

VBODA DISTRICT VII

Band Director Meeting

Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center

Bristol, VA

January 31, 2014 at 2:45 p.m.

- I. Call to Order – Justin Camacho
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting – Bobby Balengee made motion to dismiss with reading of the minutes; Gary Skeen seconded motion; motion passed (attendees were reminded that notes of last meeting are available online at www.vboda7.org)
- III. New Manuals – flash drives – Justin Camacho has available following the meeting
- IV. Reports
 - a. State Marching Festival (Dan Wilner, host)
 - i. Went smoothly on their end
 - ii. Issues with judging for smaller bands
 - iii. Scott Lambert – encouraging directors to participate
 1. Panel to review adjudication at state-wide assessments for marching
 2. Decided to hire assistant marching band chair
 3. Initiating adjudication-training program
 4. Site host and site coordinator (who is supposed to read a script, with info about a rubric)
 5. Disparity with adjudication of varying styles
 6. Spoke about the fees (some go to VBODA, some to VMEA)
 - b. All-District Auditions (Mark Collins)
 - i. \$6,950 (took in this amount)
 - ii. Biggest expense – sight-reading music & custodians
 - iii. Had to hire judges (\$350-\$375) – encouraged us to get other directors to participate
 - iv. Sent \$5,035.46 to Ben Parks for event here
 - v. Spent a couple hundred on paper
 - vi. 56 schools participated (4 to 6 schools didn't participate)
 - vii. 609 auditions, down – encouraged us to increase in participation in order to reduce the amount of the fee per student and also to improve instrumentation
 - viii. Some discussion about things that may increase participation
 - ix. No major issues
 - x. Question about sight-reading selections (from Bob Priest – suggested maybe asking Donnie Sorah to compose sight-reading examples the next time we need new ones)
 - c. Jr./Sr. All-District Band Clinic (Ben Parks)
 - i. Some buses late due to weather delays
 - ii. Medals available following meeting
 - iii. Certificates available Saturday morning
 - iv. 10-year anniversary at Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center
 - v. Last year some funds were left over (\$288) – forwarded to Holiday Inn to use as a deposit for this year
 - vi. \$788; \$16 (\$6400)
 - vii. Cost \$12,000 (clinicians 800-1000?)
 - viii. Ric Munsey helping out since Mr. Neeck held up with weather-delays at airport
 - ix. Dale Hedrick commission premiers Saturday
 - x. If any suggestions, tell Bob Balengee, Taryn Wooten, or Ben Parks

- xi. Forms on site, but not set up for auto-fill
- xii. Public recognition of those who helped set-up; requested help for tear-down on Saturday
- d. Concert Assessment (Kevin English) – March 12-13, 2014, VA High, Bristol, VA
 - i. Distributed letter – correction under inclement weather from Feb 11th to Feb 17th
 - ii. Needs forms and money by Feb 24th
 - iii. Assessment fees have gone up (judges coming from farther away)
 - iv. Has a copy of the budget available for review upon request
 - v. Live-streaming of all stage performances (Logan Childress) using either laptop, tablet, or smartphone (may be some issue with recording students) – password-protected website
 - 1. Question from Justin Camacho about archiving the videos
 - 2. Question from Bob Priest about copyright issues
 - a. Mark Collins – suggests we check into copyright for this type of project
 - b. Nafme website's info regarding this can be found at the following url:
<http://musiced.nafme.org/resources/copyright-center/copyright-guidelines-for-schooltube/>
 - vi. Ability to listen to comments, etc. from smartphone, etc.
 - vii. Encouraged to participate in this event
 - 1. Ben reminds to bring auxiliary equipment and mallets to the event as they will NOT be provided
- e. All Virginia Auditions, February 22, 2014, JMU
 - i. New percussion requirements – on VBODA homepage (15 sec time limit on rudiments), in our district we didn't follow the state guidelines – may need to work toward this for December 2014 auditions [addressed under "New Business" heading]
 - ii. Etudes online Feb 1, midnight
 - iii. If student is first or second alternate, should print off etude and prepare
 - iv. Judging panel, anyone in our district is eligible to judge
 - 1. Most rooms have 3-4 judges
 - 2. Asking each district to provide a list of 10 names (160 names total) – if interested, see Justin Camacho to volunteer
- f. All-VA Band and Orchestra Event 2014
 - i. 2014 All-VA Band & Orchestra date – April 3-5; Location: Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
 - ii. Conductors: Symphonic Band - Craig Kirchoff, University of Minnesota; Concert Band - Alfred Watkins, Lassiter High School (retired); Walt Straiton, Corona Symphony, California

