

MMEA-WD Fall Dinner Meeting**October 3,2006****Westwood Pub****Westfield, MA**

Present: Carol Toth, Deborah Salli, Jean McMahon, Mark Todd, Dave Ranen, Juli Sansoucy, Ben Peterson, Lauren Kapalka, Carl Jenkins, Steve Damon, Patrick Kennedy, William Choe, Ken Lonstreeth, Beth Guertin, Claire-Anne Williams, Diane Kontoff, Kayla Werlin, Ken Michna, Brian Hicks, Scott Thomson, Fran Wackerbarth, Denise Gendron, Aldonna Girouard, Elizabeth Dominick, Rebecca Phelps, Anne Connolly-Potter, LaVeda Studley, Kris Hill, Dan Albert, George Rogers, Mrs. Rogers

Call to order: 4:10 PM

Secretary's Report: Rebecca - M/S/P to accept minutes w/ amendment.

Treasurer's Report: Scott - Scott recommends that we purchase a CD for \$10,000.00 in order to make better interest on our savings. M/S/P to purchase a 6 month CD not to exceed \$10,000.00. M/S/P to accept Treasurer's report.

Senior High Business**Senior Festival**

Choral: Terry - absent. Michael Levi, director. A program has been selected - see attached.

Band: Joanne - absent. She is all set to go with her program.

Orchestra: Carl - Carl is concerned with keeping the brass and percussion busy during the rehearsal if they don't have enough to do in the program. Discussion ensued about how to resolve the issue. M/S/P to give Carl permission to continue to work this out in the best way possible, including changing the program if needed. Denise, Ben, Mike, Carol and Carl will be in touch with the idea that a final program will be decided on very soon.

Jazz: Lauren - Pat Lennon will be assisting. M/S/P to accept Jeff Holmes as jazz band director. We will purchase all the pieces. Program to be selected from list (see attached).

Program: We are looking for a program coordinator since Christine Pedillo has moved away. In the mean time, please send all program information to Carol. Debbi Salli volunteered. Thank you Debbi!

Report from LaVeda Studley on state news. A big thank you to all of us for our dedication. Kris Hill reports that the state board voted to move the Jazz Band performance to a joint concert combining with the new All-State Jazz Choir on Friday night at the Berkely Recital Hall. This is on a trial basis to see

how it works. She emphasized that the state board is always looking for our input; please send your opinions and ideas to them, anonymously if you prefer, via the website.

Junior High Business

Junior Festival

Male Chorus: Liz - Presented Sean Anderson for director. M/S/P to accept him as conductor. M/S/P to accept preferred program #1, see attached.

Jazz: Ken - M/S/P to accept George Murphy as conductor. M/S/P to accept program (to be chosen from the list, see attached). Ken's assistant is Gina Glover.

Orchestra: Steve - Everything is all set to go. Juli Sansoucy agreed to assist Steve.

Band: Dan - Megan Montineny(?) will assist Dan this year. He is set to go.

Treble Chorus: Mike and Staci - absent. Reported through Carol. M/S/P to accept Laura Williams as director. M/S/P with 1 abstention to accept program #2, see attached.

Elementary Business: Diane - 10 people showed up for a very successful sharing session w/ K.C. Conlan. Lots of connecting and good ideas were bounced around.

Kris Hill spoke about SGMM and annual festival. The goal is to have a festival in each district. This year there will be 2 festivals, one in Lowell and one in Canton. Teachers without students are still encouraged to come for the professional development.

Coordinator Reports

Choral: Kayla - Kayla has packets available. She still needs 3 judges for auditions, especially for male voices.

Auditions: Scott - Requests all managers and coordinators please send e-mail information with names and addresses of all judges. Facility is set to go (Westfield State). Please don't wait until the last minute to register students.

B/WW/Perc: Claire - Claire needs one more judge. Baritone senior piece should read "Concerto Miniature". Beth will fix on the website. Everything else O.K. Percussion discussion: We do not have the files up for the percussion adjudication forms. Dan has worked on the audition some more - see attached. Carl requests that the names of the final 2 movements be listed on the site to clarify for the tenor sax audition piece.

Strings: Denise - She needs judges, badly! String information on the site seems to be in good shape. Denise has yet again revised the audition forms. Viola pieces are being discussed for next year's junior audition.

Jazz: Patrick - Patrick has 4 judges. We think this should be adequate, usually have done with 3. George says he will supply CD players with enough volume for the adjudication rooms. Pat is looking for the district copies of the jazz books. Money still waiting to be used for purchase of jazz repertoire at Blodgett's. Pat will have a shopping spree on the district to purchase charts to replace the library, which was thrown out by mistake.

Website: Beth - Feel free to send Beth info and updates for the site as they become available.

Program: Debbi - Thank you for offering to do this!

Publicity: Tony - absent, no report.

Unfinished business: Dan Albert represents MICCA to our board. They are working on setting up a choral festival exclusively for middle school; people thought it sounded like a good idea. A solo and small ensemble festival is also being offered this year.

Adjourn: 5:45

To dinner and entertainment!

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Phelps, secretary