



PMEA District 3 / Executive Committee

PMEA District 3
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2007
Plyers Restaurant, Brookville, PA

Members in attendance

Jason Worzbyt, Christina Cohlhepp, Steve Luxbacher, Lisa Hummel, Sharon Nesta, Fran Nesta, Scott DiTullio, Jerry Rembold, Mary Jo Fadden-Zetts, Hubert Toney Jr.

Robert Rizzo, Chris Freeman, Cathy Reefer (festival hosts)

Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks

The meeting was called to order by District 3 President Dr. Jason Worzbyt at 6:15 p.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

State Concerns

The all state Choir Concert will be Friday evening this year.

Region festival hosts are to make arrangements for All State Students to have a digital photo taken before leaving the region festival.

All State Housing-All State participants will only be housed for the duration of their particular ensemble. PMEA's responsibility will end at the conclusion of the student's concert.

All State Jazz Ensembles-Upon announcement of their selection to the All State Jazz Ensemble or Vocal Jazz Ensemble, the students will no longer be eligible for selection to any other All State ensemble.

Membership-All members must be full active members for their students to participate in festivals, this includes retired members in long term substitute positions.

Jason questioned the board as to whether we would support allowing students at a PMEA festival to participate in extra-curricular activities when the ensemble is not rehearsing. The membership concluded that we would support this provided the students did not miss any rehearsals or concerts (or any other musical enrichment activity). The membership also stipulated that the event must be school-sponsored (to avoid students leaving for parties, etc.). The liability issue would also need to be addressed and only parents could pick up and drop off their child.

Responsibilities for teachers at PMEA Festivals: District 3 has a policy that required directors to be present for the entire duration of the festival.

District Concerns

Festival Review:

District Band - Jan 9-12 - Indiana H.S./Apollo Ridge H.S.

District Orchestra - Jan 23-26 - Indiana H.S. /Purchase Line H.S.

District Jazz - Jan 31-Feb 2 - Penns Manor H.S.

District Chorus - Feb 6-9 - West Shamokin H.S./Ford City H.S.

Region Band - Feb 20-23 - Marion Center H.S.

Region Orchestra - March 5-8 - Bethel Park H.S.

Song Fest - March 14 - Clarion University

Region Chorus - March 26-29 - Girard H.S.

Band Fest - April 11 - Keystone Elem.

PMEA All State - April 16-19 - Hershey, PA

Selection Meetings:

District Band - Oct. 28, 2 p.m. - Indiana H.S.

District Chorus - Nov. 3, 11 a.m. - West Shamokin H.S.

District Jazz (Aud.) - Nov. 15, 6:00 p.m. - Brookville H.S.

District Orchestra

TBA

President Neidhardt has offered to travel to our District/Region festivals to meet with our members.

A motion was made by Scott DiTullio that District Festival hosts send the District 3 President a CV of their potential guest conductor. Second by Steve Luxbacher, motion carries.

Future District (and State) Elections may be held online.

The executive board reviewed the policy manual and made necessary changes. Lisa will update the policy manual and make it available online.

Steve Luxbacher submitted a job description for the Technology Resource Coordinator (TRC) position to be added to the district 3 executive board. This will be an appointed position. The TRC will be a member of the District 3 Executive Board, and carry full voting priveledges. The description will be posted online, and in the fall newsletter. Interested applicants should contact the district president and/or secretary.

District 3 scholarships were awarded to : Alison Paden, Christopher Long, and Benjamin Gundlach.

Zach Convington (2007 Region Chorus Co-Host) spoke with the executive board in an executive session in reference to the financial situation of the past festival. Zach provided a great deal of insight into why the festival was overbudget. As per the spring 2007 meeting, since the music has been returned to the district library, the balance of the food bill owed to Blairsville school district will be paid from the district 3 treasury. In light of this new information, Steve Luxbacher made a motion to ask the state executive committee to waive student participation fees for that particular festival so that the district 3 treasury can recover those funds. Also, District 3 will give a one year grace period in which Blairsville and Brookville will be allowed to participate in 2008 festivals. The situation will be reassessed at the spring executive board meeting. Motion seconded by Lisa, motion carried.

District and Region Festival Hosts reviewed their preliminary budgets with the executive board. Copies of the preliminary budgets were then submitted to Chris.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christina F. Cohlhepp
District 3 Secretary