

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES – Monday, September 11, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Lanning.

Thanks were given to the Music Center for dinner at the meeting.

Introductions by current and new band directors to the district.

Recognition was given to the new Board Members.

Minutes from February meeting were read and approved. No corrections.

James Daugherty reviewed current treasurer's report. All is well. Motion to accept treasurer's report was made and report was accepted.

James Daugherty is the new District 5 representative to the state NCMEA board, replacing Barry Hearn.

James Daugherty reviewed our district's responsibilities for All-State Honors Band. James also asked anyone that would like to take-over that role, please let him know. Aycock Auditorium will be closed for renovations during the 2007 clinic. Will be held at UNC-CH.

District dues due to James Daugherty by October 15th. After that dues increase from \$15 to \$50.

If you are not on the district Yahoo group www.nwncbandmasters@yahoo.com, let James know.

April 21st – date for solo/ensemble fest at Ronald Reagan High School. Info or questions, contact Phillip Riggs at RRHS. Priggs@wsfcs.k12.nc.us.

March 27-29 – Middle School Festival at Broyhill Civic center in Lenoir. Bill Witcher, event host. Make sure to email and or mail info and questions to Bill's home address and not Hibriten. Judges include:

Leslie Clowes – Charlotte Crestdale Middle School

Danny Davis – Tarboro (maybe)

Jonie Brown – Sight Reading (maybe)

March 20-22 -- High School Fest. Broyhill Civic Center, Lenoir. Kevin Howard, event host
Registration cut-off – Feb. 14 instead of Feb. 1st to give extra time. State bylaws, if you choose not to come, money cannot be refunded less than 30 days prior to fest. Requests for performance times will be honored as much as possible, given distance, etc. No judges yet.

1st Fri/Sat of February, Middle School clinic is in Winston-Salem at WFU. Steve Shelton, Symphonic Band Ricky Harris, Concert Band. Brad Oliver is supplying percussion.

Commission project – Dr. Jack Stamp commissioned to write a piece that will be premiered by the NW District Wind Ensemble at the 2008 clinic in Boone. This piece will be something that will hopefully be added to our state's grade V or VI list in the future. Dr. Stamp will also be the clinician for that group.

High School Clinic – Feb 23,24,25, 2007

Charles Menghini – 11/12 SB

Ed Whitener – 9/12 SB

HS Clinic 2008 - Feb 22-24

Jack Stamp – 11/12

Kevin Giraldi – 9/10

Ed Kimbrough – 9/12

Jazz – Jazz is a recognized NCMEA section now. Events will be handled primarily by band directors and we need to have more involvement district-wide. West/East regions for jazz currently. New Const. approved will divide state into 3 regions West/Cent/East. NW district will remain in West. You are allowed to participate outside of geographic region if dates conflict. Encourage IAJE (International Association of Jazz Educators) membership. Help with all aspects of starting and running a jazz program. Western region jazz clinic turnout low for auditions. Encourage your students to attend. Wind and percussion will perform their solos with cd accomp. Make sure you check-out the state website to get the correct book. Matt Liner will email info, including the new constitution to the district members. Please review and email Matt with concerns.

Kathy Fox reviewed Middle School audition solo info. Send list of students that will audition to Kathy via Excel file.

Barry Howard reviewed High School audition solo info. Send list of students that will audition to Barry via Excel file. If you are a Mac user, you must find a PC and use the Excel program, NOT a .pdf.

9/10 String Bass solo cut is correct this year. **MAKE SURE YOU DOUBLE CHECK THE SOLO LIST AND CUT SHEET. YOUR REGISTRATION IS NOT VALID UNTIL THE AUDITION CHAIRMEN RECEIVE YOUR REGISTRATION MONEY.**

DISTRICT AUDITION FEES GO TO AUDITION CHAIRS, NOT JAMES DAUGHERY. MAKE CHECKS TO NORTHWEST DISTRICT, NOT JAMES DAUGHERTY. (Include Kathy and Barry's addresses)

Middle school string bass solo page numbers are incorrect on state website.

Chairman Lanning reminded the district to be aware of our calendar and deadlines. If you miss deadlines, you will be held to the district/state bylaws.

Jason Carter will update district website soon.

Keith Grush – Score sharing service. Place school name on score. Email Keith with questions or concerns. Will send out a list in the fall with what we have so far.

Danny Frye no longer our marching band rep. on the state committee. Motion made and passed to accept Jim Kirkpatrick to fill that position.

Bill Witcher reviewed judging list for district festival events. Chairman Lanning asked for names to be added. Names listed: Leslie Clowes, Jim Hill, Pat Wylie, Marybeth Smith, Connie Weeks, Bryan Agan, Penny Rogers, Debbie Davis, Josh Potter, Jeremy Markosh, Paul Rowe, John Mock, David Teachout, Rudy Gilbert, Capt. Don Schofield, Scott Stuart.

All approved.
Approved list will be posted on district website.

James Daugherty encouraged members to apply for MENC scholarships and to develop Tri-M Chapters.

Chairman Lanning asked to think about next district meetings and clinicians for 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Howell