

Niagara County Music Educators' Association
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, October 6, 2008

Present: Dean Vallas, Roger VanDette, Linda Schilk, Ken Fick, Ken Kuriscak, April Carere, Jeanne Wright, Debra Remson, Debbie Hutter, Paul Wos

Jeanne is heard whining during pre-meeting banter about how hungry she is.

Meeting called to order at 6:18 PM.

Treasurer Report

Debbie reports a balance of \$3,729 as of October 1. She requested the purchase of Quicken software to assist her in treasurer duties. The expense would be \$50. Motion to approve the expenditure by April, second by Ken Kuriscak. Approved.

Motion to fund the ordering of envelopes for ticket orders for festival concerts. The envelopes would be collected by chairpersons, turned in to person in charge of tickets at the festival site; tickets would then be distributed into the envelopes and returned to the student. Motion by Linda, second (again) by Ken Kuriscak. Approved.

Jeanne makes outburst to give Dean grief about his healthy food order: "GET SOMETHING FRIED!!!!"

President's Report

Motion made to send Dean as NCMEA representative to NYSSMA Conference in Rochester in December. Approved. (I was eating and didn't get the names of who made and seconded the motion; I apologize for my lack of vigilance.)

Mike Denny is the festival chairperson for the festival at North Tonawanda.

Dean shared an e-mail from Vicki Mehr turning down the orchestra vice president position. Deb Remson will again take on the position, and we are thankful for her diligence in setting up all the festivals for strings.

Vice-President's Report

Judges for the NCMEA scholarships are in place, they are Paul Ferington and Lois Hall from NCCC. Friday November 21 is the deadline for scholarship materials to be received; the day for scholarship auditions/interviews is Tuesday January 13.

Membership VP Report

Jeanne informed us that business patrons this year are WAY down, as she received business patrons from only Al Hemer Music and Matt's Music this year. The rates are \$30 for a half-page ad, \$60 for a full-page ad.

Choral VP Report

There were 240 junior high auditions scheduled, along with 88 senior high quartets and 37 jazz vocal quartets. About \$3,633 in fees were to be collected from this. It was noted that there was no student participation from the Niagara Falls school district at any level. Action on this was tabled until a replacement choral teacher at NFHS is finally appointed. (Note: Linda Werder was appointed as the new NFHS choral director only a few days ago.)

Bands VP Report

Adjudicators for the instrumental solo festival are “mostly ready” according to April. Ken Kuriscak is in charge of all jazz judges. Question: are we going to use the NYSSMA sight reading materials?

Festival chairpersons and conductors for the 2009 festival are all set, and 2010 is almost all set; there is need for a senior high band chair for 2010. April says that the 2011 festival is “wide open!”

As people get their meals, Ken Kuriscak proclaims, “Fick, yours is HUGE!” Ken Fick thanks him for the adoration.

Orchestra VP Report

Deb asks if students from Grand Island can be included in the senior high orchestra festival. Answer is yes.

Jazz VP Report

A friend of Ken’s who works for the UB Center for the Arts asked for an e-mail address list to advertise the upcoming Bowfire concert performance. Rather than provide an e-mail list, it was decided that Ken will forward the e-mail address of anyone interested in getting the information, just contact him.

Other Reports

Advocacy: Ken Fick announced that the first NCMEA Conference Day will be at NCCC on March 24, 2009.

Website: Kevin Duncan absent, no report.

SoloChair: Naomi absent, no report.

Dean proposes to move next meeting from November 3 to November 17. That date choice resulted in conflicts among some board members. November 24 was then suggested, no conflicts were voiced. Next meeting date is Monday November 24.

Motion to adjourn by Linda. Ken Fick seconds, then decides he has new business. Foolish me, I took him seriously.

General small talk continued while the idea of an official adjournment lingered. Ken Fick then announced: "Question: who is Michael BOOBELY?"

Meeting adjourned (for real) at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul M. Vos
NCMEA Secretary

NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 24, 2009 at Pane's Restaurant, 6 PM