

Southeast District, KMEA
Meeting Agenda and Minutes

June 11, 2010

11AM

Chanute Country Club

Type of Meeting: Board meeting of the SE District, KMEA

Meeting Facilitator: Ray Essington, District President

Invitees: Officers and Chairs

- I. Call to Order – Welcome – Introductions
- II. President's Report – Essington
- III. Financial Report – McCarty – financial report reflects that the SE district is in excellent shape with a **current overall balance of \$7454.11** – report may be viewed online at <http://www.ksmea.org/se> Gary expressed concern that there are still **outstanding fees totaling over 80.00** and also cautioned that some clinician expenses were rather high for last year.
- IV. Reports from Chairs
 - A. HS Choral – Russ Vallier – last year, 385 auditioned, 157 made the district choir, and 27 schools participated. **Rager Moore of the University of Arkansas will be the clinician for December 2010.** Russ would like to add 2 more judges per room for auditions for a total of 5 choir judges per room, and throw out the high and low scores. The board will entertain a motion to this effect. New location is needed for November auditions - Parsons High School is a possibility
 - B. HS Band – Willey Abati – Willey had to miss today's meeting and will get a report to us later
 - C. HS Jazz – Larry Lillard – **Gary Ziek from ESU will be the clinician** for our December 2010 event. Larry would like to see us give an award for one student from each SEKMEA honor group who distinguishes him/herself throughout the event. The board will entertain a motion regarding this.
 - D. HS/MS Orchestra – Faye Millen – **Jane Williams of Ft. Scott has retired. We will certainly miss Jane, who has been an outstanding teacher in the SE district of KMEA for many years. She has built an excellent program at Ft. Scott, and her program has achieved many honors, including appearance at the KMEA State Convention. October Mass HS Orchestra event** may happen this year (SE orchestra teachers will be the directors) and live auditions may occur at this time – otherwise, paper auditions will continue, and will be submitted on Saturday, November 6, when choir, band, and jazz band district auditions will take place. **Dr. Mark Laycock** will be this year's December clinician and music selections have already been made – **February date for Mass MS Festival** (65 students participated in this at Ft. Scott on a weekday last year. **Riverton has volunteered to host** this year) – Faye voiced **concerns about Pittsburg school orchestra program** not being supported – currently one director has the responsibility for both the band and orchestra at Pittsburg. Faye would like to see a 1234A String Orchestra at

the state KMEA convention. Faye reports that 27 students participated in last year's district honor orchestra and that one student from SE district was named to the State Festival Orchestra (3 SE district students auditioned). 4 SE schools and 65 students participated in the Middle School Mass Orchestra event on March 5, 2010 at Ft. Scott Middle School.

- E. MS Choral – Pam McDaniel – no clinician yet, but several possibilities are listed. **MS Honor Choir online registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 12.** Pam reports that last year's Middle School Honor Choir at Burlington included 154 students (54 sopranos, 52 altos, and 48 baritones), with 27 schools participating. She reports that Dr. Terry Crull, clinician, was "personable and dynamic, well-liked by the students".
 - F. MS Band – Jeff Russell – set the **MS Honor Band online registration deadline as Oct. 15.** Suggestions included using director name tags, student name tags, student name tags in large letters on back of music stands for easy viewing by the conductor – makeup of **band will be 7th and 8th graders**, not just 8th graders. Ray will get word to Troy Johnson that we are making this a 7th and 8th grade band and that the online form should specify that – sectional rehearsals might be good (run by directors – directors would specify their primary instrument on the registration form) – music will be handed to directors at the November high school audition day. Jeff voiced concern that some students were "sight-reading" on the MS Honor Band day and ideas were discussed regarding how to convince directors to prepare their students more thoroughly. Russ suggested "spot-checks" in rehearsal and to let directors know this will happen – **Dean Davison of Louisberg will be Clinician next year** for the January 2011 MS Honor Band event.
 - G. Elementary – Allison Russell – 19 directors, 17 schools, 143 5th and 6th grade singers in the Elementary Honor Choir last January. **Karen Sims of Maize did an exceptional job working** with the group.
 - H. Advocacy – John Womeldorff – John was not in attendance
 - I. Mentorship – Gae Phillips – No date yet for new teacher meeting, but it will be in Columbus during early to mid-September.
 - J. Webmaster – Troy Johnson
- V. Events for 2010 – 2011
- A. September ? – Meeting for new SE teachers
 - B. Friday, October 15 – deadline to register students for:**
 - SE KMEA Middle School Honor Band
 - choral – **district and state** KMEA choir
 - KMEA district honor band
 - KMEA district honor orchestra
 - KMEA district honor jazz band
 - C. Saturday, November 6 – District auditions for HS band, choir, and jazz band – paper auditions due for SE HS orchestra, with meeting beginning

at 10AM – need to discuss host school – options for hosting are Parsons, Garnett, Iola, and Yates Center

