



Tennessee Music Education Association

Virtual Meeting

Board Minutes

August 14, 2021

In Attendance:

TMEA Board

- Executive Director: Michael Chester
- President: Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry
- President-Elect: Dr. Ryan Fisher
- Immediate Past-President: Lafe Cook
- Advocacy and Government Relations Chair: Dr. Christopher Dye
- Band Chair: Jacob Campos
- Choral Chair: Jason Whitson
- CNAfME Chair: Dr. Jody Blake
- Higher Education Chair: Dr. Robert Bryant
- Orchestra Chair: Anna Maria Miller
- General Music Chair: Franklin Willis
- SMTE/Research Chair: Dr. Loneka Wilkinson Battiste
- Editor, *Tennessee Musician*: Anna Laura Williams
- Minutes: Dian Eddleman

I.) Call to Order

President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. on Saturday August 14, 2021.

II.) Roll Call

III.) Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Dr. Ryan Fisher seconded by Jason Whitson and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the TMEA Board meeting July 10, 2021.

IV.) Financial Report

TMEA Executive Director Michael Chester reported a bank balance of \$69,529.57. The quickbook balance is presently \$67,827.27 and the paypal balance is \$1,087.22. He is presently finalizing the 990 for the fiscal year.

V.) Publications and Communications Report

TMEA Editor Anna Laura Williams had no report at this time. Dr. Ryan Fisher reported the TMEA August newsletter went out and we are presently working on September newsletter.

VI.) Old Business

- a. President Alexis Derryberry led the discussion concerning the reinstatement of TMEA monthly board meetings.
- b. TMEA Advocacy Chair Dr. Christopher Dye presented a report on the CMA Foundation Advocacy Session and current CMA Advocacy Ambassador Charlie Worsham. Charlie, along with his mother, have started a guitar education program with the intended audience as TMEA members.
- c. TMEA Band Chair Jacob Campos reported the dates of this festival are April 21-22, 2022 at Austin Peay State University. More information will be forthcoming
- d. TMEA General Music Chair Franklin Willis represented TMEA at the Summer Namm and American Eagle awards. Congratulations to Dr. Ollie Liddell for receiving this award.
- e. University of Tennessee at Martin Careers in Music -TMEA Executive Director Michael Chester discussed the new certification for the arts industry. Dr. Julie Hill is steering this CTE technical career certification program in music industry careers. TMEA and CMA are working with Dr .Hill on this initiative.

VII. New Business

- a. President Derryberry reminded the board to continue work on their duties document to pass on to the upcoming board. Responsibilities of the Executive Board duties are also being reviewed. Conference session chair responsibilities have been moved to the President Elect duties.
- b. Executive Director Michael Chester suggested we have an online jot form for board members to complete.
- c. TMEA President-Elect Dr. Ryan Fisher asked the board to save the date of October 17 , 2021 to review conference session proposals.
- d. Executive Director Michael Chester reported the suggestion of the board to review a per diem rate for expenses for TMEA board travel. Electronic links will be utilized for digital copies. This will result in all expenses being streamlined digitally.
- e. Executive Director Michael Chester suggested all regional associations obtain their own 501c3 which will result in more efficient bookkeeping and auditing procedures. He also reported that all payment processing for NAFME is now going through TMEA.
- f. TMEA plans to have a statewide calendar of events including include regional associations, as well as additional organizations such as ACDA, Orff-Kodaly chapters.

VIII.) Adjournment

It was moved by Lafe Cook, seconded by Whitson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:04p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dian Eddleman