

VBODA District VII

Band Director Meeting Notes

Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center

Bristol, VA

February 1, 2013 at 2:45

- I. Call to Order – Patrick Butler
- II. Minutes from Last Meeting – Bob Priest made motion to dismiss with reading of minutes; Gary Skeen seconded motion; motion passed unanimously
- III. Reports
 - a. VBODA State Marching Festival (Patrick Butler, host)
 - i. 4 schools from our district received Superior ratings
 - ii. Bob Balengee and Bob Priest, who judged at one of the other sites had positive things to say about the changes being made to the event; encouraged others to participate in the event
 - b. All-District Auditions (Mark Collins, event chair)
 - i. Issues with percussion equipment and fewer percussion rooms slowed the process this year
 - ii. Some issues occurred with scoring/tabulation/computation, but mistakes were caught and corrected
 - iii. Were able to cut some expenses this school-year, but next year increase in expenses likely due to need to hire additional directors
 - iv. Patrick commented that there may be new rules in place requiring directors who do not participate to find a qualified substitute OR their school may be billed in order to hire a substitute; this has not been officially voted upon yet, but it may be in effect by next school-year
 - v. Mark encouraged everyone to work to increase student participation in this event
 - c. Jr./Sr. All-District Band Clinic (Ben Parks, Bob Balengee, and Justin Comacho, event chairs)
 - i. Expression of gratitude for patience with weather-related delays
 - ii. Certificates and medals distributed tomorrow [due to schedule changes after the meeting...these were mailed instead]
 - iii. Contact Ben Parks regarding refunds for cancellation(s) or to pay fees for alternates
 - iv. \$14,000.00 budget for the event; \$6,000.00 collected during December 2012 auditions to offset the costs – money left over used to reduce audition expenses and to help purchase materials needed for assessment
 - v. Expressed need for help with clean-up after event concludes
 - vi. Justin Comacho and Bob Balengee expressed gratitude for help with set-up; encouraged directors to increase student participation
 - vii. 2013 marks 9th year at Holiday Inn & Convention Center
 - d. Concert Assessment – March 13-14, 2013, Virginia High School, Bristol, VA (Bruce Miller, event chair)
 - i. Tom Hopson and Ben Parks to host event
 - ii. Adjudicators are: Vince Tornello, Patricia Rhoton, Barry Tucker, and Steve King
 - iii. After this year Bruce Miller will be stepping down as event chair
 - iv. Patrick Butler mentioned possibility of redistricting in near future – encouraged all directors to participate

- v. Deadline for paperwork and fee is Monday, February 18th – will begin at 11 a.m. and be a 2-day event assuming all groups who have expressed interest follow through – if have specific time constraints contact Bruce
- vi. Some discussion about making sight-reading component more rigorous
- e. All-VA Auditions, February 23, 2013, JMU
 - i. Patrick Butler had director information and forms for those who had students qualify to audition
 - ii. He encouraged directors to sign up to judge
 - iii. Bruce Miller mentioned need for good quality recording device to use if judging
 - iv. Mark Collins mentioned he was on percussion committee, and that they are trying to make the audition processes more realistic in regard to prepared selection; also possibility of moving from 26 rudiments to Percussive Arts Society 40 (PAS 40)
- f. All-VA Band and Orchestra Date – April 4-6, Location: Harrisonburg High School, Harrisonburg, VA – Clinicians as follows:
 - i. Symphonic Band – Paula Crider, University of Texas
 - ii. Concert Band – Jay Gephart, Perdue University
 - iii. Orchestra – Bob McCashin, James Madison University