- D. **Friday, Nov. 12 – deadline** to register students for MS Honor Choir and Elem. Honor Choir
 - E. Thursday, December 2 – HS Honor Jazz Band @ Pittsburg – begin @ 9AM – concert will be @ 7PM along with the PSU Jazz Ensembles
 - F. Saturday, December 4 – HS Band, Choir, and Orchestra @ Altamont (need to confirm host school) – contact person is Rhonda Harrison
 - G. Saturday, January 8 – State Instrumental Live Auditions @ Salina
 - H. Saturday, January 15 – SE KMEA Middle/Elementary Honor Groups @ Ft. Scott, or discuss host school
 - I. Saturday, January 15 – contingency date for KMEA state live instrumental auditions @ Salina
- VI. Old Business
- A. Any changes in December 4:30PM concert time? NO
 - B. No orchestra event on audition day CONTINUE THIS
 - C. Honor jazz w/ PSU – all day – begins @ 9AM YES
 - D. District Choral auditions all 3 excerpts YES
 - E. District Band audition cuts – one C.T. Smith etude and a cut from the State audition excerpts PENDING WILLEY
 - F. Organized student activities at HS auditions YES
 - G. Fees are now \$4 for Nov. auditions and \$4 for Jan. event, but \$5 for December event KEEP SAME
 - H. Grand finale piece? NO
 - I. Clinician fees are now increased – try to limit travel and hotel costs, please
- VII. New Business
- A. SE District Outstanding Educator nominations – Dan Wooge, Burlington HS – Mark Gard, Coffeyville MS and HS, vocal music – Bonnie Kubacka, elementary, Anderson Co. USD 365 - nominations remain open at this time
 - B. Honor Administrator nominees – Jim Lambert, Fredonia High School – Kenny Kellstadt of Anderson Co. HS – nominations remain open at this time
 - C. Hall of Fame nominations – some names were discussed
 - D. District and State audition procedures
 - E. New SE District music teachers and current vacancies – update SE District database
- VIII. Other items
- a. ISW schedule and lineup
 - b. KMR
 - c. Possibilities for professional development at December event
- IX. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn was made at 1:45 by Gary and seconded by Jeff

SE KMEA FEES

November Auditions

\$4 per student – school owes for all registered students, regardless of cancellations

December High School Honor Group Events – jazz band, choir, band, orchestra

\$5 per student – school owes for all registered students, regardless of attendance

January Middle School/Elementary School Honor Group Event

\$4 per student – school owes for all registered students, regardless of cancellations

Fees for December Concert Admission

\$3 for adults, \$1 for students

Fees for Clinicians (increased by 100.00 from 2009)

Jazz Clinician (December) – increased from 375.00 to 475.00 at June 2010 meeting

December Band, Choir, and Orchestra Clinicians – 475.00 each

January Clinicians – 375.00 each

Accompanist fees remain @ 125.00 for December and 100.00 each for January

Paid Staff

Webmaster - \$325.00 annually

Exec. Sec. - \$375.00 annually

Motions:

1. Jeff moved that the choral chair has discretion to change judging procedures and judging personnel, after clarification of who is eligible to judge, for choral auditions in November. Motion seconded by Larry. PASSED
2. Larry moved to raise honor jazz clinician honorarium by 100.00 to make it same as other HS clinicians. Motion seconded by Pam. PASSED
3. All student registrations for SEKMEA online, including jazz and orchestra
NO VOTE
4. Russ moved that directors are prohibited from registering students for any SEKMEA events as long as they have any outstanding SEKMEA fees as of Oct. 15. Motion seconded by Jeff. PASSED
5. Contracts for clinicians – Ray will draft a contract template and get it to Gary – Gary will mail them to clinicians – chairs make sure you let Gary know mailing addresses
6. Clinician and chair decide on one outstanding student for each honor group – what are the criteria? TABLED
7. Honor seniors who have been 4-year honor group members – medallion
ONLINE POLL

Change number of printed programs for Dec. and Jan. honor events from 1000 to 600

DISCRETION OF DISTRICT PRESIDENT

New SEK music teachers –

1. Ft. Scott orchestra – Cory Toll, KSU grad
2. New vocal music instructor at LCHS

3. Randy Blackwell new at Oswego – band and vocal
4. Yates Center – new band/vocal person – Ben and Marcia Bricker will take the place of Melody Adwell
5. New band director at Central Heights
6. St. Paul/Chetopa has a new teacher replacing Lewis Hundley
7. Matt Fischer and Theresa are now at Fredonia High School

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
Ray Essington
SE KMEA District President
Monday, June 14, 2010