

**Niagara County Music Educators' Association**  
**Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, October 5, 2009**

Present: D. Vallas, K. Kuriscak, A. Carere, R. VanDette, D. Hutter, P. Wos

Hoping for more people to attend, we waited. . . . and waited.

Meeting called to order at 6:18 pm.

Dean began with a question: which company will be used to record our all-county festival concerts? Motion made to continue with Mark Custom Recording.  
Approved.

**Treasurer Report**

At this writing, two districts were still owing participation fees: North Tonawanda and Lewiston-Porter.

Debbie asked for approval to spend \$750 on the filing fee to incorporate as a tax-exempt organization with New York State, a move that will recoup the expense in saved sales tax revenue in two years. Approved.

**President's Report**

Dean reported that the Albany summer conference was great, including the distribution of a new booklet for county presidents which is highly informative and a great resource.

Dean is in need of completed contracts for ensemble conductors. There is a December 1 deadline for all pics, bios, and program information for the program book.

Motion to send Dean to the upcoming NYSSMA conference in December.  
Approved.

Dean asks that members e-mail him the name of any student who was selected for a conference all-state ensemble.

Ken Kuriscak will be the chairperson for Junior High Instrumental Jazz (Chris Perraciny is the conductor.)

The Senior High Vocal Jazz Chairperson is Dave Curtis, and the conductor is Robert Frost from Gates-Chili High School.

### **Vice-President's Report**

Paul Kroll and Lois Hall have again agreed to be judges for the upcoming NCMEA scholarship audition/interviews. Roger reminds all that the deadline for all scholarship application materials is Friday, November 13.

### **Membership VP Report**

Jeanne absent, no report.

### **Bands VP Report**

Dean announced that April has begun booking chairs/conductors for 2020. Murmur among those in attendance.

April announced that she is busy lining up judges for the all-county festival auditions.

Concerns have arisen about the NCMEA band library. Recently an outside group requested to borrow one of the library pieces and we found it wasn't there. Is there anyone who would be willing to check the actual inventory against the library list to confirm what we actually have?

April handed out copies of guidelines for instrumental chairpersons at all-county festivals. Asking for suggestions, one was made to add a timeline for completing various details of preparation.

### **Orchestra VP Report**

Kathy absent, no report.

### **Jazz VP Report**

Ken asked if monies could be made available for the purchase of Carubia/Snidero jazz solo collection books for festival uses, since the purchase of two copies for a soloist is expensive?

Tabled until we see the results of spending in the festival jazz budget. Leftover monies could be used for NCMEA copies of the books for festival use.

At this time Dean handed Debbie the \$5 that his wife shorted NCMEA on this year's membership.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

**Next Executive Board Meeting**  
**Monday, November 2, 2009 at Pane's Restaurant 6:00 pm**