

MSBOA District 2 Fall Meeting  
City Park Grill - Petoskey, MI  
Tuesday, September 13, 2011

In Attendance:

J. Smercina - Onaway	R. Dudd - CTAC
P. DeSimone - Pellston	R. LaVictoire - St. Mary in Gaylord
R. Brand - Inland Lakes	B. Carter - Gaylord MS
E. Morgan - Suttons Bay	B. Ivie - Boyne City
A. Jones - TC West SHS	A. Hendry - Central Lake & Ellsworth
P. Deneen - TC East MS	A. Dunham - Cheboygan
D. Hester - TC Central SHS	B. Bennett - Petoskey
D. Wilson - Frankfort	D. Willson - Concord Academy
M. Eagan - Benzie Central	Petoskey
K. Nieman - Johannesburg-Lewiston	C. Brien - Petoskey
D. McKeon - Elk Rapids	P. Ryan - Petoskey
T. Clair - Kingsley	P. Ruddy - Harbor Springs
P. Jarve - Gaylord	T. Golden - Bellaire
J. Bennett - Charlevoix	A. Hendry - East Jordan
M. Bishop - Grayling	J. Tippet - Mancelona
C. Chissus - Kalkaska	

Meeting called to order at 6:38pm by Adam Hendry

Secretary's Report (Jenny Smercina)

- please see me if you have any updated information, especially if you are a new director in the District

Motion to accept - Ryan

Second - Deneen

Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report (Tom Clair)

- Detailed packet of report distributed at meeting
- Current balance of \$14,570.43. Had a *profit* of \$756.37
- Make sure you give any bills and voucher forms to Tom as soon as possible

Motion to accept: Dunham

Second: Ryan

Discussion.

Motion approved.

Band & Orchestra Report (Tom Golden)

- number of band participation at B&O is dropping; only had 60-65 participate this year (average of 15 bands per site, per weekend)
- planning to cut music costs by going to only one sight-reading piece instead of two; which will help us break even or gain profit in our finances
- make sure to register on [www.msboa.org](http://www.msboa.org)
- we are keeping the same fees as last year and will re-evaluate after this year
- our district owns *two* digital recorders for use by directors in our district - Pat Brumbaugh has them, contact her if you would like to use them

Motion to Accept: Dunham

Second: Al. Hendry

Discussion.

Motion approved.

#### Solo & Ensemble Report

- No formal report
- nominations will be open this evening for S&E Chair
- deadlines for HS S&E registration are *FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2*.
- You may deliver your fees at HS Honors Band weekend
- deadline for MS S&E is *FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24*
- REMINDER: please only send *one check* from your school district or booster group

Motion to accept: Golden

Second: Ryan

Discussion.

Motion approved.

#### Adjudication Report (Barry Bennett)

- All judges have been hired
- While all are entitled to their option, *please* keep your Adjudicator Rating forms as *professional as possible!*

Motion to accept: Dunham

Second: Brand

Discussion : Send Adjudicator and Site Rating forms to Barry (for District Festival), or to state office (for State Festival)

Motion approved.

#### Marching Band & Jazz Reports (Pat Brumbaugh)

- No formal report
- Registration form distributed at meeting; must be filled out and FAXED if you plan on participating at Thirlby
- Thirlby Expo is on *MONDAY, OCTOBER 10*.
- If you are planning on taking your band, *please FAX* the form distributed to Pat Brumbaugh (contact information on form) *BY SEPTEMBER 19, 2011*
- Registration fee of \$50.00 is due by *TUESDAY, SEPT 27*

Motion to accept: Jarve

Second: Golden

Discussion.

Motion approved.

#### Strings Report (Ann-Marie Jones)

- Pink handout distributed at meeting with report in more detail
- All-State Orchestra excerpts are available online; print quality & size issues will be remedied
- There will be an All-State Teacher Orchestra at MMEC this year
- Mid-Level String Clinics are October 15 and October 22; deadline for application is *September 22*.
- Possible organization of string clinic for middle school students in Northern Michigan
- Alternative Styles Day - *November 12* at MSU. Applications need to be postmarked by *October 3*.
- New Music Reading Session is *September 17* at Plymouth-Canton Phase III
- Proficiency Requirements for Scales have changed and will be reviewed once again in January

Motion to accept: Deneen

Second: DeSimone

Discussion.

