

St. Louis Metro District #8
Missouri Music Educators Association
General Membership Meeting
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January 31, 2009
Minutes

- I. Call to Order: Sr. Gail Buckman called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.
- II. Minutes – approved as read.
- III. Treasurer’s Report – Checking Account: \$5,207.60; Savings: \$11, 861.00; Total: \$17,068.60
- IV. Report from Vice Presidents:
 - A. Orchestra – Ann Geiler directed the District Honors Orchestra consisting of 44 performers. Audition materials will be sent out in August. Contact Chris Torretta with any information about schools that have string programs, but who were not contacted.
 - B. High School Vocal –300 students registered with 156 students selected representing 32 schools. Three new schools participated this year. Jason Roberts, the clinician, from Ozark High School was the clinician. Hoping to use Lindenwood for the concert next year.
 - C. Middle School Vocal – Jerry Estes from Wydown Middle School in Clayton was this year’s clinician. 95 students sang in the performance. Rehearsal dates will stay the same as this year. Final rehearsal calendar will be set after the dates of Francis Howell’s fall break are set. Information will be sent to directors in the spring.
 - D. High School Band –Of the 240 registrations, 65 students performed in the Honor band. Barry Bernhardt from Southeast Missouri State University proved to be a great clinician for the band. Set 2 audition materials will be used next year. Cuts will be sent in the fall.
 - E. High School Jazz –Tim Aubuchon was the clinician. Kaye Harrelson asked that Jazz band information be sent out to directors by May.
 - F. Middle School Jazz Band – Forty-nine students auditioned and 20 were selected. Reggie Thomas was the clinician. Information will be sent out in the spring and in August. Hope Walker asked directors to encourage their students to audition even if they don’t have much jazz band experience especially for the rhythm section.
 - G. Middle School Concert Band – Of the 231 registered 216 auditioned and 107 performers were selected from 31 schools. Derek Stratton was the guest clinician and was assisted by Guy Blair. She plans to email the audition and concert information, but if anyone prefers the materials be mailed please give her your mailing information. A committee to standardize audition materials is being formed. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Shannon Wilburn
- V. Attendance Policy:
 - A. All teachers must sign in at all rehearsals. No longer may one teacher or administrator from a school district represent teachers of other participating schools in the district. Middle schools are not under MSSHA rules so if a Middle School Band and a High School Band rehearsal falls at the same time but different locations the director may find someone else to represent them in supervising the Middle School students.

B. Student Attendance Policy: A new student attendance policy was submitted to membership for approval. A motion to accept the policy as written was made by Kathy Bowers and Rob Duss seconded it. A question was raised concerning a conflict with the Saint Louis Youth Symphony Orchestra rehearsal. The board is working with Peggy Nielsen to avoid such conflicts in the future. After further discussion, the policy was accepted by unanimous acclamation.

VI. Recognition Night:

A. The annual recognition night for St. Louis Metro 8 and St. Louis Suburban districts will be on Monday, Feb. 23 at Powell Symphony Hall. Mark Thayer and the Saint Louis Symphony will pay for all expenses of the evening. The Saint Louis Youth Symphony Orchestra will perform. Members are encouraged to send in the names of students they wish to recognize. All need to adhere to the deadlines since the symphony need time to complete the certificates. Anyone who can help that evening as ushers please see Sr. Gail.

B. Metro District 8 honorees for 2009 will be:

1. Hall of Fame: Blanche Mickens
2. Outstanding Music Educator: John Miller
3. Merit Awards:
 - a. Andrew Sommers
 - b. Allan Merry

VII. Web site: Ray Benton has agreed to manage the district web site for a nominal fee. Registrations for honor groups will be online, as well as, all district activities and the district calendar.

VIII. Band Site for Honors Group Performances for 2009: Larry Johnson is looking into the use of Lindenwood University as a possible site for honors group performances. The Touhill Center at UMSL was also mentioned as a possible site. Chaminade and Lutheran North will still serve as rehearsal sites for instrumental groups.

IX. Other

- A. Sr. Gail congratulated John Miller and Matthew Jansen on the fine performance by the Lutheran South High School Band. Rob Babel and the Fort Zumwalt High School Jazz Band were also acknowledged for their performance at this year's conference.
 - B. Martha Stitzel suggested everyone in attendance sign in and write their email addresses so the board is able to contact them via email.
 - C. Voting for next year's slate of officers will include Gary Brandes for College Vice President. Sr. Gail encouraged everyone to let her know if anyone fails to receive a ballot by mid-December. There was a problem during the last election and half of our members did not receive ballots.
 - D. Applications to send in tapes for next year's performing groups may be found in the magazine.
 - E. Members were reminded to fill out the evaluation forms at the back of conference books and either turn in at the front desk or send in.
- X. Next board meeting is on Mon., March 9 at 6:30 PM at Principia. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Poettker
Secretary

