

MINUTES

(approved by the board June 30, 2011)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

OPRYLAND HOTEL

Wednesday, April 5, 2011

The meeting of the TMEA Board of Directors was called to order by President Rogers at 2:14 PM

Board members present:

Ron Rogers, President

Dian Eddleman, President-Elect

Gary Wilkes, immediate Past-President

Mike Combs, Secretary-Treasurer

Billy Rayburn, State Choral Chair

Lafe Cook, State Band Chair

Jamila McWhirter, State Higher Ed Chair

Pam Wilensky, State Orchestra Chair

Jeanette Crosswhite, Dept of Ed Representative

(Chris Gregory was with Treble Chorus rehearsal)

Mary Dave Blackman, Editor

Terry Sanford, Webmaster

B.J. Frost, 2011 Conference Manager

Mike Short, All-State Choral Chair

Steve Taylor, All-State Instrumental Chair

Minutes

Gary Wilkes moved to accept the minutes of our board meeting of August 14, 2010 as provided by the secretary.

Lafe Cooke seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to accept the minutes.

President Rogers asked the Secretary for a financial report. Combs indicated it would not be possible to present a complete financial report this early but provided a general picture of our current financial situation noting that we are in the black and should have the funds necessary to pay all expenses from the 2011 conference. A complete report will be provided when all expenses are paid and all income received.

General reports were provided:

Higher Education report (Jamila McWhirter) included details of all-collegiate orchestra noting that five universities participated.

Rogers commented that “these are our members of the future,” and indicated that TMEA needs to keep this program going in the future.

Wilkes questioned why not other schools participating. Discussion about all-collegiate choral program in 2012 included the recommendation to publish all-collegiate dates and to write to all music school directors as soon as possible. There was discussion about higher ed caucus and a report on student teaching

The Choral Chair report (Billy Rayburn) included general discussion about issues that may be discussed at caucus.

The Orchestra Chair report (Pam Wilensky) included discussion about coming caucus meeting and noted problem getting list of string teachers. Combs will send MENC’s list of members who are string teachers. Frost expressed appreciation of Pam’s efforts to assist with string conference session.

The Band Chair report (Lafe Cook) included review of meeting of state band presidents and caucus and an anticipated conversation of including freshmen students in all-state. Cook’s report of state concert festival noted that 29 ensembles are participating. He expressed concern about dates and plans to consider a different time next year. Cook announced the 2014 commission composer Steven Danyew – who will not be the conductor. The all-state band conductor for 2014 is still TBA.

General Music

The secretary read a report provided by Chris Gregory, General Music Chair, who needed to be with the Treble Chorus at that time. Rogers announce Gregory will step down from his position due to health reasons and that Alexis Derryberry will take over for 2011-2012.

Dept of Education representative Jeanette Crosswhite covered a number of items indicating that music of the information is currently posted on the state’s website. Some of the areas discussed included textbook adoption, Tenn Alliance for Arts Ed and the continued support of Governors Schools. Jeanette Crosswhite announced her retirement. There is still the question of someone else being assigned to arts education.

Kevin Huffman in Tennessee’s new commissioner of education - from out of state. Jeanette’s e-mail after her retirement will be Dcjc2018@comcast.net.

Conference report by BJ Frost. BJ provided phone lists followed by general conversation.

Dian Eddleman indicated the need for better communication among all of the associations.

All-State Choral Chair (Mike Short) indicated smooth registration with only a small issue.

There is one new ensemble chair and a new equipment chair.

Short reported that Paul Waters (all-state choral equipment chair) is doing excellent work.

Parking and food costs are a concern at Opryland.

Wilkes pointed out that (the former) Opry Mills was original draw.

All-State Instrumental - no report.

Webmaster report (Terry Sanford) indicated the need to hear from board members more often.

Dian Eddleman suggested less magazine and more electronic communication.

It was suggested that the chairs deliver the message to support website.

Discussion-

Ron Rogers reported that he and Dian Eddleman will be attending the MENC summer leadership meeting in June.

There was general discussion about the summer TMEA board meeting - Dian indicated the need for more time for board meeting and more focus on conference.

Wilkes asked about summer board meet in Chattanooga.

Rogers mentioned possible format of meeting.

Wilkes moved to keep the schedule the same as in past years and moved to keep the summer board meeting the same. It was agreed that the summer board meeting be in Chattanooga - June 30 (beginning at 2:00 PM) through July 1 (ending by 1:00 PM).

Terry Sanford agreed to look as possible meeting space on the UTC campus. Combs will look at possible space in or near the convention center.

It was also agreed that the August council meeting would be on August 13 with the same format as past years and that it be on the campus of Tennessee State University (if those arrangements will work with TSU).

Rogers reported on the nomination of Marvelene Moore for President-Elect of the Southern Division and the current status of that process.

Rogers suggested that Memphis would be “wonderful” for our 2014 conference. If we cannot go back to Nashville in 2014/2015, Rogers feels we should go to Memphis.

Combs will secure Memphis info asap

Rogers stated that TMEA must meet the needs of our association, in addition to conference and all-state. He suggested setting up council or projects such as history of rock, technology, etc.

BJ began conversation about number of concerts at conference; suggest pre-conference session.

More discussion about this is planned for the summer.

New Business:

Gary Wilkes: Propose Tennessee music scholar program; suggested details; advocacy. He made a motion to pursue this which was seconded by McWhirter; vote unanimously in favor.

Some details were discussed.

There was some discussion about the MENC dues increase.

The meeting adjourned 5:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Combs, TMEA Secretary

