

VBODA District VII

Band Director Meeting

Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center

Bristol, VA

February 4, 2011 at 2:45 p.m.

- I. Call to Order (Cindy Roberts)
  - a. Welcome, Introduction of New Directors and Old
  - b. Lonnie Finley, band director at King College, spoke about music program → Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> Performance and Visual Arts Day
  - c. Rick Galyean, band director at UVA-Wise, spoke about music program → CMENC-sponsored Music Major for a Day at UVA-Wise on March 25<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Ric Munsey – spoke about ETSU having scholarships available for students who perform, but are not necessarily music majors (these scholarships essentially waive out-of-state tuition)
- II. Minutes from Last Meeting (Andrea Hines)
  - a. Uley Daniels motioned to dismiss with the reading of the minutes; Bob Balengee seconded the motion
- III. Reports
  - a. VBODA State Marching Festival (Patrick Butler)
    - i. Judges to be video-trained to use new score sheets
    - ii. Contract Patrick if interested in seeing new sheets
  - b. All-District Auditions (Mark Collins)
    - i. Down about 50 students from last year's auditions, which may be accounted for by the 2 schools that were in play-offs)
    - ii. Had a few more schools represented that had not participated in a while
    - iii. Please encourage more students to participate
  - c. Jr./Sr. All-District Band Clinic (*Ben Parks*, Bob Balengee, and Justin Comacho)
    - i. Ben asked that we thank Holiday Inn staff
    - ii. Recognized Gary Holley for his work on the medals and certificates for the event
    - iii. Reminded everyone that Radford University Percussion Ensemble would perform, and would need conductors to help with staging
    - iv. Mentioned presence of college/university representatives
    - v. Bob Priest asked about alternate's certificates – Ben said to see him to make sure students' names were announced at the performance and to get information correct for the certificates
  - d. Concert Festival – March 16-17, 2011, SVCC, Richlands, VA (Bruce Miller)
    - i. 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> year Richlands has hosted
    - ii. Has been renamed "Concert Assessment," not "Concert Festival"

- iii. Distributed new score sheets/rubrics judges will be using this year
- iv. 25 schools have verbally committed to participate
- v. Paperwork for the event is due Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>
- vi. If not enough commit, will be a one-day event only – Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>
- vii. Judges are same as planned for last year, when event was cancelled due to severe-weather
- viii. Forms should be available online
- e. All Virginia Auditions, February 26, 2011, JMU (Cindy Roberts)
  - i. Prepared piece online February 6<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Information Packets available today or [www.vaboda.org](http://www.vaboda.org)
  - iii. Student registration and commitment form only available through District Representative
  - iv. Final date for changes if Feb. 18, 2011
  - v. Registration will be between Taylor and new music facility
- f. All-VA Band and Orchestra Event (Cindy Roberts)
  - i. 2011 All-VA Band & Orchestra date – April 7-9, Charlottesville HS, Charlottesville, VA, Symphonic Band – Richard Floyd (Texas); Concert Band – Steven Bolstad (JMU); Orchestra – Thomas Wilkins

#### IV. New Business

- a. Site and Dates for 2011-2012
  - i. Solo and Ensemble 2011
    - 1. Area I: Rye Cove High School, Sheila King (Buchanan, Lee, Wise, Scott, Dickenson, Tazewell, and Norton)
    - 2. Area II: Holston High School, Uley Daniels – May 3 (Washington, Bristol, Smyth, and Russell)
    - 3. Area III: Frank Pugh, Ft. Chiswell HS or Dale Hedrick, George Wythe HS (Wythe, Bland, Carroll, Giles, Galax, Pulaski, and Grayson)
  - ii. All Virginia Jazz Band Auditions – September 26 and October 2-3
  - iii. State Marching Band Festival – West – October 22
  - iv. All-District Band Auditions – John Battle HS – December 10, 2011; Alternate Date for Auditions – John Battle HS – January 7, 2011
  - v. Jr./Sr. All-District Clinic – Holiday Inn – February 3-4, 2012
    - 1. **Patrick Trice(?)** made motion to keep event at Holiday Inn; Dale Hedrick seconded; some discussion pertaining to use of the higher-ed center in Abingdon; Ben said higher-ed center was not big enough when checked into it 6 years ago; Bob Priest asked if Ben would continue to host the event, and he said he would; Bob Balengee called to question; Cindy Roberts asked for vote; motion passed.
  - vi. All Virginia Auditions – JMU – February 25, 2012
  - vii. Concert Assessment – March 14/15, 2012
  - viii. All Virginia Band – April 12-14, 2012
- b. Yearly participation fee due in November of each year

- i. Replaces \$5.00/event participation fee and the manual fee
  - ii. May fluctuate depending upon amount taken in this year
- c. VMEA In-Service Conference, November 17-19, 2011 at The Marriot Waterside and Sheraton in Norfolk, VA
- d. Commissioning of a new piece of music for the middle school
  - i. Mark Collins mentioned that he had spoken with a few composers to get an estimation about price for commissioning (\$2800-\$3500 total, \$50.00-\$75.00 per school)
  - ii. Bob Priest asked about whether every school paid; Mark Collins responded that he believed they had; Bob Priest also raised issue about whether price requirement was fairly distributed, particularly in schools with budget constraints
  - iii. Dan Wilner made a motion to form a committee whose responsibility would be to make decisions about and commission a work for the junior symphonic for the 2011-2012 All-District Band Clinic; Stephen Stiltner seconded the motion; Bob Priest called to question; the motion passed; Bob Priest to head the committee (directors asked to volunteer to serve on committee, meeting after or may contact him)
- e. Budget Concerns
  - i. Finance course being offered
  - ii. Be visible
  - iii. Get our programs known
    - 1. PR Statement about All-District Event and premier of Holsinger's work, *Solemn Hymn and Rowdy Dance*, will be sent by Ben Parks
  - iv. Contact your state representatives about this PE course and applied piano. More things coming down the pike.
  - v. BOTTOM LINE, let your state representatives know they need to stop passing unfunded mandates
- f. Motions from the floor
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iii. Not motions, but discussion:

1. Mark Collins suggested having woodwind, brass, percussion one-day events, charging \$5.00 fee (if interested, contact Mark)
2. Justin Comacho will be heading a committee to set a jazz festival date (specific to our district) – (contact him if interested)
3. Dale Hedrick mentioned in-service held earlier this fall; plans to do another, please let him know your interests for future in-service

g. Election of District Representative and Secretary

i. Nominations for Secretary – Andrea Hines

1. Bob Priest made motion by acclamation for Andrea Hines to remain secretary; motion passed

ii. Nominations for District Representative – Patrick Butler and Justin Comacho

1. Bob Priest made the motion to close nominations; Bob Balengee seconded
2. Patrick Butler elected new District Representative

V. Adjournment

- a. Bob Balengee made motion to adjourn; Stephen Stiltner seconded the motion