Motion approved.

#### High School Honors Band (Alison Hendry)

- Packet distributed at meeting with information and materials; any questions contact Alison
- Conductor will be Chris Blackmer, Director of Bands at Grand Ledge HS
- Taped auditions are still allowed if the students are unable to audition live due to a *school conflict (game or other major event)*

- Contact Alison if you are mailing in an audition so she may give you the sight-reading; please notify her what type of media you will be using
- Any recorded auditions MUST include a copy of sight-reading music with the excerpt used clearly marked

Motion to accept: Dunham

Second: Golden

Discussion:

- The event will most likely be hosted in Suttons Bay once again (Emily Morgan will confirm)
- If you send a student to Honors Band, you also need to work at Honors Band

Motion approved.

#### Middle School Honors Band

- no formal report
- Nominations for chair will be held this evening

Motion to accept: Ryan

Second: Wilson

Motion approved.

#### Medals Report (Patrick Ryan)

- If you haven't picked up your medals yet, please do so!
- Hold on to the blue & white slips so that it is easier to count your medals
- Count what you have laying around so that we don't need to have a surplus laying around

Motion to accept: Golden

Second: Dunham

Motion approved.

#### Music Education Report (Jessica Tippet)

- The Advocacy Committee in the State Office has been working hard
- Check out "Government Affairs" section under the Members tab on the MSBOA site
- MSBOA has hired a marketing firm to help advertise and advocate for the association
- Check out the "Advocacy" tab as well for information to distribute to parents, administrators, etc.
- Academic Advocacy: programs such as Save the Music and Save Our Schools are great resources

Motion to accept: Golden

Second: DeSimone

Motion approved.

#### Festival Improvement Report (Rich Brand)

- Committee has voted to unify tempos for all scale proficiencies; has been send to state office for vote/approval
- There are *several* errors in the green Handbook being mailed to you; please access information through the PDF file on the website - everything there is correct
- If you have any contact information updates, please email them to Rich and they will be posted/corrected on the District 2 website

Motion to accept: Dunham

Second: Ryan

Motion approved.

#### President's Report (Adam Hendry)

- 2011-2012 District 2 calendar distributed at meeting; all dates have been confirmed
- We got our first choices for Festival weekends this year; please keep in mind that next year will may not be as lucky
- Proposed Rubrics for B&O Festival Ratings at Concert Performance distributed to meeting
  - o goal is to clarify rating system so that administrators, parents, students, teachers, have a better understanding of results

- will apply to 2012-2013 school year if passed
- judges will need to be retrained
- no pilot program planned as of yet; possibly in District 3
- suggested changes to proposal should be emailed to Adam ASAP so that he can get them to the Committee in a timely matter
- Marching Band and Solo&Ensemble rubrics will be up for clarification soon
- Survey of Music Programs will be coming out after January
- Memorandum from Governor passed to membership as 'food for thought'
- Sample Teacher Evaluation passed to membership as 'food for thought' as teacher evaluations have changed statewide
- Only one sight-reading piece will be used at B&O Festival this year, with 5 minutes to discuss the piece before performance
- Yearbook is coming out in the mail; as Rich said earlier in his report, there are errors so the website version is better to use

Motion to accept: Brand

Second: Dunham

Discussion

Motion approved.

#### Old Business

- Adam Hendry moves nominations for open chairs
- Paul DeSimone - Solo & Ensemble Chair
- Pete Deneen - Middle School Honors Band Chair
- Motion approved.

#### New Business

- Mike Eagan
  - Please consider attending the conference in January, it is a great resource
  - The Futures Committee has a document coming out that contains fantastic information for MSBOA members
- Adam Hendry
  - If you teach in the Char-Em ISD, HS Honors Band audition day is on a professional development day; please notify your administration
- Alison Hendry
  - her Masters' project has been published, re: great literature and accommodations for small bands - great resource, check it out!

Motion to adjourn: Golden

Motion to accept: Brand

Motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Smercina  
MSBOA District 2 Secretary