

•••Monroe County School Music Association•••
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 28, 2003

I. Meeting called to order at 1:45 p.m.

Present: Bill Baldwin, Laura Baldwin, John Beel, Robin Beel, Shannon Beikirch-Miller, Jason Berger, Christine Cramer, Dean Ekberg, John Englert, Jeanne Gray, Nancy Guilfoyle, Tom Indiano, Alan Jones, Dan Macpherson, Polly Madsen, Diana Sauer, Carol Snook, Tammy Sutliff, Jeff Welch, Patty Welch, Kristin West, Sonya Zingo, Carrie Zugelder.

Approval of minutes from 5/29 (L. Baldwin/D. Macpherson)

II. Treasurer Report: Dean Ekberg

Checking:	\$ 62.86
Savings:	\$2,932.46
Total:	\$2,995.32

Dean reported that most schools have paid their participation fee, and he will be sending a second notice around Sept. 1.

III. Programs/Conductors for 2004: John Englert

a. Jazz

1. Jazz Band I- Mark Kellogg
2. Jazz Band II- Matt Cremesio (Shenendahowa)
Program is expected to be finalized by September
3. Choir- Jeffrey Lipton (Five Towns College)
Program is expected to be finalized by September

b. Senior High

1. Orchestra- Waiting for a response from Michael Butterman
2. Choir- Peggy Detwiler (Mansfield, Pa.)
Program: Your Voices Tune, Handel
Ave Maria, Rachmaninoff
Rytmus - need to purchase
Born to Die, Glen Burleigh (possible) - need to purchase
Battle of Jericho, Moses Hogan (possible)
Shenandoah
3. Band- Mark Scatterday (Eastman)
No program yet

c. Junior High

1. Treble Choir- Barbara Brinson (Fredonia)
No response yet regarding program
2. Orchestra- David Harmon has been asked. He is waiting to see if he can resolve a conflict. Other possibilities are Ron Hebert or Sandy Dackow.

3. Mixed Choir- Sue Fay Allen
 Program: Non Nobis Domine, Byrd/ Allen
 Three Madrigals, Emma Lou Diemer
 Father William, Irving Fine
 Brothers, Carl Steubing
 Hush, Somebody's Callin my name, Dennard
4. Band- Andy Perry (West Genesee)
 No program yet

d. Elementary

1. Orchestra- Kenneth Jurnigen
 No program yet
2. Choir- John Fleischmann (Orchard Park)
 Program: Can You Hear Me? - Chilcott
 My Own Song - Kowalski
 Seed To Sow - Michael Smith
 Dodi Li - Doreen Rao - Israeli Folk Song
3. Band -Clark Elliott (Grand Island)
 Program: Coventry Castle - Sheldon
 March Romaine - Gounod
 Procession of the Sardar - Williams
 Freedom - Michael W. Smith

IV. Part check/seating policy at festivals: A discussion regarding the merits and drawbacks of the current part check system took place. It was generally agreed that the performance of the solo is a better indication of a student's ability than a part check/audition, so we should not go to a seating audition policy. The part checks should remain in place as they are, with a few improvements and clarifications:

- The coordinator will organize the part checks
- Teachers should be sought out ahead of time to perform the part checks, and teachers may not hear their own students.
- A few technically difficult measures should be designated ahead of time to enable the part checks to be held quickly, and to keep the part checks consistent between rooms.
- The band part checks should start before rehearsal if possible.
- Changes should only be made in cases with a large discrepancy between students within a section. Unprepared students should still not be allowed to participate in the festival.
- The coordinators are responsible for actually enforcing any recommended changes.

A motion was proposed to keep the part checks with these adjustments and clarifications, and carried unanimously. (2:25 p.m.)

V. Schedule for 2004:

1. Solo Festivals:

- January 9 & 10 SH Instrumental Nazareth College
 Vocal and Vocal Jazz Gates Chili HS

- January 16 & 17 Junior High Instrumental Brighton (TCMS)
- January 23 &24 Elementary Instrumental Webster Schroeder
- Jazz Solo Festival Webster Schroeder

2. Ensemble Festivals:

- March 5 & 6 Jazz Festival Gates Chili HS
- March 12 & 13 Senior High Brockport H.S. / Eastman
- March 19 & 20 Junior High Spencerport
- March 26 & 27 Elementary Rush-Henrietta

VI. MCSMA Handbook: The handbook has been revised in summer meetings by John Englert, Tom Indiano, and Kristin West. A new page has been developed for the Assignor of Adjudicators, and other pages have been designed to be specific to Junior or Senior High. Kristin West will have the revisions ready for review at the Sept. 18 meeting.

VII. Financial Issues: At this point, we will ask the conductors to choose from the library, and each ensemble may order one piece of music (with the possible exception of treble choir). \$3000 split between 10 ensembles leaves us only an average of \$300 per ensemble. Carrie Zugelder communicated that Sue Fay Allen was having difficulty constructing a program with these constraints.

VIII. Website Additions: Solo Festival application forms are up now. When teachers register online, they will be required to enter a user name and other information, and will be assigned an ID per e-mail. This can be used in the future to build a database directory that can be searched many ways. Patty Welch is in communication with NYSSMA about having an online job board, and a mailing will be going out to all human resource directors to get it started.

IX. New Teacher Orientation: In the past, new teacher orientations used to be held at an Area All-State festival. This year, those festivals are in Albion and Midlakes...too far away to involve many new teachers. It was felt that an orientation should be offered before the solo festival registration deadline, and that professional organizations should be given the opportunity to be represented. The second to last week in October was tentatively chosen as a good time to hold such an event. There was some discussion about the fairness of asking a local university to host an event, but most of the committee conceded that each local institution of higher learning is invited to work with MCSMA at some time or another. (i.e. Nazareth hosts SH solo festival, and Eastman hosts SH All-County.)

X. Schedule of Meetings for the School Year:

September 18 - 4:00-5:30 p.m. at Johanna Perrin Middle School - Fairport

Full Committee:

- finalization of conductors, programs and biographies to be included with applications in in the October Newsletter
- Terry Taylor Award
- recording services (with the passing of Bill Dengler)

October 30 - 4:00-5:30 p.m. at Johanna Perrin Middle School - Fairport

Solo Coordinators, Assignor of Adjudicators, Officers:

- solo festival coordination for January
- website registrations
- phone line/voice mail

February 5 - 4:00-5:30 p.m. at Johanna Perrin Middle School - Fairport

Full Committee:

- review of Solo Festivals
- final check on all arrangements for March festivals
- agenda items for March General Membership Meetings
- Richard Snook Award

March 12, 20, and 27 - General Membership Meetings at Festivals

Nominations and Elections of President-Elect and Treasurer

April 22 - 4:00-5:30 p.m. at Johanna Perrin Middle School - Fairport

Full Committee:

- discussion of January and March Festival changes
- executive committee member changes
- potential conductors for 2005
- sites for 2005

XI. Adjournment: 3:30 p.m. (T. Indiano/J. Gray)

Respectfully submitted by Kristin West