

MMEA-WD Meeting**June 6, 2006****Peck Middle School****Holyoke, MA**

Present: Steve Damon, Claire Williams, Scott Thomson, Rebecca Phelps, Carol Toth, Ray Dandurand, Beth Guertin, Dan Albert, Denise Gendron

Call to order: 4:00PM

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

Treasurer's Report: Scott - M/S/P to accept report. Most expenses have been taken care of. All schools are paid up.

Coordinator Reports

B/WW/P: Claire - Flute audition information on the site needs to be double-checked. Bass trombone needs to be put up. Otherwise all is well. **Percussion discussion:** Thanks to Dan, Ray and Jill for their work on setting up the new percussion audition procedures. Much discussion ensued regarding how to format, tabulate and implement the new audition requirements. The upshot of this discussion is as follows: there will be 3 possible auditions: 1) mallet/multi percussion, 2) tympani/multi and 3) snare/multi. Dan, Ray and Jill will refine and revise the explanation. A PDF form will be put up on the website explaining the changes to the membership. Also, a group e-mail will be sent out alerting members to check the website for the changes.

Choral: Kayla - absent. Choral packets w/ CD's are available now. Requests need to be made directly to Kayla.

Strings: Denise - Jr. and Sr. pieces are all set and posted. Anyone interested in judging for CT should contact Denise.

Jazz: Patrick - absent. No report.

Website: Beth - Reminder that you have to hit "refresh" to update the information on the site. She still needs the bass trombone audition piece and jr. and sr. percussion info. There were some problems getting the handbook up on line. Carol will resend in PDF format. The new managers list needs to go up. Beth and Scott are still working on the library. Sample audition forms will also be put up on the site.

Publicity: Tony - absent. Tony has not been well recently. We thank him for all he has done this year.

Sr. High Festival

Band: Joanne - absent. No conductors have accepted. She has asked Beth Peterson from Ithica or Laura Rexroth from UMass. Ray made some suggestions. An e-mail group of band directors was formed to consult about possible directors in order that we can continue to work on this. We would like to have one in place for September.

Chorus: Terry - absent. Two possible programs were presented from Mr. Levi. Questions regarding some of the pieces required more input from Terry. It was felt it would be best for Terry to consult w/ Mr. Levi before making a final program decision.

Orchestra: Carl - absent. No report.

Jazz: Lauren - absent. No report.

Junior High Business

Orchestra: Steve - M/S/P to accept the proposed program from Mr. Memoli (see attached).

Jazz: Ken - absent. Ken has not been able to find a conductor as yet. He will be contacting Mike Mucci from Longmeadow. M/S/P to accept Mike if he is available.

Treble Chorus: Mike and Staci - absent. No report.

Male Chorus: Liz and Holly Joy - absent. No report.

Band: Dan - Presented Michael LaCava as director. M/S/P to accept Mr. LaCava. Discussion around choice of programs. M/S/P to accept program #1 as preferred.

Elementary Business:

Sharing sessions: Diane - absent. No report.

Unfinished Business: Harrison Digital has been booked for next year. We are still waiting to sign contract with UMass for next year's dates.

Adjourn: 6:40PM

Happy summer!