PMEA District 3
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2011
Plyler's Restaurant, Brookville, PA

I. Call to Order

i. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by president Scott DiTullio.

II. Approval of Spring Minutes

i. A motion was made by Lisa Hummel to approve the minutes from the spring 2011 meeting as read. Second by Mary Jo. Motion Carries.

III. State Concerns

i. Dues must be paid and active for students to be placed into a district festival. Scott will notify individuals with lapsed memberships so that they can renew before district selections.

ii. Tweaks are being made to the new governance model at the state level.

iii. State C/I items
   1. Tina Bennett will be representing District 3 on the state board as our Professional Development Coordinator.

IV. District Concerns

i. Festival Hosts for 2011 are:
   1. District Band – Marion Center/Saltsburg
   2. District Choir – Keystone
   3. District Jazz – Rocky Grove
   4. Region Band – West Shamokin
   5. Band Fest – DuBois (April 27)
   6. Song Fest – HOST NEEDED
   7. Orchestra –Beaver (D5)

ii. We have not received financial reports from all of last year's festivals. Scott will follow up with those individuals.

iii. This year's Citation of Excellence is at the ELEMENTARY LEVEL. Please be sure to submit nominations of outstanding educators who are currently serving in District 3. Forms are available online.

iv. Technology

1. We now have a District 3 Twitter account
2. District Jazz forms will be updated online.

V. Constitutional Items

i. We will elect a Vice President in the spring of 2012. Steve Luxbacher is currently looking for candidates. Contact him if you are interested.

ii. In the event that Russ is unable to fulfill his presidential duties, Scott DiTullio and Steve Luxbacher will cover festival duties.

iii. In lieu of a newsletter, we will continue sending correspondences through email and via our website. We will work to continue updating our e-mail lists.

VI. Festival Information

i. The following guest conductors have been approved for the 2012 festival season:
   a. Dan Hays, District Choir
   b. Michael Flanagin, District Band
   c. Dr. Hubert Toney, Jr., Region Band
   d. Dr. David Glover, District Jazz
   e. Dr. Michael Galloway, District Jazz
   f. Mr. Carl Olson, District Jazz

ii. Festival Fees payable to the State for 2012 are:
   a. Elem. Fests: $2.00
   b. Jr. High Fests: $3.50
   c. High School Festivals: $12.00 ($7.00 to state, $5.00 to D3)

iii. Hosts should use the district libraries as a resource when putting programs together. Most of the libraries are online. This is a great way to decrease the cost of the festivals.

iv. The Song Fest library is in need of a new home. Purchase Line has expressed interest. Scott will contact them to confirm.

VII. Old Business

i. In light of budget concerns, there will be no effort to begin a Junior High District Chorus festival at this time.

ii. A District 3 professional development day will be held on Saturday, November 19th from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Redbank Valley High School. This conference is geared towards teachers of K-12 music. Act 48 hours

will be awarded. There will be NO COST to current District 3 members for attending the conference. Chris Cohlhepp will send fliers to all schools in District 3 to advertise the event. Information will also be posted online. A nominal fee will be assessed for non-District 3 members who wish to attend the conference.

a. Lisa Hummel made a motion to authorize the use of District 3 funds up to $500 to cover expenses exceeding the amount allocated from the state for the initial District 3 Professional Development day. Second by Jerry Rembold. Motion Carries.

iii. Please consider nominating someone for the Distinguished Service Award. Applications are available on the District 3 website.

iv. Rich has asked us to include the D3 website in all e-mails that are sent out so that more members utilize the site.

v. Scott stated that he was not offered answers to his questions regarding the selection process for the Future Educators Music Symposium. He will contact Margaret for further clarification.

VIII. New Business

i. Jerry Rembold made a motion that District 3 send a donation in the amount of $150.00 to the NaFME Give a Note Foundation. This foundation funds grants to school music programs. Second by Becky Sensor. Motion carries.

ii. Scott is in the process of surveying District 3 members as to the effects of budget cuts on their programs

iii. Rich Fisherowski made a motion to approve awarding four scholarships in the amount of $750.00 each. Second by Jerry Rembold. The District 3 Executive Committee unanimously agrees to award the following students:

a. Natalie Young, Indiana High School
b. Misty Everetts, Redbank Valley High School
c. Andrea Bragiel, Freeport High School
d. Mason Stiver, Punxsutawney High School

iv. Approval of Festival Budgets:

a. Lisa Hummel made a motion to approve the tentative District Band Budget. Second by Rich Fisherowski. Motion Carries.
b. Scott Salser made a motion to approve the tentative District Chorus Budget. Second by Lisa Hummel. Motion Carries.

c. Lisa Humel made a motion to approve the Region Band tentative Budget. Second by Rich Fisherowski. Motion Carries.

v. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 23rd at 5:30 (dinner)/6:30 (meeting).

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina F. Cohlhepp