

Tennessee Music Education Association Board

Council Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2015

Lipscomb University

Call to Order: 9:11 AM CST

President Phillips:

Roll Call; the following were present:

McWhirter, Lee, Frost, DeJonge, Piecuch, Hood, Denton, Moore, Potts-Cook, Aydelott, Cook, Cornish, Waters, Reagh, Vaughan, Roland, Nichols, Eddleman, Ragan, Whitson, Wilson, Johnson, Chester, Burton, Ripani, Price, Derryberry, Leopold, Vest, Barton, Meers, Wilkes, McFarlane, Scott,

Corrections to minutes – Piecuch,

Motion/second - Aydelott/Wilkes

Old Business:

Membership Chair is open – need names for the position. This is an important position. Working on regional assistance to work with the membership chair.

Advocacy Committee – Joel Denton – need regional assistance to work with Joel. Please think about names. Joel Denton – ESEA updates – music is recognized as a core subject – our energies have to be directed at the state level, especially at the SDOE. Communication with all stakeholders is essential.

Question from McWhirter – Loss of position at SDOE of Arts position. Any thoughts at refilling the position.

Denton - Tammy Shelton – executive director of content and resources. Proactive with government and build relations with our elected officials.

Growth Arts Measure – Talks at Tennessee Arts Academy with Dru Davidson about growth arts measure portfolio assessment.

Standards Committee – This year was supposed to be textbook adoption. Took back seat due to common core debate in TN. Next issues is dealing with core arts standards. The state will not just use national standards. TN teachers have to write the standards. Need to assemble a group for

standards for music. Need to be proactive. Discussion as to how to assemble a collective group of teachers.

Unified Joining Date – Ron to meet with regional leaders regarding the unified joining date. This was approved in 2013. Several reasons why NAFME affiliation is important. President Phillips went through a list of how NAFME serves the needs of the members on the state level.

Letter from NAFME – President Phillips read letter from NAFME about the All-Honors National Honor Band.

General Music Associations – General music population in the state of TN are underrepresented. Many like to attend conferences and join other associations. We do not do enough for GM teachers in TMEA. MTGMEA has collapsed. Election process is “volun-told.”

Alexis is taking on MTGMEA. Suggestions during caucus on how to save/strengthen the GM side. President-Elect Vest – the issue is with TMEA and not with the teachers.

Institutional Membership Proposal – Original proposal from Barry Kraus. Discussion on how this affects unified joining date. Various discussions on pros and cons.

- Motion from Vest to table for more work-shopping/ 2nd Wilkes
- Motion carries

10 minute recess –

Meeting resumed at 11:20 AM CST

2016 Conference – Some issues with venue at Opryland. Within the next two weeks a plan or plan b. We are not planning to pursue performances at the Opry House. We are looking at various options. Gaylord Event Center is the currently preferred option for the groups.

Conference Program – Yes

Exhibits – 3 bids have been sent out for conference decorators.

Proposals for sessions – Open Sept 15th | Closing October 15th | Sessions Confirmed by Lisa

Conference Performing Groups – Waiting on Randy Box

Financial Report – Ron presented information about the financial status of TMEA.

Recess for lunch – 12:15 PM CST

Re-Convene – 1:18 PM CST

TMEA at Work – Jeff Phillips gave a power point and presentation on TMEA.

TMEA Board Meeting – Afternoon

Call to order at 2:43 PM CST

Board

Roll Call: Vest, Meers, Phillips, Leopold, Barton, McFarlane, Scott, Burton, Chester, Eddleman, Johnson, Potts-Cook, Ragan, Reagh,

Leopold/Burton – Minutes approved from June 2015 Board Meeting

Old Business – Cook brought up issues about ETGMEA and Vest brought up issues with MTGMEA.

Motion brought to the floor – Vest/Burton Reduce TMEA dues for GM association's dues to \$150.00 for the academic year instead of \$300.00. Vest discussed some revamping of the GMEA's and collaboration with the big GMEA associations. Further discussion continued about strengthening the organizations.

Johnson – task force for middle school honor choir will begin.

Burton – Growth Arts Measure – Continued to push for TMEA to become involved with the oversight and revisions made to the GAM. Discussions from various members as to possible solutions to the issue, including finding dates across the state.

Chester – Information about publications deadlines

Further discussions about venue for performances for All-State and the conference.

Eddleman – Concerns addressed as to the information brought before the TMEA council.

Burton – Denton's idea TMEA phone for Ron.

Motion to adjourn – Johnson/Vest 3:24 PM

