

Chinook Music Educators Association Minutes Spring 2017

General Meeting

Tuesday May 16, 2017 5:45pm River's Edge, Tumwater

- Welcome and Introductions Peter Klinzman current president, Rachel Landowski, Secretary, Darren Johnson treasurer, Dan Lundberg past president, Andrew Landowski president elect (absent for elementary concert) Eric Curley, Maggie Curley, Jessica Ewing, Emma Eliason, Randy Grostick, Ben McDonald, Chip Schooler, Tim Henderson, Lisa Pearson, Josh Keeling, Annie Daulton, Katherine Sartori, Greg Allison, Travis Sipher, Leah Dowers, Kim Brumbaugh, Caitlyn VanZee, Stephanie Bivens, Jerry Huff, Stacy Brown, Nadine Bozeman, Grant Sears, Austin Schlichting, Joe Sokolik, Jennifer Lyne, John Welsh, MaryJo Rydholm

Old Business

- Approve Fall Meeting Minutes, Austin Schlichting move to approve, second by Joe Sokolik
- Festival Dates/Chairs

High School Instrumental Solo/Ens January 27 Olympia HS Joseph Dyvig/Erik Curley

High School/Middle School Vocal Solo/Ens February 3 Terry Shaw Timberline High School

HS/MS Jazz Band February 13 Andrew Landowski Black Hills HS

HS Orchestra Large Group March 7 Dan Lundberg Capital HS

MS Orchestra Large Group March 9 Joe Sokolik, Dr. Lyne North Thurston High School

HS Choral Large Group March 15/16 Dan Schwartz SPSCC, thank you Mr. Schooler

HS Band Large Group March 21/22 Peter Klinzman set-up, North Thurston High School

MS Solo/Ensemble March 24 Jennifer Marin Griffin MS

MS Band Large Group April 19/20 Jerry Huff SPSCC

MS Choral Large Group April 26/27 (tentative) Amanda Hermann, Mt. View Nazarene Church

- Scheduling issue with testing: Could we move it to week of April 16 if we stagger it earlier in the week from the band? What about Feb. 26-March 2? Discuss
- Order Dinner

New Business

- Treasurer's Report and Approval-
Festival Policy regarding payment/refunds for late cancellation- whatever you owe on a festival on the registration deadline, that is what you owe- whether or

not you go to the festival, in all fairness this makes it a lot easier to collect funds accurately.

Late additions are not a problem, just e-mail the festival manager.

This is a transition year and we have a lot of information from our former treasurer Maria Hoffman. We now have digitized all of our records and doing a yearly internal audit. As of today we have more than 50% of our registration fees paid. The electronic payment system has made it a lot easier. We generate automated invoices that can be paid electronically with credit cards. This is important because it is really difficult to get payments to go all the way through when using checks/PO's. Even if the teacher has done all of the right procedures, payments are still being dropped by district personnel. Please pay before kids perform at the event that you're registered for, registration is due a month before which gives plenty of time for payment to be rendered. A week ago, we had \$7500.00 in unpaid registrations, which we (the board) have had to run down.

Delinquent schools at the time of this meeting: Elma HS Band, Jefferson MS Choir, North Beach MS Band, North Beach HS Choir, Olympic MS Band, Ridgeline MS Band, Shelton HS, Yelm MS Band

Festival Costs- we are \$1600.00 in the red this year on festival costs, we need to make sure we don't lose money every year. We do have some money in reserve, but fiscal responsibility dictates that we have a year's operating budget which we do not.

Other expenses besides festivals: \$528.89 credit card processing fees, upstart on electronic payment system, website domain \$265

Other notable expenses: \$4500.00 in mileage reimbursement for festival judges, while we want to bring in the best people we can, can we try to keep judges closer if possible?

In order to recoup losses we could add \$10 to each group for large group or \$5 to each entry for solo and ensemble

There was a lot of discussion regarding the expense of solo and ensemble and adding \$5 to every fee, but ultimately the large group increase determined to be more equitable MaryJo: motion change the fee for large group from \$175 to \$185 instead of solo and ensemble increase Eric: second large group fee increase motion passes

- Retirement- Anna Garrett at Reeves middle school express by proxy her thanks to all of her friends for their support and kindness over the years, some discussion of Anna teaching bassoon. Her replacement Mary Patrice Lins from Kent has been hired. Dr. Jennifer Lyne after 44 years teaching and 20 at Komachin MS, Brent Pearson also resigning, Genevieve Schooler taking over for Dr. Lyne and Rebecca Gage for Brent Pearson
- John Welsh: SOGO concert this weekend 4pm, auditions for 2017-18 season next week
- Awards

1. WMEA Regional Outstanding Music Educator Dan Schwartz, Cherie Kelley, Joe Dyvig, Marie Williams, Darren Johnson, Maria Hoffman tied between Dan Schwartz and Darren Johnson with 9 votes each run-off election in the fall between these two candidates

2. WMEA Regional Friend of Music Mitch Thompson- music at Tumwater Public Schools, Bob Ray general support for kids in the area, Karen Eitrem DO music at North Thurston Public Schools, Heidi Jones assistant DO music at North Thurston, Brian Wharton- Superintendent Yelm public schools Robert Ray wins with 10 votes
Announcements: Greg Allison, brochures for a summer day camp for instrumental music
Randy: dates are current on the website Peter: all are encouraged to sign up for festivals early and pay on time

Fall Meeting October 3- on website

WMEA Music Educator of the year: Elementary, Middle School, High School please e-mail to Peter Klinzman and include a write-up, google doc for voting will go out after nominating is completed, please by the time school is out

Dan: middle school choir please look at choirs for adjustment of festival if necessary
Austin Schlichting move to adjourn Joe Sokolik second