

Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 5:30pm, Livingood's Restaurant

In Attendance: Brian Baker, Chris Urban, Megan Yonteff, Carolyn Wilson, JoLee Yeddo, Daryle Redmond, Kate Bulluck, Hilary Soulia, Steve Collier, Todd Pray, Mike Nystoriak

Call to Order by Brian Baker at 5:40 pm

2. Reading and approval of the minutes from June 9, 2015

JoLee motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes and Daryle seconded.

Brian would like to correct which two performing groups will get stipends in the June minutes. Chris motions to amend the June minutes to read: pay stipends to the conductors for chorus and band. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's report

June report amended because of summer activity (Marissa Palmer's donation back to CCMEA and additional PEAK money deposits). Steve will be submitting school bills shortly. No activity in September so far.

Budget stuff: Daryle reminds us the budget line is \$500 for music (and has been since the dawn of time), even though the cost of music has increased. The All-County library is trying to follow procedure, but would benefit from a line increase for the All-County music budget. Daryle made a motion that we increase the music purchase for All-County to increase from \$500 to \$600. Chris seconds.

From Steve: \$1800 is budgeted for All-County expenses and we don't always spend it all (piano tunings, archival fees, etc. are often under budget). Discussion ensues. Vote to increase unanimous.

4. Officers' reports

Vice President's Report:

All-County - No further All-County discussion.

President's Report:

NYSSMC - Brian went to the summer conference. He would like to remind everyone to make sure you are using the 31st addition of the NYSSMA manual, and read carefully as there are new rules and regulations for jazz trumpet applications.

5. Unfinished business

Brian Hiller workshop. Chris, Todd, and Megan depart the meeting.

The motion to pay them (DuPont and Hiller) got left in the lurch, so the details have changed a little. The original motion was made in February, but there have been no updates reported about the workshop.

Government Relations Committee

In an effort to be more official, we need a motion to create a committee for the time the committee is needed. Mike attended Joe Sugar day and discovered that many counties have a government relations committee. The purpose of said committee is so that our local officials know who we are and we can be proactive vs. reactive. Mike would like to meet with other

counties to see what they do so we know what to do (so that we don't have to reinvent the wheel). Motion to amend the bylaws to create a government relations committee with the purpose of dealing proactively with Clinton county's elected officials by Mike, second by Daryle. Discussion with concerns about changing the bylaws and the president creating committees. Mike will find out what the committee does. A vote to add the committee to the bylaws will be presented to the membership. Amendments must be presented to majority of the membership at the February meeting therefor the motion is tabled until February.

- The government rel. comm. will be added into the bylaws, a chair person will need to be appointed.

Curriculum / NAFME Standards Committee

Standards at the national level have changed. Discussion about creating a committee for curriculum and standards to the bylaws. Mike makes motion to create a curriculum standards committee. Daryle seconds. Discussion: how do we get people on the committee? Motion tabled until February meeting.

6. New Business

Discussion of voting rights for CCMEA. According to our bylaws, member who want to vote must be active members of NYSSMA.

There are inconsistencies between Festival Guidelines revisions (2007 / 2011)

- a. Kate motions to amend the conductors agreement for all county.
- b. Brian would like to formally add travel stipend as a separate line on the conductor guidelines/agreement. Discussion ensues. Motion to add travel expenses back into conductors agreement for all county by Mike. JoLee seconds. Discussion again. Is this for hotel? Paid guest conductors should have to present receipts, and stipend cap will be \$200. Mike motions to amend that the agreement is capped at \$200 and documentation is required for reimbursement for up to \$200. Seconded by Daryle. No discussion. Motion carried and will be added to conductors agreement in All-County guidelines.
- c. Hilary has new business. She is leaving the area, and would like someone to take over the Honor's recital. If anyone is interested, contact Hilary (hsoulia@plattscsd.org).

7. Announcements

a. AYO

Opening day for AYO is Sunday September 13. The upper level groups will be working with a Tibetan conductor. The performance is September 27, and the groups are probably performing for Dalai Lama in October (upper level groups only).

The Strand has another concert coming soon - The Well Strung Singing String Quartet.

Steve encourages members to use the CCMEA library.

8. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned.