

SE KMEA Summer Board Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2014
Chanute, KS

The SE District held their annual summer board meeting at Opie's Pizza and Grill, Chanute, KS on Friday, June 13. The meeting was facilitated by Mark Gard, SE District President.

President's Report

As a board, went over dates for the upcoming school year. All stand as listed except for MS Choir Registration Deadline, which will be moved back to November 21st. The rationale is that students who are not accepted into MS Band and who are interested in MS Choir could then be registered for that ensemble.

Mark Gard reported on the following information from the state KMEA board meeting that was held June 6 and 7 at Friends University, Wichita.

- A recommendation of the KMEA NE District Split Committee was submitted and will be voted on in July. The split would not take effect until 2018.
- The staff of the Kansas Music Review (KMR) is looking for ways to increase readership and we discussed as a board our current use of the online journal. Most district officers who expressed an opinion stated that they didn't read it as much since they didn't have the journal in hand but that would possibly change with email reminders about new issues being online with lists of articles included.
- Venue switches at the ISW for State 1234A Band and Orchestra.
- All-State Concert order for 2015: Choir, Jazz, 1234A, 56A, Orchestra.
- Policy will be in place for next year that All-State Middle Level choir participants will no longer be disqualified for non-payment by deadline but that there will be a grace period with a late penalty fee assessed.
- KSHSAA will vote this month on making memorization for string players at music festivals a recommended component but not a mandatory component.
- There will be an online rules and regulations refresher on the KSHSAA website for the 2014-15 school year and music directors must complete a quiz by October for participation in music festivals in the spring.
- There are new National Standards for Music and new State Standards are currently being written.
- The KMEA Fund continues to grow and now funds 5 student scholarships and may soon start funding small grants. We need to do more at the district level to promote this fund.
- Follow KMEA on Facebook. Consider joining Kansas Call to A.R.M.S. on Facebook. Follow KMEA on Twitter.

Venues for all events will be the same this year as last year. This is the last year that LCHS will host our December event and we will start communicating with PSU about the possibilities of them hosting in 2015 with the opening of their new Fine Arts Center. Rosie Sweaney, Cooper Neil, and Mark Gard will try to meet with Dr. Susan Marchant this summer.

Reports

Reports were given by the executive director and all of the chairs in attendance.

- Gary McCarty, retiring Executive Director, again emphasized that we need to increase our income and decrease our costs. We should have enough money in our account to cover one year of district expenses.
 - We want to have great clinicians for our students. If we can, we should contract them locally so the expenses are not as high for transportation and lodging.
 - All schools are paid up on fees.
 - One school missed the March 15 deadline for outstanding balances and was assessed a \$100 penalty which was subsequently paid.
 - Gary will submit the books for audit at the end of June and Alan Paxton will take over as Executive Director in July.
 - Rosie Sweaney presented Gary with a card and a gift to thank him for his years of service as Executive Director.
- Scott Allison, HS Choral, was not able to be at the meeting. It was shared that our choir clinician will be Dr. Allyss Haecker from Emory & Henry College in Virginia. The district will help pay for her expenses but most of her support will come from LCHS where she will also be conducting a clinic for the students there. Under “New Business” we acted on late choir registration for district choir.
- Gae Phillips, HS Band, took over the vacant position and shared that our band clinician will be Martin Bergee from KU. Audition excerpts have already been chosen and are posted on the website.
- Cooper Neil, HS Orchestra, shared that the orchestra clinician this year will be Raul Munguia from PSU. Selection of orchestra members will continue to be handled as it has been in the past.
- Christine Lovell, HS Jazz, shared that Jim Mair from Kansas City Kansas Community College will be the jazz band clinician. Concert will be November 20 at Pittsburg Memorial Hall in connection with PSU. We are getting more schools to send in audition registrations for jazz band.
- Theresa Fischer, MS Choral, shared that Mark Bartel from Friends University will be the MS choir clinician. There was discussion about the size of the choir and it was suggested that the choir be limited to around 200 students but that is a flexible number. Space on risers was the main concern but also supervision for that many students.
- The MS Band chair position is currently open. Jayme Malsom had been the chair but is moving to NE district. Names were given as possible replacements and those need to be contacted. Ryan Simpson from Topeka Seaman Middle School will be the MS Band clinician and that was arranged before Jayme took his new job assignment. Auditions will be handled the same as last year.
- Jeanne Hoover, Elementary Choral, shared that Stella Hastings from PSU will be elementary choir clinician. There was also some discussion about size of choir. Accompanists do need to be arranged for both the elementary choir and the middle level choir and some names were put forth.
- Christa Weber and John Womeldorff, Advocacy, were not available to attend the meeting.

- Rosie Sweaney, President-Elect / Mentoring, will work on contacting all of the school district / superintendents to update our list of teachers. We seem to have several changes for the upcoming school year. Also, if officers will get her names of new people in the district.

Old Business

- Encouraged everyone to continue to get new information for the district website to our webmaster Troy Johnson who is now working with all 6 districts and our state website.
- Teacher supervision of students at our district events seems to have been fine this past year. We need to be sure that it continues to be done.

New Business

- **Late Choir / Band Registration** – We will now accept late choir audition registrations but the understanding will need to be communicated that this is for district choir only; once the state choir audition registration is past, it is past. We will also assess late fees. Proposed wording for both choir and band:
 - Late registrations will be accepted for district choir auditions but not state choir auditions. Students and teachers need to be aware that late registrations for auditions is available only for district choir because, once the state choir registration deadline which is set by the state is past, it is past. Late district choir audition registrations will be accepted up to two weeks after the original deadline and a \$100 late registration fee will be assessed per school.
 - Late district band audition registrations will be accepted up to two weeks after the original deadline and a \$100 late registration fee will be assessed per school.
- **Recorded auditions for band and choir** – Auditions are live and the district will NOT allow/receive pre-recorded auditions. This statement should be on both the band and choir pages.
- **Admission fees for events** – Last year was the first year that we charged for the middle level event in January. This year we will charge the same admission fees for all of our events and that needs to be communicated to all of our teachers who then need to pass it on to the parents.
 - Adults \$4 / K-12 students \$1
 - Logistics for ticket-taking needs to be revisited for our January event in Chanute.
 - Rosie Sweaney will make signs for the events.
- **Venues** – With the exception of LCHS, will check with the individual site managers to see about continued hosting after this year.
- **Recording District Performances** – It was decided not to look into recording district events at this time.
- **Outstanding Educator Nominations** – We are not receiving nominations for Outstanding Music Educators and we need to address that. Rosie Sweaney will work on compiling a list of eligible educators in our district and we will see about using that list to foster nominations. There is an October 1 deadline for submitting information to the state. It is not mandatory that this is done but it is a good thing to recognize outstanding educators in our district.

- **Twitter** – KMEA has a Twitter handle @ksmea and Twitter handles have been secured for all of the districts in Kansas. It was decided that we will not be using a Twitter handle at this time. It was felt that our current communication methods are working.
- **SE Kansas District Domain Name** – Southeast District could have their own domain name and aliases but it was decided to keep our current web address and aliases at this time.
- **Retired Music Teachers** – Names and contact information for retired music teachers in our district are requested. There is a retired music teachers luncheon at the ISW and they would be invited to attend.
- **SE KMEA Director Database** – We seem to have several personnel changes in our district. Information was exchanged on new hires and vacancies.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
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SE KMEA District President