

NHBDA Minutes

Thursday, January 11th 2018

Attendance: J. Chesebrough, T. Russell, J. Robins, M. Stickney, D. Lacaillade, L. Beyrent, K. Schweiss, V. Duval, M. Adams, D. Umstead, B. Saranita, B. Lehmenkuler

Call to Order. Tim Russell called meeting to order at 7:12PM

Recording Secretary's Report:

- Minutes from 9/11/17 for approval. Vince made a motion to accept, Stickney seconded. All in favor.
- Sue made a motion to accept the September minutes, Vince seconded. All in favor.

Executive Secretary Report, Mike Adams. Balance as of 1/11/18 \$22,476.90. All accept.

Membership Chair Report, Bunny Saranita. Status quo.

Website Chair Report, Bob Lehmenkuler. Jim's email needs to be updated; links to old PDF of board members need to change.

Chamber Festival Report, Tim Russel for Tony DiBartolomeo. Tim emailed Tony and said things are good to go for the weekend, UNH was looking at possibly hosting it next year. Once he has more details on that he will present to the board. Discussion about cafeteria not being open.

Jazz Festival:

Week after Chamber Festival, 11 schools.

Mid-level Honors Festival, Kurt Schweiss and Jim Robins. Festival is at Salem this year on March 17th, 2018, 12/9/17 were auditions. Electronic format went well and was well received. Was able to do remote access for 1 adjudicator who wasn't able to attend. Some of the files had teacher/student/school names attached to it, Kurt was able to hide those for the adjudicators to keep students anonymous. About 20 surveys came back in the positive saying it was easier this year to record and submit. Percussion audition is going to mirror All-State (snare, timp, mallet with aux stuff). Earlier submission date.

All State Clinicians 2018:

Bunny is seeking ideas. Discussion on jazz band clinics, marching band and elementary clinics. Bunny will be in touch with Maggie about what they want for suggestions.

NEBDI, Mark Stickney. Clinicians are set: Julie Giroux, Jared Cassedy, James Patrick Miller, Andre Feagin, Amanda Whitworth, Bruce Pearson. Dates are 7/12-14, 2018.

Old Business:

Liability Insurance for Festivals. Most schools are good with the general liability for \$3,000. Jim makes a motion for Mike to contact Gossling insurance to set up the policy to take effect immediately (hopefully before Jazz Festival) Vince seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

Literature: Leading Tones Music – Jim met with someone over dinner at Midwest who wrote 30 mini concertos for her DMA that have grade 2 solos with grade 3 or 4 accompaniment, which is meant to encourage middle school kids to play with your HS or community band groups.

Band Director and Young Band Director Awards: Letters will go out around end of February, due May 1st. Kurt said that he could send it out via MLHB email list. Adding something to the letter of the effect that principals who nominate should talk about how directors are contributing to profession outside of school and at the state level.

Other:

Kurt is looking to modify the MLHB material and asked for someone to re-write the music for each instrument. We would only have one year worth of music, but the teach ability is more valuable. Tim made a suggestion to reach out to colleges and ask students to write, to make that connection and keep costs down. \$975. Kurt makes a motion to spend up to \$975 to have 13 auditions composed for the 2018-19 MLHF Auditions. Jim seconded. All in favor. Discussion. Kurt would negotiate price on second and third year. Jim raised concerns that some of the material is out of reach for schools in the north. Could we ask Gary Corcoran to compose something?

Motion to adjourn by Bunny. Vince seconded. Adjourned at 8:38pm.

Respectfully submitted Lyvie Beyrent, filling in for Heidi Welch.