

•••Monroe County School Music Association•••
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 13, 2003

I. Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Robin Beel, Shannon Beikirch-Miller, John Englert, Jeanne Gray, Nancy Guilfoyle, Tom Indiano, Alan Jones, Carol Snook, Tammy Sutcliffe, Patty Welch, Kristin West.

Approval of minutes from 1/30 (T. Indiano/R. Beel)

II. Treasurer Report: John Englert for Dean Ekberg

Checking: \$ 816.22

Savings: \$13,942.54

Total: \$14,758.29

Dean reported two All-County billing mistakes. He mistakenly printed invoices that showed \$7.00 fees for Category A or C schools after we agreed and published that those fees would be \$7.50. He will print new invoices for next year's festivals. The SH selection committee billed everyone \$7.00 instead of \$15.00 and did not check the SH box at the top of any of the invoices.

III. New Business:

a. March Festival Report: Tom Indiano

1. All contacts have been made and letters have been sent. Eastman will provide ushers.
2. Tom needs to know of any personnel substitutions ASAP. Programs are finished.
3. Jim Doser sent Tom an e-mail concerning the rehearsal ending times for the jazz ensembles and the jazz choir. For transportation purposes, they should end at the same time. Alan Jones later clarified that they will both end at 7:00 p.m.
4. Mark Viavattine will take care of percussion needs for the SH festival.
5. Ron Cicero ran an accessories booth at the elementary festival last year. Generally, the committee agreed that it was helpful to have supplies on hand, and we would like to invite him back again. Other retailers should also be invited, but Jim Doser has to approve it first.

b. January Festivals: John Englert

1. **Vocal:** There was quite a bit of last-minute scrambling at this festival, including late scheduling, late hiring of adjudicators and piano tuning the morning of the festival.

2. **Jazz:** There were no significant problems. There was a good turnout of level 4 soloists, so there is a need for a level 4 audition form next year.

3. **Instrumental:** Beth Fabrizio addressed some concerns about adjudicators at our SH and JH festivals.

- She expressed concern that we are not sending letters out as early as other counties, and therefore not necessarily getting our first choices. Who determines who our “first choices” are?
- There was no evaluation form available at the festival. Bill Baldwin has since produced a new one. The committee made some suggestions for improvement on this form, so that it is useable at all county festivals.
- Beth had specific complaints about judges, one of whom brought a spouse into the solo room and one who finished grading eight solo sheets at the same time, some obviously well after the performance had taken place.

John Englert suggested a subcommittee of 4-5 people help hire quality judges in a timely fashion and help Pete Madsen determine their most effective placement.

4. Kristin West will send thank you letters to the Zone Reps in appreciation for their service: Jeanne Gray, Carol Snook, Mike Crumb, Dean Ekberg and Fred Weingarten.

c. 2004 Solo Fest Locations

- Senior High Instrumental - Nazareth College
- Vocal - Gates Chili
- Junior High Instrumental - Brighton
- Elementary Festival - ?
- Jazz - Gates Chili

d. Selection Committee: Kim Derse would like the computer programs to be able to cross reference by column. Also, there is some confusion as to how the music is delivered. One of the envelopes got lost in the shuffle.

e. Richard Snook Award: Carol pointed out that there does not need to be a recipient every year.

f. Hot Line: With the website, most of the committee agreed that the need for a hot line is not so great. However, not everyone has access to a computer when they need to get in touch with a festival coordinator, and Bill Baldwin still utilizes it often for his festival. It was agreed that we should utilize it at least one more year until everyone is acclimated to the website.

IV. Old Business:

a. Full Membership meetings at the All-County Festivals are as follows:

- Friday, March 14, 4:00 p.m. SH @ Greece Arcadia
- Saturday, March 22, 9:30 p.m. JH @ Churchville-Chili
- Saturday, March 29, 9:30 p.m. Elem. @ Penfield

b. **Website:** Patty Welch- Patty has the password to add new information to the website. The March calendar is done. Thank you for all your hard work, Patty!

V. Adjournment: 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristin West