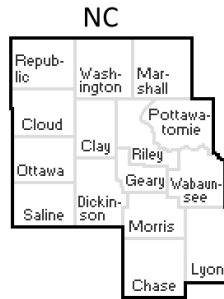


KMEA North Central District



Downbeat Meeting – August 24, 2016

Absent: Keri Boley, Gayle McMillen, Jake Andres, Joel Gittle, David Bernard-Stevens

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

Reports

- **Executive Committee – Darren Brooks**
 - Submit your Outstanding Music Teacher Nominations
 - Elementary K-6
 - Middle Level 6-8
 - High School 9-12
 - Must be currently teaching in that level
 - Must have taught for at least 8 years
 - Program must have shown growth or consistency
 - Will be recognized at the mini convention for each level
 - One will be chosen by the executive committee to represent North Central District at the State level for Teacher of the Year
 - Due **September 1**
 - Outstanding Administrator Award nominations are due **October 1**
 - ISW clinic proposal, Hall of Fame nominations cue October 1
 - Exhibits for this year's ISW will be in the Expo Hall of Century II.
 - ALL State Ensemble participation fees and ISW registration will be \$5.00 more due to the added cost of renting the Expo Hall.
 - There will be a "teachers' lounge" area in the Expo Hall as well as the concessions stand, to allow for participants to socialize in a central area of the convention.
 - The All State Elementary Choir will become an annual ensemble
 - Northeast District is ready to split. All the officers are in place.
 - The split will occur on March 1st, 2018.
 - All State Instrumental Live auditions will take place on January 7th at **Lakewood Middle school** in Salina. The contingency date is January 14th.
 - 2017 KMEA In-Service Workshop
 - Tricia Kidd – NAfME SW Division President
 - President's concert will be Street Corner Symphony
 - Kansas Music Standards and continued training
 - KMEA All-State Ensembles
 - Rehearsal Venues: Orchestra- Broadview Ballroom, 56A Band-Century II Exhibition Hall, 1234A Band- Century II Convention Hall, Choir- Century II 209 Cypress, Jazz- Hyatt Trailroom, KIB- Garvey Building, ML Choir – Hyatt Riverview Ballroom, Elementary Choir – Hyatt Riverview Ballroom
 - All-State Concert Order
 - 2017: Orchestra, 1234A Band, 56A Band, Jazz Band, Choir
 - NAfME All-National Ensemble Selections – 70 auditions from Kansas
 - 24 students were selected and 5 alternates for the ensembles (this is the most Kansas has ever had)
 - Keep encouraging your students to audition for these ensembles.
- **Past President—Bob Hasselhun**
 - Please find scholarship information on our website

- **Executive Director – Joel Gittle**
 - NCKMEA is financially sound
 - Appointed to this position in May 2016.
 - Took possession of all NC KMEA assets and records in June & July 2016.
 - Plan to transfer all financial records and monies from Kansas State Bank to Community 1st Bank during July – after fiscal year end on July 1st
 - North Central District By-Laws & Policy Handbook revisions.
 - Revisions continue.
 - New format follows state format
 - State has indicated a timeline for all districts to have By-Laws and handbooks in place by Summer 2017
 - We would like to vote on ours in December
 - Revised the job descriptions list for each position on the board at June Board meeting.
 - Develop a 5 year plan for dates of events.
 - Passed at June Board meeting
 - Attended the State Executive Director’s meeting in Wichita July, 2016.
 - Met with state attorney. Learned about state status, IRS necessities, financial considerations, etc.
 - Discussed By-Laws in depth.
- **High School Band Chair – Devin Burr**
 - Sharon Toulouse, Assistant Director of Bands at the University of Kansas, will be the December clinician.
 - Younger Director to connect with the Students
 - Double checked all of the PDF’s for the State Band Auditions and they are correct for this cycle
 - Audition Prep Day October 1, 9:00-12:00 at Manhattan High School
 - Auditions at Junction City High School Nov. 5
 - Recorded auditions will be available for students with conflicts as outlined in the District Handbook.
 - Will email the cuts
 - State description should match the state sight
- **High School Choir Chair – Ryan Holmquist**
 - The Clinician this year will be Julie Yu-Oppenheim from Kansas State
 - Will perform the three required pieces for State this year and a fourth piece Capan Lango? with percussion
 - Performance tracks are on the web site, easy for your students to use
 - Email Kevin Johnson for students to be separated into S1 S2 rooms, etc. closer to time
 - Register one time only.
 - Need to communicate with band colleagues if a student is auditioning for both band and choir.
 - There will be a checkbox on the form, so that we know who is auditioning for both band and choir.
 - Deadline Oct. 9
- **High School Jazz Chair – Jake Andres**
- **High School Orchestra Chair – David Bernard-Stevens**
 - Clinician will be Dave Klien, retired from Kearney, Nebraska
 - Former National Teacher of the Year Candidate.
 - Violins and Violas both scales and the Mendellsohn
 - Celli both scales and the Mozart
 - Bassi (not the jazz guy) both scales and the Mozart
 - They will use the same Live Audition procedure as last year with 2 judges per room with 3 rooms

- **Middle School Band Chair – Sean Keasling**

- Bill Clausing from St. John will be the clinician.
- Recorded auditions from the Rubank Intermediate for winds, Audition Etudes and Basic Drumming books for percussion
 - We will be using the cycle 1 material this year.
 - The requirements are listed on the website
 - He does have the audition music on PDF if directors need them
 - We will be using the “Festival Scores” system developed by Troy Johnson for the recorded audition procedure this year.
 - Troy Johnson reported that is an online audition management system.
 - It is flexible in what instruments/voices are auditioned.
 - It is flexible with the number of judges that are used
 - You can upload any rubric you would like the judges to use to the system.
 - dates for the audition upload **Oct. 1-Nov. 7** at 11:59 PM
 - Judging will begin Nov. 9-Nov. 25
 - Roster will be posted Nov. 28
 - It is all done digitally.
 - No late entries are allowed.
 - The chair person can monitor the progress of each judge.
 - Judges can listen to the auditions anywhere
 - Troy suggested that judges use high quality headphones.
 - Judges can flag an entry if it sounds like improper audition procedures have been used.
 - When judging is complete, every entry is ranked based on the average score from each judge.
 - Rosters are published to the “Festival Scores” website and can be exported out. Into a document.
 - Price is \$1 dollar per completed entry.
 - The full audition must be completed before we are charged.
 - If three audio files are required (chromatic scale, major scale, auditions material) they all must be uploaded to be judged.
 - For tie breaks, the rubrics are weighted. The top category is the deciding factor in a tie.
 - Music will be available for directors to pick up at the December mini convention
 - Contact Sean or the board if you are interested in taking over this chair position.

- **Middle School Choir Chair – Keri Boley**

- Clinician cancelled, please send ideas for a new clinician
- Senseney has the list of literature

- **Elementary Chair – Laurie Davis**

- The same two clinicians will serve this year that we had last year since we have two choirs.
 - The clinicians will flip flop groups this year.
- The split between participant schools will be the same as it was this last year.
- Matt Nutter and Jason Sickle will work on the literature selections and Laurie will send it out to directors and get it on the website.
- Deadline is Nov. 20
- Fee is \$6
- February 4 is the performance date with a contingency of Feb. 11 at Junction City MS

- Notes from the directors to the teachers will be available soon
- Rehearsal tracks will be available in Oct.
- We are looking into who will be the chair elect.

- **Advocacy Chair - Gayle McMillen**
 - No Report Given

- **Mentor Chair - Nancy Monical**
 - New to the district? Please see Nancy
 - Want to be a mentor? Please see Nancy

- **Webmaster - Troy Johnson**
 - All State Ensemble Eligibility
 - The director who registers students for these ensembles MUST be a member of NAJME.
 - This will be stated in the All State Manager as directors register their students.
 - The All State Manager will be connected to the KMEA member website www.members.ksmea.org (link on the agenda)
 - Membership must be CURRENT, check to see if yours expires right before ISW
 - If there are multiple directors at a school, the director who is authorized to register students must be a member of NAJME.
 - Check that Kansas is selected as the primary state
 - This is policy at the District level as well.
 - Use your same login information as the members site
 - If a student auditions for both band and choir, BAND DIRECTORS must check the box for dual audition
 - Mark the preferences, choir will not show up if that previous box was not checked
 - Instrumental and Choir chairs will receive both entry queries

Old Business

- Important Dates
 - August 24th Downbeat Session Manhattan High School, Dinner at 5:00 pm, meeting at 5:30 pm
 - September 1st Honor Administrator and Outstanding Music Educator Nominations Due
 - October 9th HS Honor Choir Audition Entries and Fees Due
 - October 10th HS Honor Jazz Band, Band and Orchestra Entries and Fees Due
 - October 18th Middle Level Audition Entries and Fees Due
 - November (?) Middle Level Band Audition Recordings Due – To Be Determined
 - November 5th HS Honor Groups Auditions – Junction City, KS
 - November 20th Elementary Honor Choirs Entries and Fees Due
 - December 3rd HS Mini-Convention – Manhattan, KS
 - December 3rd Middle Level and HS Participation Fees Due
 - January 14th Middle Level Honor Concert/Clinic – Junction City Middle School
 - February 4th Elementary Honor Choir Concert/Clinic – Junction City Middle School
 - District Scholarship reminder – deadline is 3rd Friday of November
- Fees remained the same, check the deadline for fees
- There is a change in rooms for live auditions: we will be using the 2nd floor for strings
 - Let Sharon know if a student needs access to the elevator

New Business

- Introduction of new teachers
 - Glen Woolard, Emporia HS and MS
 - Riley Day, Emporia strings
 - Janet Armstead, St. George
 - Karis Dolens, Janet's student teacher

- Steven Racker, Chapman MS
 - Samantha Boxburger, Ft. Riley/Junction City
 - Elizabeth Janzen, Rock Creek/St. George
 - Members website is where you can find elections and By-Laws
 - KMR
 - Will email web address
 - Gone from 4 issues per year to a continuous publication
 - Everyone interested send an article
 - Allows for other multimedia/video
 - First state to do this!
 - Troy can see how many are visiting this web site (not very many right now)
 - Very useful articles and resources
 - Kevin Johnson, representing the NC District representative on the committee to look at changes to All State Choir
 - How is the state choir going to expand
 - Nothing will happen this year
 - Remember this is a process of gathering information and will take some time
 - You will receive a survey
 - One location for all state auditions or not
 - 3 options for split choir
 - Freshman/Sophomore and Junior/Senior state choir (this would include 9th grade)
 - SATB and a SSAA choir (no 9th grade)
 - There would be no choice which group SA's would participate in, they would be assigned alternately
 - 1234A and 56A choir (no 9th grade)
- The meeting was **adjourned at 6:50 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Jamie Minneman, President-Elect North Central District KMEA.