

•••Monroe County School Music Association•••
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 29, 2003

I. Meeting called to order at 4:15 p.m.

Present: Robin Beel, Jason Berger, John Englert, Tom Indiano, Dan Macpherson, Carol Snook, Tammy Sutliff, Kristin West, Sonya Zingo, Carrie Zugelder.

Approval of minutes from 4/24 pending corrections (J. Englert/C. Snook)

II. Treasurer Report: John Englert for Dean Ekberg

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| Checking: | \$ 179.84 |
| Savings: | \$1,083.43 |
| Total: | \$1263.27 |

John reported that the School Participation Fee invoices for 2003-04 are going to be mailed shortly. Dean would also like a bill from John Beel for his work on the website, so that he can reimburse John.

III. Old Business/Evaluation of Ensemble Festivals: John Englert

a. John wanted to know how Dengler performed for us, and the consensus was that they were punctual and the quality was fine. We will use them again next year.

b. Next year, the Eastman stagehands should receive their information much earlier. The week of the concert is too late. This responsibility will be included in the timeline for the SH ensemble coordinators.

c. Is the current format for instrumental jazz working? They used to have one weeknight rehearsal, the festival, and then an additional performance at the County Office Building. It was generally felt that an additional performance by the jazz ensembles is justified, because they provide the simplest logistical way of publicly representing MCSMA ensembles. Tom Indiano will follow through and see if this is still a viable possibility.

d. Next year, the draft of the All-County program will be available on the website. The committee agreed that this is the easiest way for everybody to have a chance to proofread the program for errors by the deadline.

e. There has been concern about the Senior High Festival concert being held at the same time as the St. Patrick's Day parade. Parking is a major problem for the audience members, especially if they do not arrive very early. Eastman Theater can only offer MCSMA availability on this weekend, so another date is out of the question. Next year, the Senior High Festival concert will once again be held during the St. Patrick's Day parade. Tom will call about the possibility of changing the concert time.

IV. New Business for 2003-2004::

a. Identifying potential conductors for 2004

1. **Jazz:** Instrumental - Mark Kellogg and Matt Cremisio are contracted.

Choir - Contract was sent to Jeffrey Lipton (Five Towns College).

2. **Senior High:** Orchestra - Don Schleicher (U. of Illinois) will be asked first, and then Anthony Maiello (George Mason U.).

Choir - Peggy Detwiler (Mansfield, PA) is contracted.

Band - Mark Scatterday (Eastman) is contracted.

3. **Junior High:** Women's Choir - Contract was sent to Barbara Brinson. (SUNY Fredonia).

Orchestra - names mentioned include Bob Phillips (Saline, MI Blue Lake) and Kenneth Jurnigen.

Mixed Choir - names mentioned include Sue Fay Allen (Amherst), Gary Lee (Lancaster) and Nancy Seal (retired, W. Seneca East).

Band - Andrew Perry (West Genesee) will be asked.

4. **Elementary:** Orchestra - Diana Sauer and Kara Thompson are the new coordinators.

Choir - John Fleischmann (Gowanda) has been asked.

Band - Clarke Elliott (Grand Island) has been asked.

b. Schedule for 2004:

1. Solo Festivals:

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| •January 9 & 10 | SH Instrumental Vocal and Vocal Jazz | Nazareth College Gates Chili HS |
| •January 16 & 17 | Junior High Instrumental | Brighton (TCMS) |
| •January 23 & 24 | Elementary Instrumental Instrumental Jazz | Webster (pending) Gates Chili MS |

2. Ensemble Festivals:

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| •March 5 & 6 | Jazz Festival | Gates Chili HS |
| •March 12 & 13 | Senior High | Brockport/Eastman |
| •March 19 & 20 | Junior High | Spencerport (pending) |
| •March 26 & 27 | Elementary | Rush-Henrietta |

V. MCSMA Handbook

a. Thanks to Chuck Van Buren for providing an original and offering to update the new handbook. A subcommittee (John, Tom, Kristin) will update the Handbook this summer.

b. The following new timelines were adopted at the April meeting:

1. Solo Festivals

- Adjudicator's letters sent by June 1
- Adjudicator's deadline for response, June 30
- Adjudicators notified by Oct. 1 based on previous year's enrollment

2. Ensemble Festivals

- Potential conductors discussed at April meeting
- Conductors contracted by June
- Proposed programs discussed at Summer meeting
- Programs finalized by September meeting
- Music issued to participants:
 - choral music during 1st week in January
 - instrumental music immediately following selection
 - personnel rosters and stagehand needs to President-Elect by February 1 (program posted on website shortly thereafter)

VI. Financial Issues: A minimum of three pieces must be selected from the library, with the exception of Junior High Treble Choir. An updated listing will be available at the end of the summer, courtesy of Jeanne Gray and Carol Snook.

VII. Website Additions: Solo festival application forms are now available on the website. Preparation for directory entries should be done over the summer. Scott Goldstein (NYSSMA website) should be contacted regarding job boards and keeping them current. A password for solo festival registration was discussed, but the issue was not resolved.

VIII. Summer Meeting: The luncheon will be held at **12:30 p.m. on August 28th** at Englert's, 650 Holt Road in Webster. Discussion of all Ensemble Festival program proposals from the conductors will take place.

IX. New Appointments: Dan Macpherson will change over to Elementary Band Coordinator, Kara Thompson and Diana Sauer will share the Elementary Orchestra Coordinator responsibilities, Christine Cramer and Mike Murphy will be the Vocal Solo Festival Coordinators, and Carrie Zugelder will take over as the Junior High Mixed Choir Coordinator.

X. Adjournment: 5:15 p.m. (T. Indiano/R. Beel)

Respectfully submitted by Kristin West