

Southeast District, KMEA

Meeting Agenda

June 12, 2009

11:30AM

Chanute Country Club

Type of Meeting: Board meeting of the Southeast KMEA District

Meeting Facilitator: Ray Essington, District President

Invitees: Officers and Chairs

- I. Call to Order – Welcome - Introductions
- II. Report from State Board Meeting – Essington
- III. Financial Report – McCarty

Each officer and chair was handed a report previously prepared by Gary

IV. Reports from Chairs

- a. HS Choral – Russ Vallier

Russ has tentatively lined up Pam Bushouse as the choral clinician for the December Honor Group event.

- b. HS Band – Willey Abati

No clinician booked yet. Students can be in both district honor band and district honor jazz band

- c. HS Jazz – Larry Lillard

Wayne Goins of KSU will be the Jazz Clinician. Robert Kehle, PSU Jazz Director, has confirmed that Thursday Dec. 3 will be the date of the PSU Jazz concert, with the SE KMEA District Jazz Band on the same program. The event will be all day.

Larry has asked that Wayne be compensated more than the designated 275.00

- d. HS/MS Orchestra – **Faye Millen takes over for Rebecca Grotts.**

Faye submitted a written report. There will be paper auditions for the December Honor Orchestra. There will not be a November Orchestra activity. Clinician for December is not yet booked. Faye brought up the need for a State String Orchestra for 1-4A schools. Faye expressed concern about the current state of the Pittsburg Middle School Orchestra program and the Parsons Orchestra Program in terms of local support for their continued existence. Faye noted that there will be a February 2010 Middle School Mass Orchestra event – date and place to be determined.

e. MS Choral – Pam McDaniel

Pam submitted a written report. For the Jan. 16 MS Honor Choir event, each school may send 6 singers from grades 7 and 8 in the following voicings: 2 sopranos, 2 altos, and 2 baritones. Deadline for registration for this event is November 13, 2009. Rosie Sweaney will be the accompanist. Clinician is not yet booked. Darla Strecker has declined, and other possibilities are Mark Bartel and Scott Hay. Pam asked that there be more risers this year if there are 180 students. Pam also requested accommodations for directors who get a new class for second semester. Directors could reserve 6 spots and submit names by January 8.

f. MS Band – Jeff Russell –

Jeff has tentatively booked Ed Bartley as the January 16 clinician for MS Band. There was a long discussion regarding ways to improve the quality of the band. Larry had some suggestions for the program regarding literature (Dark Adventure by Ralph Ford) and suggested that all directors receive a full score and/or complete set of parts to facilitate learning of the music in the regular rehearsal setting, thereby enabling each honor band student to be better prepared.

g. Elementary – Allison Russell

Karen Sims from Maize is tentatively booked for the Jan. 16 event at Burlington

h. Advocacy – John Womeldorff

John submitted a written advocacy report. John, as well as advocacy chairs from the other 5 KMEA districts, will be invited to the August State KMEA board meeting in Wichita for a special meeting with John Taylor, executive director of KMEA

i. Mentorship – Gae Phillips

Gae submitted a written report. All district websites should have a link to the mentoring handbook that is currently posted on the state KMEA website. Each district mentoring chair will be responsible for obtaining a list of new hires and/or first year teachers within their district and assign a mentor to that teacher. Each district will host a district New Teacher Workshop for new teachers. Workshop to be held preferably

at the first of the school year. Starting in July of this year an e-newsletter will be sent containing various topics of interest to first year teachers. Please let Gae know if you want to sign up as a mentor or mentee. Let Gae know of any new music teachers.

