

**SE KMEA Summer Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 14, 2013**  
**Chanute, KS**

The SE District held their annual summer board meeting at Benchwarmers Restaurant, Chanute, KS on Friday, June 14. The meeting was called to order and facilitated by Mark Gard, SE District President.

**President's Report**

Mark Gard reported on the following information from the state KMEA board meeting that was held June 7 and 8 at Friends University, Wichita.

- Avian Bear, President of KMEA, and the Strategic Plan developed for 2013-2015.
- Dr. Steve Oare, WSU, is the new editor for Kansas Music Review (KMR) Online.
- KSHSAA is currently developing an online rules meeting for music directors. Music is currently the only KSHSAA activity that does not have a rules meeting set up.
- NAFME President Nancy Dittmer and Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser will both be in attendance at the KMEA ISW in February 2014. Rehearsal venues will be the same as last year but performance order will change.
- NAFME dues will increase next year \$3 but state dues will stay the same.
- It was voted that KMEA NE District will split into two separate districts. This will not be immediate but will only happen after much study and research.
- A Rolodex for all music teachers in the state is being developed by KMEA webmaster Troy Johnson and will hopefully be operational by the beginning of the school year.
- The KMEA fund has reached its goal in 5 years instead of 10. It has been used to help fund scholarships and will now start helping with research. Everyone is encouraged to contribute to the fund.
- It was voted that there will be a Special Needs position added to the Advisory Board.
- It was voted to adopt a KMEA Web Permission form for videos, etc. on the KMEA website.
- There is interest within KMEA and KSHSAA to have a jazz band festival like large group festival but more discussion is needed.
- District Dates for 2013-14

**Reports**

Reports were given by the business manager and all of the chairs in attendance.

- Gary McCarty, Business Manager – It would be good to have enough money in our account to cover one year of district expenses and we are currently \$3000 under that figure right now. We need to increase our income and decrease our expenses. Could we use more local clinicians? We need to push t-shirt and plaque sales at all performance because we do get some money back? Or should we go with a different vendor? To help with bookkeeping, directors should use the online invoice generator for participating students and email Gary copies.

**Penalty for Outstanding Balances:**

- Balances are considered late if they are not paid by the day of the event.

- A final overdue reminder will be sent to the director on February 15.
- The next reminder will be sent to the school's board and/or administration.
- If payment has not been received by March 15, there will be a \$100 penalty assessed against that school.
- It was decided in 2010 that directors will be prohibited from registering students for any SEKMEA events as long as they have any outstanding SEKMEA fees as of October 15.
- Scott Allison, HS Choral – Clinician will be Dr. Carol Krueger from ESU. Auditions will be handled the same as last year. Gary requested to know in advance if there will be extra musicians needing reimbursement.
- Robert Walker, HS Band – Plans still in process.
- Cooper Neil, HS Orchestra – Not present but clinician will be Ken Hakoda from Kansas Wesleyan.
- Christine Lovell, HS Jazz – Clinician will be T. Polle from Tahlequah. Concert will be November 21 at Pittsburg Memorial Hall in connection with PSU. It has been encouraged that any band director submit students for the jazz band, regardless of whether or not they have a jazz band program. Will check about jazz band registration being done online.
- Theresa Fischer, MS Choral – Plans still in process.
- Jayme Malsom, MS Band – Clinician will be Dr. Phillip Payne from KSU. Discussion about auditions for percussionist and those will be done by CD.
- Jeanne Hoover, Elementary Choral – Plans still in process.
- Christa Weber and John Womeldorff, Advocacy – Reported on the state advocacy meeting held at Friends in Wichita on June 7. Currently working on building state advocacy webpage with resources. A survey for individual music teachers is being developed dealing with job satisfaction. Emphasized that one of the best things that we can do is to maintain high quality programs. Each school district should still submit two high profile names from their community for the High Profile Advocacy Network.

### **Old Business**

- Still working on finding a new business manager for when Gary McCarty retires at the end of the 2013-14 school year. One person has been approached but more names are still being requested.
- All of our venues will be the same for next year: Parsons HS for November live auditions, Labette County HS for December event, and Chanute HS for January event. All sites should have a Certificate of Insurance from KMEA.

### **New Business**

- **Outstanding Educator Nominations** – The following were nominated as outstanding SE KMEA Educators and they will be contacted for their bios and photos. Information must be turned into the state board by October 1.
  - Elementary – Rebecca Logan, Cherokee USD 247
  - Middle Level – Rhonda Harrison, Labette County USD 506
  - High School – Gae Phillips, Columbus USD 493
  - Administrator – One administrator is in the process of being nominated
  - Hall of Fame – Several names were put forth for the Hall of Fame and will need follow up.

- **SE KMEA Director Database** - The database of director contact information was reviewed. Information was exchanged on new hires and vacancies throughout the SE district.
- **Website / Guidebooks** – Guidebooks for all of the officers have largely not been updated since 2006. This year it would be good to get all information updated and put on our website.
- **Supervision** – There has been an issue with at least one director sending students to district events without an adult sponsor. We would like to make it policy that for a student to participate in a district event, there must be an adult sponsor. If the director isn't present then there should be an adult with a letter from the district stating that they are the district's representative. Piano festivals have that policy already in place.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by  
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SE KMEA District President