoice

Consider moving men's chorus rehearsal out of chapel in McKendree church

College Fair – suggested not providing pizza; all-state groups visit exhibits by groups

Audio requirements discussed

Contact jazz band directors re audio expectations (Combs will follow through)

Consider putting all association lunch events at noon on Friday.

2:00 Officers meeting with Jo Ann Hood - exhibits chair

Consider offer of 20% discount to exhibitors (for one booth) if they sponsor exhibitors

Jo Ann will include ad info when contacting exhibitors

Links of exhibitors will be included on our web site

Offer discount on ads possible?? In the conference program 50%

General discussion of how we can generate more exhibitors

Officers' meeting with Mike Aymett – conference auditions chair

Discuss process for applying to perform and mini-concerts

General discussion

2:40 Board of Directors

Members present: President Meers, Past-President Brewer, President-elect Wilkes

Exec-Secretary Combs

Jeanette Crosswhite, Sandy Elliott, Jim Burton, Laura Coppage, Francie Beard

Guests – B J Frost (conference manager) and Jo Ann Hood (conference exhibits chair)

Minutes of the April 18, 2007 Board meeting was presented and unanimously approved with one correction as noted by Frost. (minutes posted on web site)

Financial report – Combs

The budget summary report (to date) was presented with explanations provided. The draft of the 07-08 budget was also presented with brief comments

Tennessee Department of Education report - Crosswhite
Information about Tennessee Arts Academy
Dates for next year: July 13 –18, 2008
Hand out provided with more details

General discussion about state testing.

Conference report – B. J. Frost
Fact sheet provided
Plans for next year – reduce number of sessions
Concern about environment of mini-concert settings
No change in treble chorus

The Board members expressed special thanks to B.J. for her work

College fair – discussion
General discussion about relations with Nashville Symphony

Jeff Bewer was recognized by the chair: Although not on the agenda, Jeff Brewer brought to the floor the following recommendation:

Recommended that the all-state and conference general chairs be ex officio, non-voting members of the Board of Director. Combs agreed to follow the appropriate procedures to move forward on this proposal.

Choral Caucus – Sandy Elliott
Recommended to increase the number of men in the all-state men's chorus by 16 singers (4 quartets)
Second by Brewer

Discussion - location for rehearsals; revenue

Passed unanimously

Also recommended by Elliott: The choral caucus recommends to adopt a no snow day policy on the second tier screening.

Discussion

Seconded by Coppage

Motion passed - 6 in favor; one opposed

General Music Chair report - Laura Coppage

Treble Chorus - members being poled to generate feelings of chorus schedule

No change until 2009; 2008 will remain the same

Process of auditioning discussed Notes about forms currently available on web sit

Suggestion from floor

Creation of promo DVD of all-state performing groups

Less than 5 minutes –

snipet of all of the all-state groups menu driven

available to directors for purchase -

Combs to follow through

Orchestra Chair report - Francie Beard

General report and information

Conductor – Dr. Kiesler still pending but Francie will call Billy and Dr. Kiesler if necessary

Band Chair report - Jim Burton

Proposal – add performance slot for band on Wednesday

Discussion - location a challenge

Proposed: To add a Wednesday evening performance slot

Second by Wilkes

Discussion -

Unanimous support of this proposal by the Board

Note- Special concert on Wednesday still part of selection process

State concert festival -

Discussion relating to ill clinician and his unused flight

No refund policy noted

handout provided

Meers – discussion about mentorship

Meeting adjourned 5:35

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Friday morning, June 22, 2007

9:00 a.m. meeting called to order

Review of Fred Spano's recommendation that higher ed people who present a clinic at the conference not have to pay registration.

Motion by Jim Burton: Budget issues require that we keep the policy of **all Tennessee music educators must register and pay the appropriate fees.**

Sandy Elliott seconded and the motion was unanimously approved

Jeff Brewer - report from DeCapo Committee

Committee concerned about the awards program

Review announcements on web site and in publications for consistency

(Combs noted, web site only source for those details.)

Process of nominating reviewed

Awards: outstanding young education - Change to "outstanding young educator"

Concert behavior was a concern

Letter to be provided in the all-state students' packets

Discussion about supporting emerging leaders conference in 2009

Noted:

Encourage nominating service awards

Encourage to recommend candidates

Process for creating nominations reviewed: Suggested that deadline for accepting nominations be set for November 15.

Meers:

Reminders – mentoring program; what are you doing and plan to do: what can TMEA do to help at the state level? Discussion and suggestions

Plans: Voting on line for president-elect: Picture and bio also on line

Suggested - postcard reminder to all active members

Retired membership

Discussion of a special membership for retired Tennessee teachers

Present to full council in August by Combs

Meers:

Concerns about junior high/middle school. Request for chairs to visit with caucuses regarding involvement of 9th grade student participation.

Discussion –

Wilkes:

Suggested dates for 2008 - June 26-27, 2008 seemed to be of general agreement
-Location - Ron will look into alternative locations

Membership list to be posted in the members only section of the web site
Motion made and seconded

Motion:

Billy Stepp is overworked. Recommended to have a second person assigned to assist him – particularly someone in the choral area.

Discussion - no action agreed on at this time

Meers:

Adjourned 12:03 p.m.