j. Webmaster – **Troy Johnson has started the new site – it looks great**

V. Events for 2009-2010

a. Nov. 7 – Chanute – **District auditions for band, choir, and jazz band**

b. Dec. 3 – PSU – **District Jazz Band Day w/ PSU Jazz Band**

c. Dec. 5 – Altamont – **SE KMEA District Mini-Convention and Honor Band, Honor Choir, and Honor Orchestra (paper auditions for orchestra)**

d. Jan. 9 – Salina (**state live instrumental auditions**)

e. Jan. 16 – Burlington – **MS/Elementary Honor Groups**

VI. Old Business

a. December Concert at 4:30PM – **no change**

b. Honor Jazz Band performs on PSU concert – **no change – this will be an all-day event on Thursday, December 3**

c. No orchestra on district audition day – **there will be no orchestra event on district audition day**

d. District Choir auditions now consist of all 3 state excerpts – **no change**

e. District Band auditions consist of one C.T. Smith etude and a cut from the State audition excerpts – selected by HS Band Chair – see SWK KMEA site – **no change – decided to post cut on SE KMEA website one week prior to auditions**

f. Organized student activities on Nov. audition day? **Russ Vallier and James Kelso will begin planning for either organized non-musical activities and/or sectional rehearsals**

g. Fees are now \$4 for Nov. auditions and \$4 for January MS/Elem. Event

h. Dec. fee is \$5 per student – **no changes at this time**

VII. New Business

- **Russ Vallier made a motion that we have a grand finale piece that could be performed by choir, band, and orchestra, with the orchestra in the pit, the band on stage, (band would be last on program), and the choir in the audience area. The piece would be commissioned but would be easy enough to require minimal rehearsal time. The motion was seconded by Larry Lillard. This motion was tabled pending further research.**

- **Russ Vallier made a motion to increase SE KMEA clinician fees by 125.00 across the board. The motion was seconded by Jeff Russell and tabled,**

pending Ray contacting other district presidents to find out what they pay their clinicians.

- a. Nominations for District Outstanding Educators
 - **No nominations were made – Ray will put open this up to the entire district by putting a call for nominations on the SE KMEA website.**
- b. Nominations for Outstanding Administrator
 - **Russ Vallier nominated Chanute High School principal Kent Wire**
- c. Hall of Fame nominations? – due July 1
 - **No nominations were submitted. Ray plans to have a call for nominations posted on the SE KMEA website.**
- d. Discussion of district and state audition procedures

VIII. other items

- **There was considerable discussion regarding KSHSAA issues. Russ expressed a desire to find ways to make KSHSAA large group less competitive and expressed concern about the decline in the number of schools participating in KSHSAA Large Group event in SEK. Jeff expressed concern regarding inconsistency of judges comments.**
- **There was no consensus on the board regarding the use of SmartMusic accompaniment at KSHSAA regional and state solo events.**
- **There was a consensus to allow the use of adult professional instrumentalists at KSHSAA large group for choirs.**
- **There was a consensus that freshmen should be allowed to audition for and perform at the State KMEA ISW.**

- a. Convention schedule and line-up
- b. KMR
 - i. Encourage people to submit articles
 - ii. Things we'd like to see?
- c. Continue online elections of pres-elect?
- d. Possibilities for professional development at mini-convention?
- e. Use of District Audition Day for other activities

IX. Adjourn

John Womeldorff moved that we adjourn. Russ Vallier seconded. Ray reminded everyone to get their board books from previous chairs and read them.

Fees for events

November Auditions - \$4 per student

December District Honor Groups - \$4 per student

January Middle School/Elementary Honor Groups participation fee - \$4 per student

Fees for December Concert Admission

\$3 for adults, \$1 for students

Fees for Clinicians and Accompanists

Jazz Clinician (December) - \$275.00

December Band, Choir, and Orchestra Clinicians – 375.00 each

December accompanist - \$125.00

January Clinicians - \$275.00 each

January accompanist – 100.00

Other Fees

Webmaster - \$325.00

Executive Secretary - \$375.00

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2009-2010 District Events

Saturday, November 7, 2009 - Meetings and Auditions for HS District Honor Band and HS District Honor Choir at Chanute High School

Thursday, December 3 – SEK KMEA District Honor Jazz Band in concert with PSU Jazz Band

Saturday, December 5 – District Mini-Convention: District Honor Choir, Honor Band, and Honor Orchestra Concert – Labette County High School

Saturday, January 16, 2010 – District Honor Middle Level Choir and Elementary Choir – Burlington High School