

Niagara County Music Educators' Association
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, November 23, 2009

Present: D. Vallas, A. Carere, J. Wright, A. Sandy, K. Stabb, D. Hutter, P. Wos
Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm.

Secretary Report

Minutes of October 2009 meeting approved as written.

Treasurer Report

Debbie reported a balance of \$23,671 as of 11/23, but before we sang a verse of "We're in the Money", she warned that fees for solo festival will need to be paid, an approximate \$10,000 debit to the account.

President's Report

Dean needs information for the all-county festival programs. He brought the ticket order envelopes for distribution. Dean also brought the 2010 All-County stickers, which are ORANGE.

Vice-President's Report

Roger absent, no report; scholarship update: there are only 5 scholarship applicants this year.

Membership VP Report

Jeanne reported 9 business members, totaling \$390 in membership fees. This is higher than 2007-08, but lower than 2008-09.

Choral VP Report

Linda absent, no report.

Kevin Duncan arrives LATE (6:42). Since he offered no apologies, I announced his late arrival to the board and Kevin responded with a "Bud Adams salute" directed at me. Since the NFL levies fines for this type of behavior, I just wonder if NCMEA can slap him with a "detrimental conduct" fine. In any event, the waitress assigns him detention for his tardiness.

Amanda Burdick enters, calls Kevin a jerk when he scolds her for being later than him. Board approves her statement.

Bands VP Report

There are 968 auditions scheduled for the festival, including strings. Judges are set. April reminded everyone (again) that the conductor and chairperson for the 2011 Senior High Band is still open.

Orchestra VP Report

After much discussion, it was decided that orchestra selection for winds/percussion will be made from the top scorers from the solo auditions as in the past. Kathy is looking for a conductor for the Senior High Orchestra.

Website Administrator Report

There has been a lot of good feedback regarding the online Monday morning memos.

Jazz VP Report

Ken absent, no report.

SoloChair Administrator Report

Angela reports not too many complaints about scheduling, most came from elementary teachers. There will be a SoloChair Help workshop at the upcoming NCMEA Conference Day.

Amanda said scheduling went well and everyone was on time with one issue involving students at DeSales. The issue was resolved and those students will participate.

Discussion began about the changing of a solo level after students are registered, which creates scheduling problems when the switch is from solo levels I-II-III-IV to levels V-VI because of the audition duration. Debbie asked if the registration deadline could be moved back to Nov 1 so that teachers could be more sure of solo levels for students. Motion of deadline of November 1 for registrations and Dec 1 for solo information. Approved.

Old Business

Once again, Dean says "Jeanne" and this time no one laughs.

New Business

Should NCMEA donate to scholarship funds in memory of Joe Sugar (NYSSMA) and Hedges? Motion to send \$100 donation to Sugar scholarship by April, 2nd by Debbie. Motion for \$100 donation to Hedges scholarship by Debbie, 2nd by Jeanne. Both approved.

Debbie asked who will do T-shirts this year, as Ken Fick is on a leave of absence. The person taking on this job has to order the shirts and be present at the festivals. Many names were given, and it was decided that Kevin will include this in the Monday memo. Debbie suggested that the year (which is printed on the shirt) could possibly be dropped so that leftover shirts can be sold in succeeding years.

Motion to adjourn by Kevin, second by Paul. Meeting adjourned at 8:07.

Next Executive Board Meeting
Monday, January 4, 2010 at Pane's Restaurant 6:00 pm