

Niagara County Music Educators' Association  
Minutes of June 2012 Executive Board Meeting  
Monday, June 4, 2012 @ Panes Restaurant

Present: P. Monaco, K. Fish, S. Teichman, M. Parsnick, C. Unitas-Roos, K. Fick, P. Wos

Treasurer Report

Debbie absent, sent a copy of the proposed budget for 2012-13. Balance as of 6/4 is \$8,483.27. Karen mentioned that all band music expenses and some choral music expenses were significantly over budget (each band group was over \$250 more than budget allocation.) Norm mentioned that in order to avoid photocopying, two complete sets must be ordered, and band music sets run \$80-120 or more each.

Paul mentioned that next year, the idea of raising budget amounts must be addressed, as costs for sheet music have increased over the past 10 years.

Debbie requested to abandon the tiered pricing policy for festival tickets. Motion to eliminate the tier policy by Carolyn, second by Mary. Approved.

Discussion began about bringing in more classroom music teachers to the membership. Karen suggested creating a position on the executive board for a classroom music representative. Carolyn asked if something could be done about adding a person to that post for 2012-13. Paul suggested to wait and continue the discussion during the new business portion of the agenda. Karen asked for clarification concerning "other expenses" which were \$1,475 actual vs. \$200 budgeted.

Ken makes motion to accept report, second by Stephanie. Approved.

President Report

Paul had no report for the meeting.

Vice President Report

Karen has nothing new to report other than tabled business from the last meeting.

Membership Report

Stephanie had nothing new to report.

Band VP Report

Tammy was absent, but she sent a request to get a guest conductor for 2013 and 2014 for JH Band. This is out of normal guest rotation, but the JH Band has not had a guest since 2005. Carolyn commented that the extra guest would create a larger budget expense. Karen suggested "flipping" the guest conductor with Elementary for next year. Ken commented that the issue should be tabled since Tammy is not here. Motion to table by Karen, second by Ken. Approved.

Choral VP Report

Ken reported that elementary dates have been added to the calendar to include population deadlines and population results. Conductors are being selected: JH Drew Burke, SH Guest TBA, EL Joann Taylor (Lockport), SH Jazz Guest TBA. Contracts will go out this summer. Motion to approve by Mary, second by Carolyn. Approved.

Jazz VP Report

Tim absent, no report.

Orchestra VP Report  
Kevin absent, no report.

#### Advocacy Report

Mary said that a new advocacy rep is needed since she will be taking over the secretary position next year. Motion to approve by Karen, second by Stephanie. Approved.

Instrumental SoloChair Report  
Amanda absent, no report.

Choral SoloChair Report  
Carolyn had nothing new to report.

Webmaster Report  
Kevin absent, no report.

#### Old Business

APPR: Paul stated that it is not the intention of NCMEA to utilize its adjudication sheets for any portion of APPR.

Calendar: Paul changed the site for next year's meetings to TBA. Motion to approve by Mary, second by Karen. Approved.

Paul will delay discussion on the orchestra chairperson rotation due to Kevin's absence.

There was discussion to expand scholarship eligibility to a student majoring in music, not just music education. Motion by Ken to bring this up at discussion at general membership meetings, since it requires changes to the by-laws. Second by Mary. Approved.

Paul asked members to review the by-laws and look for any other specifics in the by-laws which could best be brought up at general member meetings as well.

The topic of tiering the scholarships (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> place) was delayed for further discussion.

Discussion began on the possibility of changing festival times. Ken freely accepts compliment from Paul on how wonderful the JH chorus was. Ken then began lobbying for even more praise. Claudia Andres suggested that the board consider earlier concert times on festival Saturdays. Ken motions to pilot a 12:30 and 3:00 concert schedule. Second by Mary. Approved.

Paul asked Stephanie to visit area restaurants to possibly sell business sponsorships, and in return, the board would hold meetings there.

#### New Business

Carolyn suggested that the board create a listing of responsibilities for a classroom music representative prior to advertising a vacancy for the board. Paul stated that the additional position must be voted on by the general membership as an amendment to the by-laws. Motion to bring the subject to the general membership by Mary, second by Ken. Approved.

Paul thanked the board secretary (yours truly) for years of service. I shed a tear.

Motion to adjourn by Carolyn, second by Mary.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul M. Vos  
NCMEA Secretary

FINAL SCORING SUMMARY, 2011-12 SEASON			
NAME	Motions	Seconds	Total Points
Mary	8	16	24
Karen	13	10	23
Debbie	9	4	13
Tammy	8	4	12
Carolyn	6	6	12
Ken	8	3	11
Amanda	4	5	9
Tim	3	6	9
Kevin	1	4	5
Stephanie	1	4	5

NEXT NCMEA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
TBA