

**NCMEA Meeting**  
**Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
**Paul Monaco's House**

**Members Present:** Paul Monaco, Kevin Duncan, Ken Fick, Mary Parsnick, Amanda Burdick, Karen Fish, Debbie Hutter, Tim Martin

*6:15 – Monaco called the meeting to order*

**Past Minutes** – Fick motioned to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Burdick seconded the motion.

**Treasurer's Report** – Hutter passed out copies of NCMEA's budget. At the last meeting, it was voted that ticket prices would change from \$3/\$4 to \$4/\$5. This makes it easier with less dollar bills needed. Host chairs need to be made aware of the ticket price changes. Tax filing is due October 15<sup>th</sup>, and everything is on file with the lawyer. All money held for the Hedge's scholarship has been dispersed.

**President's Report** – Monaco explained how on a personal note, he had leadership training through the army band. Trying to come up with a solution to problems is the way to go.

**Vice President's Report** – Fish will be sending out information to put on the website regarding scholarships. The total amount given in scholarships is usually around \$2,400.

**Membership Chair's Report** – (Stephanie Teichman was not present at the meeting, but gave Monaco information to share). Teichman will be putting together a letter to businesses regarding donations/ads, as well as thank you letters for all sponsors. Dues will remain at \$20 for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Vice President of Bands Report** – Tammy Rohring was not present at the meeting.

**Vice President of Choirs Report** – Fick shared that he would be willing to be the choral Solochair administrator if nobody else wants to volunteer.

**Vice President of Jazz Report** – Martin had no news to share.

**Vice President of Orchestras Report** – Duncan had no news to share.

**Advocacy Chair's Report** – Parsnick would like to start an NCMEA Facebook page. This year's t-shirts will be turquoise. "Dan the Man" in Niagara Falls has always done the t-shirts for the festivals, but quotes will be received from other

companies. Discussion continued regarding whether or not to re-design the t-shirt logo, and whether or not to put the year on the shirts so that they can be sold the following year.

**Instrumental Solochair Administrator** – Burdick will be sending out the due date timeline for the all-county solo festival.

**Webmaster's Report** – Duncan had no news to share, other than wanting to be called “Master of the Web.”

**Old Business** – The amount of rooms needed for choral solo auditions needs to be determined. Burdick shared that it is easier to underestimate judges rather than overestimate because judges don't usually want to come back after they had been previously canceled.

**New Business** – Duncan will be ordering new barcode scanners. Monaco talked about how receipts need to be better managed at festivals. Hosts sometimes think that they have to pay to supply meals for the conductor, but this is not true. The chairperson overseeing the entire festival can take one food order for each day (this includes the orders for the conductors and chair people) and can submit that receipt for reimbursement. The head chairperson can determine what is easiest for them to do at that particular festival. The handbooks for chair people should be updated with this information.

Beginning at the next solo festival, students will need to get a pass signed in order to change rooms. Also this year, judges will be asked to make a proficiency list for their room, which can be used for tie-breaks. Choral auditions will run the same way as last year, with individual solos for those in grades 7-12. Monaco stated that he will be at all NCMEA events for their entire duration.

There was discussion surrounding meeting venues, and to find a central location. Monaco is looking into the welcome back dinner, which may be held the second Monday in September at Panes. Meetings will be held the first Monday of every month.

Monaco wants everyone to think about what to do in case a festival is canceled because of a snow day, etc. Last year's festival that was canceled was not re-scheduled, although in the past there was a festival that had been moved due to a weather related situation.

**News for the Good of the Association** – This year, there is a new 4<sup>th</sup> grade band director at Starpoint, a general music teacher at Niagara-Wheatfield, and a new strings teacher at Lockport.

*Motion to adjourn at 7:41 by Burdick. Seconded by Hutter.*