

**Clinton County Music Educators' Association meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 7:00 pm, Brian Baker's house**

In attendance: Cherie LaDuke, JoLee Yeddo, Lori Kashorek, Megan Yonteff, Carolyn Wilson, Brian Baker, Penny Wiese, Steve Collier, Kate Bulluck, Daryle Redmond, Patrick Towey

JoLee and Kate call to order at 7:13

Secretary's Report: no report. Motion to accept February minutes by JoLee. Patrick seconds.

Treasurer's Report: Steve presented the budget. Steve would like a motion to approve over-budget miscellaneous expenses payment to Bob. Cherie motions. JoLee seconds. Motion to accept report as written. Daryle motions, JoLee seconds.

Proposed budget for next year: Steve made no changes to our budget for next year. Kate inquired if we need to add a line for Classroom PD clinician for Sept. Most agree it should come out of the general fund. Motion to accept 2015-2016 proposed budget by JoLee. Seconded by Cherie. All in favor, no opposition.

Webmaster's Report: Currently nothing to report except to remember that Daryle updates as new information is passed along to him. Group chairs need to contact Daryle in order to pass along information. General chair (for All County) needs to be in contact with the webmaster (Daryle) also. Information passed to webmaster in June will not go on site until after July 1. Plan accordingly.

Officer's Report: Kate wants to talk about All-County. See Festival Report below.

Committee report: no active committees.

NAfME/NYSSMA Report: The Summer conference is Aug 9-11, 2015 in Albany - a fun laid-back conference. No snow. Updated NYSSMA manual goes into effect starting July 1, 2015.

Festival Report:

2014-2015 Honors Recital – Thanks, Hilary! Plattsburgh students made up 90 percent of the Honors Recital participation this year. It would be nice for other districts to submit students of all ability levels. Applications and information are on the website.

2015-2016 dates – see calendar on the zone site. Dates will alternate between Livingoods and Plattsburgh Brewing Company. Social hour from 5-5:30, meetings will begin at 5:30 pm. Discussion concluded.

All-County Discussion: There will be an All-County Symphony Orchestra. Mike Nystoriak will be the conductor. 7th - 12th grade strings, 10th - 12th grade winds and percussion. The ensemble will need saxophones and euphoniums, but not e-flat or alto clarinets.

Patrick Towey has found a conductor named Phil Aguglia from Kenmore East HS for the concert band. Drew Benware will conduct the chorus.

Two conductors will receive stipends. And Mike will get beer. Thank you All-County Plattsburgh team.

Discussion pertaining to All-State. See zone6 page for info.

Old Business:

CCMEA / NLAOSA workshop – survey results were presented by Cherie - see below. The new plan is to schedule the workshop tentatively for Saturday September 26 at AuSable Forks Elementary free of charge if we do our own clean up (i.e. garbage). The date was submitted by the clinician. Just Brian Hiller will be coming. He will charge \$50 less for being a solo clinician. Cherie has repeatedly contacted AOSA and has received no response from them regarding Northern Lights status. There is no money left in the NLAOSA account.

Survey: very few responses were returned from the survey Cherie sent out. Approximately 15 people are able/willing to attend. If we charge \$25 per person, we won't come close to cover expenses. Even if 30 people come we won't cover fee, hotel, travel, etc. total estimate for clinician is \$1400, with possible \$375 in income. Cherie is willing to put effort if we think it is worth the time. Advertise to professors at Crane in hopes of attracting college students.

The suggestion arose for the county to cover clinician fee (half) and the rest would come from profits. We would really like to generate more interest. Franklin and Essex counties would not be willing to help with expenses. There is interest from St. Lawrence county. Do we want to give it more time in order to advertise and get more interest? Would October be better? February? April? Discussion concluded for the time being.

Mike Nystoriak went to Joe Sugar day. Ideas were discussed, such as forming a government relations committee. Penny has agreed to chair the Government Relations Committee (i.e. stalk facebook). Brian emailed Lori Orestano James (person we have talked about before). If you are interested, see/email/facebook Penny.

Mike wants to give someone a NYSSMA award - tabled until Sept.

Mike also brought up forming a Curriculum National Standards Committee. Carolyn is nerdy like that and will be elementary representative on the committee. Anyone else interested contact Brian. Would like representatives from different teaching areas (instrumental/high school/etc.).

New Business:

Govt. Relations Committee – Penny Wiese, chairperson

Nomination for award – Mike Nystoriak

Curriculum / NAFME Standards Committee - ??? chairperson

AC Guidelines: Kate will come up with wording for pre-sale All-County paperwork.

Other Business: Daryle is no longer zone rep as of December 31, 2015. Daryle would like a nominee from Clinton County to run along with the two candidates already seeking Zone Rep. Interested parties can let Daryle know before August.

Music library has been updated by Steve. Only three requests from our library here. Please check out the library on the CCMEA website (it is categorized and you can print it out). Thank you Steve.

Adjournment. Motion JoLee, seconded Patrick seconded. Adjourned at 8:23.

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Wilson, CCMEA Secretary