

**MCSMA MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006**  
**4pm**  
**Keenan's Restaurant, Irondequoit**

Meeting came to order at: 4:03pm

**Present:** P. Welch, K. Graham, J. Welch, S. Volkmar, C. Merkel, J. Beel, T. Indiano, P. Maginn, S. Zugelder, B. Facklam, T. Sutliff, S. Landgren, J. Gray, S. Stewart, B. Nitch, R. Monti, D. Shemancik, M. Borden, C. Zugelder, K. Rodean, C. Springstead, M. O'Connor, A. Lis, A. Jones, B. Baldwin, P. VanHorn

**I. Introductions**

**II. Approve minutes of April meeting**

Jeff Welch motion to accept minutes; seconded

**III. Ensemble Coordinators Reports**

*SH Orchestra*- Shana Stewart/Jenny Muhl

Conductors secured for both orchestras (Peggy Ho for JH, Jonathan Handman for SH)

*SH Choir*- Brenda Nitsch/Rena Monti

Dr. Gray, conductor

Will get all of his info after Oct.1

*SH Band*- Dave Shemancik/Mark Borden

John Maguda conductor; (also does the Concert Band at Fredonia)

Have Bio and contract, program coming

*JH Mixed Choir*- Carrie Zugelder

Conductor: Elisa Dekaney; has program

Concern: will need to purchase extra copies to fill out the program for all of the kids, beyond the copies of the new piece

*JH Treble Choir*- Pam Fitzmorris

Similar concern about ordering music

Conductor: Susan Conkling from Eastman

*JH Band*- Kirsta Rodean/Casey Springstead

Dick Rabideau (former NYSSMA pres) Conductor

Finalizing program

Will borrow some music

*Elementary Orchestra*- Mary O'Connor/Ben Dale

Kathleen Horvath from Case Western

Program with some alternate selections

*Elementary Choir*- Sonja Volkmar

Conductor: Cathy Sutherland; have program and bio

"Haida" is one of the pieces she is programming, would like to borrow extra copies to supplement her own

Still need host school.

*Elementary Band*- Brian Facklam

Gary Barton conductor, bringing his own music (sending ahead)

*Vocal Jazz*- Alan Jones

Dr. Michael Levi conductor (College of St. Rose)

Finalizing program and has bio

*SH Instrumental Jazz-* Brian Zimmer/Paul VanHorn

Gap Mangione conductor

Program in progress

*JH Instrumental Jazz-* Al Lis

Dave Schiavone conductor (Univ. Buffalo)

Have bio

Program of 6 songs out of which kids will perform

*All County Coordinator-* Paul Maginn

Needs information from coordinators for program

All rooms for Sr. High secured at Eastman

*Contracts and music orders-* Steve Landgren

Keep contracts coming in.

Tell Steve if you didn't get contract over the summer

Email music orders to Steve. BOCES will ship directly to you. Specify if you need extra things like an instrumental packet.

\*\* Patty needs bio and program info, too, for the MCSMA newsletter in October

#### IV. Solo Festivals Reports

*Assignor of Adjudicators-* Jeff Welch

String judges full, Sr. High full

Openings still for vocal and junior

Rooms for judges at Marriott in Greece

Jeff will contact Steve with tax exempt #

*Elementary/Jazz-* Kim Derse/Brian Zimmer

Not present, Patty will follow up

*Junior High-* Bill Baldwin

- No news, agree on registration date deadline?
- Debate over Nov. 15 vs. Nov. 22 or mid December
- ***Deadline agreed upon: Monday, Nov. 20 for all solo festivals***
- John Beel brought up the open date to start registering for solo festivals?  
***Date agreed upon: Oct. 20***
- Bill Baldwin brought up the point that we need to remind teachers to only register their own students for solo festivals. John will add that comment to the Solochair website and Patty will put it in the newsletter
- Tom brought up the point that any changes in song level or instrument from original registration need to be to solo fest chairperson by the Monday before the festival (matters most to make sure the student is in the right room for their instrument for all-county consideration)
- Christine had trouble downloading info from the web for teacher info and will touch base with John Beel

*John Beel, Solo fest and Solochair info:* Chairpeople do a test registration, check out new features on the site. John would like to see Solochair used for

entire process – through selection of groups (Ex: Solochair will use a predetermined weighting to process scores and admittance...also will create an ensemble list for the selected students with names and instruments for the program) concern: if internet goes down, create spreadsheet backup on excel – export from Solochair to excel often to save work.

Chairs of nominated groups: selection will also be through Solochair. John will touch base with those chairs to decide dates and deadlines.

Solochair will now allow for the teacher to edit registrations.

Login info will include a reminder if fees have not been paid.

Vocal chairs email John with your Solochair #.

John: mail@solochair.com

*Senior High-* Tammy Sutliff/Robin Beel

All above discussions apply.

*Vocal-* Christine Merkel

All above discussions apply.

## V. Old Business

*Treasurer's Report-* Steve Landgren

- See attached
- We are breaking (basically) even year-to-year
- J. Gray – thought about using a CD to make more interest?
- Yes – probably the grant money from the state
- Jeff Welch motion to accept treasurer's report
- Patty: see attached list for reminders for school participation

*Elementary Festivals Update-* Patty Welch

- Allendale Columbia a possible rehearsal site
- Still pursuing a place for the Festival, Aquinas a possibility
- Back of agenda packet: list of private schools that you can use BOCES mail to access
- Steve needs to know which private schools are part of BOCES payment for fee knowledge. Patty will find out.
- Tom: We need to include Finney as a separate school; Tom can retype list of private schools that participate
- Patty and Kristin sending out a flyer to Rochester and City schools for email addresses to keep them in the loop

*State Grant-* Tom Indiano

Check is on the way - \$7,000.00

*County Directory-* Tom Indiano/John Beel

- Plan is to get the directory online based on Solochair account info; updates will be the teacher's responsibility.
- Discussion around access of the info: right away vs. later when ready to print. Consensus that whatever info that we can access the sooner the better.
- Casey – how to get teachers that don't do festivals into the database on Solochair? Tom sent an email to all department heads to tell teachers to sign up on Solochair last year. John asked everyone to talk to their colleagues about making sure they have a Solochair account. Each teacher should only have one account.

*Website Update-* John Beel

- Site is updated with executive directory

- List of events page updated
- Site was down partially during the last week, should be resolved by now. Email John with problems
- Shana: can we put letters that usually go out in mail online for teachers to access. John: if you want anything like that online, email it to him.
- Suggestion from Tom: interest from teachers to post their concert dates so colleagues across the county can see when concerts are?
- Tom would be willing to facilitate that.
- There is already a links page on MCSMA, email your school web site to John.

*County Library Update- Jeanne Gray*

- Dean and Jason have gone through the choral library and made cuts.
- Currently working on Band library – there is quite a bit of music good for JH band sight reading
- Still much more work to be done on the Orchestra library
- Area all-state music going out today
- County music will go out next
- Roger Wink is librarian
- BOCES chair of that department has been more supportive of the music librarian position. Jeanne will suggest that they continue Roger's extended hours through October.
- Thanks to Jeanne for all of her hard work with the library.

**VI. New Business**

*Terry Taylor Award- Patty Welch/Tom Indiano*

Patty will send info on the award in the newsletter. Award: full ride to the winter conference. Deadline is Oct. 13.

**VII. Other/Good of the Order**

- Patty: Steve received a thank you note from Eastman for the monetary gift MCSMA gave them. Possibilities for RPO tickets.
- Patty looking for new place for Friday MCSMA happy hours – Milestones is willing to host.
- We like meeting here at Keenan's. In the future, we will have the private room.
- Choral coordinators need invoices from Steve in time to send them out with music before Christmas break.
- Patty: confirm concert programs ASAP to avoid duplicates from program to program.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Jeff Welch moves to adjourn. Shana second. Adjournment at 5:07pm.