

MINUTES of the Southeast KMEA Board Meeting

July 2, 2021, 2:00 P.M.

Sharky's Pub and Grub, Ft. Scott, KS

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. 2021-2022 SEKMEA Events/Locations

- Saturday, Nov 6: SEKMEA High School Honor Group Auditions
 - Independence Community College, Independence, KS
- Wednesday, Nov 17: SEKMEA High School Jazz Band Clinic and Concert
 - Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS
- Saturday, Dec 4: SEKMEA Mini-Convention
 - High School Band, Choir, and Orchestra Clinic and Concert
 - Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS
- Saturday, Jan 15: SEKMEA Mini-Convention
 - Middle School Band, Choir, and Elementary Choir Clinic and Concert
 - Chanute High School, Chanute, KS (pending)

3. Special Guests, if any - **None**

4. Reports (Verbal)

- Executive Director – Alan Paxson
 - Whistle Blower/Conflict of Interest
 - Financial Report
- Vice President—Andrea Dinkel
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- President-Elect—Aaron Burke shared that the data given from SEKMEA helped give a new position in the Parsons School District
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- President—Megan Gabehart (News from State Board Meeting)
 - Update from KSHSAA
 - COVID KMEA and KSHSAA are happy with the structures the state and teachers made with mitigation.
 - Show Choir can now be ranked
 - 2nd All-State String Group
 - 12A Honor Band – not all-state
 - All-State Choir Formula not applied this year numbers will reflect from 2019
 - KMEA and KMTA

- 2022 ISW
 - Welcome Back Gala Thursday afternoon will start with a large clinic instead of just sessions starting.
- Strategic Plan 5 points to the strategic plan include access to music, student involvement in ISW, Professional development, middle level music offerings at ISW, and advocacy.
- Redesign KMEA is aware of changes in schools and is curious and willing to help if you need advocacy for your program.
- Elementary Choir—Cindy Rucker
 - Janie Brokenicky will be the Clinician
- MS Choir—Breana Clark
 - not in attendance today
- MS Band—Felicia Graves
 - Michael Oglesby will be the Clinician
- HS Choir—Meredith Reid
 - Dr. Jeffery Murdock, just won the Grammy Music Ed award, Aaron Burke will host a prep day in september at PHS
- HS Band—Brad Harzman
 - not in attendance, but gave his report
- HS Jazz—Neva Rowland
 - working on getting someone
- HS Orchestra—Carson Felt
 - Dr. Lacock Wichita State - Parsons plans to do another prep day for orchestra. Trying to get easier music
- Mentoring/Advocacy—Mary Jo Harper
 - Hey y'all. 6 empty jobs in SE ks, only 2 are still listed.
- Webmaster—Troy Johnson (via Zoom)
 - Making sure email groups for sending rights are in place. Get clinician profiles into Troy ASAP as possible. Some fees are still unpaid for last year at the state level, so please check as soon as you can and make sure your fees from 2020-2021 were paid. Go to members account and update your profile!

5. Old Business

- Email communication for officers—Reply All, C.C., and umbrella aliases
- No deviation from district policy (i.e. audition deadlines)

6. Ideas for discussion **May require motions

- State Live Auditions for Band – Scales talk about changes that could be made, but we are pro scale as a district board it seems. Scales should reflect the literature.
- State Band – total percussion audition makes sense at the state level but not at our district level.
- Chair-Elect Positions for MS Choir and Elementary Choir Aaron Burke made the motion to start these positions starting the next election cycle. Felicia Graves seconded. Passed unanimously.
- GoogleDrive account for district LET'S DO IT Neva Rowland made a motion to allow chair access to folders for the data below, which will allow updating and organization. Carson Felt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Folder for each ensemble
 - List of past clinicians
 - List of past literature
 - Position guidelines

Our SEKMEA Officers are:

Executive Director: Alan Paxson, Chetopa
 President: Megan Gabehart, Labette County
 President-Elect: Aaron Burke, Parsons
 Vice-President: Andrea Dinkel, Galena
 HS Orchestra Chair: Carson Felt, Fort Scott
 HS Orchestra Chair-Elect: Amelia Markley, Riverton
 HS Jazz Chair: Neva Rowland, Uniontown
 HS Jazz Chair-Elect: Andrea Dinkel, Galena
 HS Band Chair: Brad Harzman, Lebo
 HS Band Chair-Elect: Cooper Neil, Pittsburg
 HS Choir Chair: Meredith Reid, Girard
 HS Choir Chair-Elect: Theresa Fischer, Fredonia
 MS Band Chair: Felicia Graves, Frontenac
 MS Band Chair-Elect: Quinton Bockhold, Neodesha
 MS Choir Chair: Breana Clark, Riverton
 Elementary Choir Chair: Cindy Rucker, Labette County
 Mentor Chair: Mary Jo Harper, Fort Scott
 Advocacy Chair: Mary Jo Harper, Fort Scott
 Webmaster: Troy Johnson