

Chinook Music Educators Association

Fall Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 1, 2012

West Olympia Olive Garden

Attendance: Marci Elefritz, Grant Sears, Maria Hoffman, Dan Lundberg, Ryan Hennessy, Alan Fuller, Joe Dyvig, Harmony Young, Greg Allison, Katherine Sartori, Jennifer Sagerser, Randy Grostick, Roger White, Kim Walker, Bree Yancey, Scott Pierson, Bryan Miles, Erik Curley, Maggie Ryan, Kelley Morgan, Chip Schooler, Cindy Dinsmore, Cal Anderson, Joe Sokolik, Aaron Zassenhaus

Call to order 5:36 by President Grant Sears.
Introductions & personal updates were made.

Approval of Spring Meeting and Board Meeting minutes – Grant Sears

Marci pointed out error on the Webmaster stipend recommendation from the Board Meeting minutes – change from \$300 to \$275.

Dan Lundberg moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Maria Hoffman. All approved.

Treasurer's Report – Maria Hoffman

Maria clarified that “Administrative cost” refers to all expenses outside of adjudicator stipends and festival fees. All festivals made money last year!

Greg Allison moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Scott Pierson. All approved.

Festival Dates for next year – Dan Lundberg

Dan announced (on Brent Pearson's behalf) Festival dates for the year, including locations and Festival Chairpersons. (see attached)

Meeting was briefly halted at 5:30 so everyone could order dinner. The meeting resumed at 6:02.

Update on Incorporation with Washington State – Grant Sears

Being incorporated allows us to have more support from WMEA. We will be under the insurance umbrella of WMEA, so we have more coverage. This will also protect the CMEA Board members.

Festival Paperwork – Maria Hoffman

Maria gave out Festival paperwork packets to Festival Chairs. We now will be “hiring” adjudicators as consultants. Festival Chairs need to estimate the number of hours they will spend putting the event together. Chairs also need to have adjudicators provide official documentation of mileage (on the form). All documentation needs to be official and on the forms provided – no emails or notes on napkins!!!

Dan Lundberg suggested we lower Festival registration fees from \$175 to \$150 to help schools with the expense of entering multiple groups. Greg Allison countered with the fact that in the past we needed to raise the fee to “get out of the red”. He reported that businesses with non-profit status need to have at least one full year of operating costs in savings. Grant Sears replied with concerns regarding shrinking budgets and increased responsibility places on individual programs for the fees (district no longer pays registration expenses). Joe Dyvig turned the conversation toward finding another beneficial way to use money we see as surplus, such as an

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Honor Festival at no cost to students. Other suggestions included holding a CMEA inservice, paying for guest teachers so we could observe or shadow each other, and having a coach come in to work with groups. Other ideas were solicited – email Dan Lundberg or Marci Elefritz right away with suggestions, and we'll resume the conversation at the Spring CMEA meeting.

Stipends – Grant Sears

Grant suggested we entertain a motion to raise Festival stipends. We have one of the highest adjudicator stipends in the state, but one of the lowest Chairperson stipends.

Randy Grostick moved to raise Treasurer's stipend to \$500, seconded by Kelley Morgan. All approved; Maria abstained.

Chip Schooler commented that we need to take care of our own people better.

Scott Pierson suggested we raise Webmaster stipend to \$290.

Cal Anderson moved to raise Festival Chair stipends to \$300 and raise Webmaster stipend to \$290, seconded by Joe Sokolick. All approved, Scott abstained.

Music Matters License Plate – Grant Sears

Grant explained how to register your program to receive money from license plates. Teachers can register their program online and label funds to go to a school budget or booster association. A total of \$16.50 of every plate goes back to the identified program. Additional information can be found in the recent copy of Voice or on the WMEA website. Grant also had business cards he shared with us that explained the process.

News for Voice – Grant Sears

Anyone who is taking any trips, hosting special events or has any other news for Voice is asked to contact Grant.

Grant also announced that Arts Time 2013 will take place January 19-20 at Foster High School in Tukwila.

Other – Greg Allison

Greg introduced the idea of starting a POGO (Play On Greater Olympia) pilot program to benefit under-privileged youth in the area by involving them in orchestra programs. There will be a 2013 Youth Symphony Leadership Summit in Olympia on January 21, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. More information will be available closer to January. Greg passed out fliers about the event, and indicated there would be a free lunch!!! Contact Greg for more information.

Our CMEA Spring Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7th, 5:30 pm at the Olympia Olive Garden. Don't forget to add it to your calendar! ... and bring someone who didn't make it to the Fall Meeting!

Greg Allison moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jennifer Sagerser - Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.