IV. New Business

- a. Site and Dates for 2013-2014
 - i. Solo and Ensemble 2013
 - 1. Area I: (Buchanan, Lee, Wise, Scott, Dickenson, Tazewell, and Norton) – Gary Skeen, host – 5/2/13
 - 2. Area II: (Washington, Bristol, Smyth, and Russell) – Ulee Daniels to host – 5/7/13
 - 3. Area III: (Wythe, Bland, Carroll, Giles, Galax, Pulaski, and Grayson)
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 - ii. All-VA Jazz Band Auditions – September 21 & 28, 2013
 - 1. Audition numbers were up 100 winds & 46 rhythm
 - 2. 47 schools were represented at the auditions
 - 3. Guidelines are coming soon as to what instruments may audition
 - 4. Radford University is the nearest audition site for our district
 - iii. State Marching Band Festival – West (Pulaski Co. HS) – October 19, 2013
 - 1. Tom Hopson encouraged participation in this, emphasizing that it can help provide evidence in regard to new teacher-evaluation process
 - 2. Others previously mentioned this and encouraged schools to participate
 - iv. VMEA In-Service Conference – Homestead – November 21-23
 - 1. Online registration at the Homestead began February 4, 6:00 a.m.
 - 2. Up to 3 members may reserve a house
 - v. All-District Band Auditions – John Battle HS – December 14, 2013; Alternate Date for Auditions – John Battle HS – January 11, 2014
 - 1. Contingency plan for audition site was discussed, but Mark Collins said his principal was OK with John Battle continuing to host auditions
 - vi. Jr./Sr. All-District Clinic – Holiday Inn & Convention Center – January 31-February 1, 2014
 - 1. Under contract to be at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center again (will be our 10th year)
 - 2. Contingency plan for weather – Mark Collins thinks take it case by case; others mentioned make call on Thursday night rather than Friday morning; varied conversation and suggestions

3. Bob Priest made motion that the committee make a call Thursday by 10:00 p.m. if the event must be delayed to 1:00 p.m. on Friday; motion was seconded by Bruce Miller; discussion ensued; motion passed.
- vii. All-VA Auditions – JMU – February 22, 2014
- viii. Concert Assessment – March 12-13, 2014
 1. Bruce Miller reminded that he will be stepping down as event chair, and a new chair could shadow him; Justin Comacho volunteered
- ix. All-VA Band – April 3-5, 2014 @ Virginia Tech
 1. Concert will take place in the new performing arts facility
- b. Establishing a committee to nominate directors/teachers for VMEA & VBODA awards
 - i. Donnie Riddle – committee chair, Gary Skeen, Kevin English, Bruce Miller and Ben Harding
 - ii. Meeting – Saturday morning, February 2nd
- c. VBODA Online Voting (go online NOW to vote)
 - i. Deadline February 28th
- d. Yearly participation fee due in November of each year
 - i. Due November 1st – fees should be the same, but possibility to go up
 - ii. Must be paid in order to audition for All-District
 - iii. Not necessarily prior to State Marching Festival
- e. Budget Concerns/Legislation
 - i. P.E. Requirement
 - ii. Came up twice in the past few weeks but not passed
 - iii. JROTC requesting P.E. credit – some music representatives trying to lobby for P.E. credit for marching band
- f. Motions from the floor
 - i. Voting for new Instrumental Representative and Secretary
 1. Ben Harding nominated Gary Skeen, who received 11 votes
 2. Ben Parks nominated Justin Comacho, who received 28 votes
 3. Bob Balengee made motion to close nominations; Ulee Daniels seconded the motion
 4. Andrea Hines was only nominee for secretary; Ben Harding made motion; Bob Priest seconded motion.
 - ii. Commission Project
 1. Bob Priest made a motion that next year's (2013-2014) commissioned work be in memory of the late-Dale Hedrick; Justin Comacho seconded the motion; motion passed
 2. Piece will be for the Junior High Symphonic group and composer is Larry Neeck
- g. Miscellaneous
 - i. Scott Lambert and Mark Collins discussed community band
 1. January-June ensemble
 2. Rehearse Monday nights once or twice a month (minimum of 5 rehearsals)
 3. Present public concerts
 - ii. Mark Collins urged directors to support their local music businesses
 - iii. Mark Collins spoke a little about Dr. Hilliard's commissioned work (each school who paid commission fee will receive a copy of the score and one copy of each part)
 - iv. Mark Collins also mentioned that he would have additional information for the leadership training clinic (Bruce Miller had some good things to say about his students' experience)
 - v. Bob Balengee reminded that Pioneer Drum & Bugle Corp was holding auditions at Patrick Henry High School

- vi. Scott Lambert also encouraged directors to get involved in music activities across the state; mentioned adjudication revisions (judges training and certification)
- vii. SMART Goals Evaluation – open to interested directors – meeting at 10:00 a.m.

V. Adjournment

- a. Bob Balengee made the motion to adjourn; Ben Parks seconded the motion.