

MMEA - WD Meeting**December 5, 2006****North Middle School****Westfield, MA**

Present: Diane Kontoff, Vera Baker, Carol Toth, Ken Michna, Ken Longstreeth, Steve Damon, Juli Jaron, Beth Guerin, Scott Thomson, Patrick Kennedy, Janet St. Jean, Lauren Kapalka, Claire Williams, Brian Messier, Denise Gendron, Liz Dominick, Rebecca Phelps

Call to order: 4:00

Correspondence: Many appeals were made regarding sr. auditions. One judge left early due to a misunderstanding. Granby asked that we be more judicious regarding letting judges go home as one of their students was affected. Many financial and personnel issues have come up with the state board.

Secretary's Report: Rebecca - M/S/P to accept report w/ amendments.

Treasurer's Report: Scott: M/S/P to accept report.

Coordinator's Reports

Auditions: Scott - Jr. is all set to go. Scott needs an up-dated list of all adjudicators. We need to start promptly at 8:30, please be ready to go. Numbers of auditions look fairly comparable to last year.

B/WW/Perc: Claire - Judges are set to go. So. Hadley sent in a complaint about how to do the percussion audition via tape. We may need to post a deadline for taped auditions. A discussion to look at this was proposed for the festival.

Strings: Denise - Judges are all set and sight-reading is ready to go. There will be one taped audition. Denise suggests we put a blurb describing what the junior and senior festivals actually are up on the website.

Vocal: Kayla - absent. Mike Smith has several boys who will be sending in taped auditions to jr.

Jazz: Pat - Has 4 judges lined up. Pat apologized for letting the judge go early, it was a mistake. In spite of the error, he feels that the student was given a fair audition. Scott reminded us that the jazz forms may be due for a revision.

Publicity: Tony - absent. No report. He will be contacting papers and news outlets regarding the festivals.

Website: Beth - Nothing new to add. Carol observed that we have the best website in the state - Thanks Beth!

Senior District

Chorus: Terry - absent. He is all set to go.

Band: Joanne - absent. Everything is all set to go.

Orchestra: Carl - absent. He is set to go.

Jazz: Lauren - She is working on getting a CD to send out along with the music.

Junior District

Male Chorus: Liz - All set to go. She is working on drumming up more interest in boy's chorus.

Treble: Mike/Staci - absent. No report.

Jazz: Ken - No manager's handbook - it's on our list of goals* We are using all unpublished music. Ken will send to Evelyn at Blodgett's.

Orchestra: Steve - Evelyn couldn't find one piece. We will be borrowing it from Southeast District library for \$10.00 fee.

Band: Dan - All set to go.

Elementary: Diane - The 2nd sharing session is set to go for Fri., Jan. 26. Flyers will be going out in early January. Rebecca can accompany. Paper work at SCCS is set to go. Pizza and PDP's will be offered.

New Business: Carol asked for ideas in how to reach out to new members of our district, esp. elementary and people not necessarily involved with our festivals. We do not have a designated membership coordinator. Ken M. suggested we send out letters to every school introducing ourselves. Discussion ensued - to be continued.

Announcements: Congratulations to Ken M. on his new baby girl Alexis Lauren! We certainly are a "productive" group!

Steve will be doing 2 elementary music sessions at All-Eastern this year. Carol will be presenting one at WNEC.

Adjourn: 5:05

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Phelps, secretary