



Minutes from General Meeting at Tan-Tar-A on January 28, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by President Johnson. Minutes from last year's General Meeting were read and approved (Kay Johnson/Greg Switzer).

Treasurer's report was given by Ken Lederle. Savings = \$12,579.02; checking = \$5,372.92 for a total of \$17,961.45.

Reports from the Vice Presidents:

- High School Choir - not in attendance
- Middle School Choir - Michael Herron reported that 140 students from 17 schools participated in the Middle School Honor Choir and he felt that it was a great experience for all.
- High School Concert Band - not in attendance
- High School Jazz Band - not in attendance at the time of the report - Rob Babel was elected to the State Board as Jazz VP (congratulations)
- Middle School Jazz - 50 students auditioned. Becky asked all to encourage students to audition next year.
- Middle School Concert Band - 250 students auditioned for the Honor Band from 34 schools. The numbers were up a bit this year. She again thanked Rob Duss for his directing of the Honor Band.
- Orchestra - not in attendance
- Web-site. Ray Benton asked the newly elected Board to check with him concerning archived materials.
- College rep - not in attendance. Gary Brandes was elected to the State Board as President-Elect (congratulations). Bob Nordman was asked if he was willing to serve as the College Rep - he did not indicate either way at the meeting.
- Multicultural - Charlie Rose reminded us that we are a multicultural district and that the Board needs to be certain that opportunities are provided, concerning the venues for the different activities, that all will be able to participate in the activity.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The High school band needs help with auditions pertaining to judging, room monitors, etc. It was suggested that Middle School Band directors be contacted.
2. Everyone was encouraged to fill out the Evaluation of the Tan-Tar-A conference. It can be found in the back of the book or on the MMEA web-site.
3. Concerns of the different events that took place in the District this past year:
 - The Middle school Jazz auditions will start at 10:00 AM, after the Concert Band auditions has already started. This should eliminate some of the student and parent traffic at the beginning of the Concert Band auditions.
 - There was some difficulty with the High School choir registration on line - it will be looked at.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers:

President: Rick Padgett
President-elect: Shannon Crepps
High School Band: Kay Johnson
High School Jazz: Jeff Moorman
High School Choir: Kim White
Orchestra: Chris Torretta
Middle School Band: Becky Padgett
Middle School Jazz: Patrick Stewart
Middle School Choir: Michael Herron
Past President: Larry Johnson

Calendar meeting will be in March for the 2012-2013 School year. Check the web-site regularly for updates.

Recognition Night: Sister Gail reported that 35 schools will be represented by over 400 students. It will take place on February 29, 6:30 PM at Powell Hall. Drew Cowell has offered to help with the organization of the evening. Time needs to be changed on each ticket - the Symphony printed the wrong time.

Elementary Project: Janet Harding and Carolyn Kramkowski. An Elementary/General Chair position has been set-up for this year to determine the need for Elementary/General Music VP position on the Board for 2014. Janet will contact Elementary teachers throughout the District concerning an Elementary choir. Jim Henry has offered to conduct this event. It would be in conjunction with the Orchestra Concert.

Janet also hopes to afford opportunities for teachers to mentor young teachers. She also feels that there has been little communication with the Elementary teachers, and is hoping that this is a way to contact with them.

OTHER:

Chris Miller (State Jazz Coordinator) informed us that registration for the State Jazz auditions will be on-line next year. Directors will be able to indicate if the student will choose concert or jazz after the audition, and there will be tabs for multiple instrument entries. He encouraged us to read all of the communication that comes out. He also said that there are fees and fines for late registration and wrong registration. This is a revision year for the literature, and it will be out on April 1.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM (John Miller/Greg Switzer).

Respectfully submitted:

Sister Gail Buckman (in place of Mary Poettker who was not in attendance).