

## **MMEA-WD Meeting**

**November 7, 2006**

**North Middle School**

**Westfield, MA**

**Present:** Ken Michna, Carol Toth, Rebecca Phelps, Scott Thomson, Debi Salli, Patrick Kennedy, Claire Williams, Janet St. Jean, Beth Guertin, Dan Albert, Terry Larsen, Diane Kontoff

**Call to order:** 4:05

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Scott - M/S/P to accept report. Scott has not yet purchased the CD but is planning on doing so.

**Correspondence:** Many people have called regarding the registration deadline - we have held fast to our deadline. Helen is setting up the slate for the state board, many positions are open. Please contact Helen Tassone if interested in filling in on the state board.

### **Coordinator Reports**

**Auditions:** Scott - Things are set to go for Saturday. Many requests for extensions of the deadline were made. About 160 auditioners are signed up for choral - it's going to be a long day. Scott emphasizes the need to get started at 8AM sharp. Percussion students will need to report to the registration desk in order to receive the correct form since our registration forms do not indicate this. Students will receive different forms according to which perc. instrument they choose. 22 percussionists are signed up! Denise will not be able to stay the whole day, Lauren Kapalka cannot be there either. We may be short staffed - so please, everybody come who can and stay to help tabulate.

**Per/WW/Brass:** Claire - Claire needs one more flute judge. She agrees to bring coffee, Beth will bring the doughnuts.

**Strings:** Denise - Absent. Denise is all set but will not be available after the first hour Sat. due to health issues.

**Choral:** Kayla - absent. Kayla will have flyers advertising a reading session which will be held for choral directors during the first rehearsal.

**Jazz:** Patrick - Patrick typed up a packet of info for judges. He received the senior jazz books from Brian Rabuse, but still none for junior. Pat reiterates that he will need CD players with adequate volume levels for auditions. He will need to leave early due to a parade he must attend. Scott asked if it was time to look over the jazz adjudication sheets, as all the others have been re-done within the past few years. He felt especially the junior ones might need re-vamping.

**Publicity:** Tony - absent, no report.

**Website:** Beth - Needs Sept. minutes. Percussion forms are not downloading properly, they need to be converted into another format.

**Program:** Debi - Debi is working on getting all the info entered - she has no disc to work from. She has used Pip Printers in the past, will compare with other printers for best price. She needs info from sr. band, and orchestra managers, and jr. treble chorus. 1200 programs to be printed this year.

### **Senior Business**

**Chorus:** Terry - Program has been set - see attached. Star-Spangled Banner is in the library. Terry needs to contact Sue Dunbar for them. Dr. Levi will be using his own accompanist. He has send his set up info to Ben Smar. Terry offered to bring his own risers in the interest of having enough for everybody. He also reminded everyone of how inadequate the Rand Theater is for these rehearsals - is there any other alternative we could investigate i.e. the Ballroom, Bowker\*.?

**Band:** Joanne - absent. She is set to go.

**Orchestra:** Carl - absent. He is set to go. He put in bowings in his packets. The program has been settled on - see attached.

**Jazz:** Lauren - absent. She is unable to attend auditions.

### **Junior Business**

**Male Chorus:** Liz - absent. No report.

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

**Jazz:** Ken - absent. Report - see attached.

**Orchestra:** Steve - absent. No report.

**Band:** Dan - All set to go. He will need extra percussion.

**Elementary:** Diane - Next sharing session will be Jan 26 and is all set to go.

**Announcements:** A member of our district has asked to see our judging policies - we don't have any in writing. Carol would like input from us on this subject. Please contact her with thoughts and ideas - it is open for discussion.

### **New Business:**

All State update: We are collaborating this year w/ACDA for the Berkeley Jazz Night to be held on the Friday of All-State Festival. Jazz Choir student participants who are in districts will be allowed to participate in their district festivals, but not in All-State. The jazz band will also perform in the Saturday concert at Symphony Hall. A new policy at All State auditions is being instated whereby judges will not face or see the auditioner.

Terry suggested that WD sponsor a performance of some kind that would raise money for a needy cause in Western Mass. Many people agreed that this sounded like a great idea. Terry agreed to spearhead this and may raise it at our luncheon meeting.

**Adjourn:** 5:35

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Phelps, secretary