V. New Business

- a. Site and Dates for 2014-2015 (TENTATIVE)
 - i. Solo and Ensemble 2014
 - 1. Area II: Uley Daniels – May 5, 2014
 - ii. Others willing to host need to notify Justin Comacho regarding dates, etc.
- b. State Marching Band Festival – West (Pulaski Co. HS) – October 18, 2014
- c. VMEA In-Service Conference – November 20-22 – Norfolk, VA
 - i. Online registration and reservations
- d. All-District Auditions – John Battle HS – December 13, 2014 (January 10, 2014 – alternate date)
 - i. Under Contract for next year at Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center, Bristol, VA – Feb 6 & 7
- e. Concert Assessment – Dates March 11 & 12, 2015
 - i. Virginia High School (Ben Parks & Gary Skeen, hosts)
- f. All Virginia Band and Orchestra
 - i. Auditions – February 28, 2015
 - ii. Event – April 9-11, 2015
- g. VBODA Online Voting (go online NOW to vote) – Feb 1 through Feb 28

- i. Login (name number w/o zeros)/Password (last name with the first letter capitalized)
 - 1. Couple revisions to the manual
 - 2. Adjudication
- ii. Yearly participation fee due in November of each year
- iii. Must be paid in order to participate in any VBODA event
- h. Motions from the floor
 - i. Mark Collins – discussion leading to motion that follows
 - 1. Larry Neeck (late in coming due to weather)
 - 2. Been in touch with Rick DeJonge about a commissioned work for next year if we choose to continue with this project
 - 3. Discussion – Scotty Lambert
 - a. Gordon (Gordy) Haab – former student, composer of a lot of video game works, Star Wars game, but doesn't do clinician stuff
 - b. Ben Parks mentioned cost
 - c. Dan Wilner mentioned maybe to start earlier with letting us know how much it is going to cost ahead of time
 - d. Gary Skeen - questions
 - i. How do we determine how much per school?
 - ii. Is there a committee to find the composers?
 - e. Mark Collins responded, most has been \$100; also talked a little about what clinician/composers have included for the cost
 - f. Bob Balengee talking about doing this over and over versus commissioning with purpose – maybe wait a few years and try to get more well-known composers to write
 - g. Bob Priest – Dan's comment on committee, why don't we have one that meets, referenced Bob Balengee's comment as well
 - ii. Mark Collins makes a motion to suspend commission project until a committee can be formed to give us more insight at a later date; seconded by Bob Priest
 - 1. Motion passed
 - iii. Bob Priest makes motion that we send the whole piece with signature of the composer to the family of Dale Hedrick; seconded by Mark Collins
 - 1. Motion passes
 - iv. Mark Collins – names of clinicians for next year All-District 2015 (Rick DeJonge - Sr. Symphonic; Scott Ridders - Sr. Concert; Tom Viking - Jr. Symphonic; Jeff Kyle - Jr. Concert – SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
 - 1. Meeting tomorrow morning 10 am, here or director's lounge to provide input on future clinicians
 - v. Scotty Lambert
 - 1. \$16,000 in the red, which is why reinstated \$5.00 per event fee
 - 2. Moe Turrentine going to be retiring
 - 3. 3 members in top-10 for the GRAMMY Music Educator Award
 - 4. Winton Marsalis – paper in USA Today
 - 5. US Navy Band and Sea Chanters will be at VMEA Conference
 - 6. Treasurer's Report
 - 7. Spent \$18,000 on notes, so saving money since all going online
 - 8. State-line Wind Symphony – 4 practices starting Tues. night at 7:00 p.m. at John Battle HS – statelinewinds.org (anyone over 18, out of high school, who plays) between 70 and 90

9. Band academy in June (Tom Crawford, Allen Gentry, Rebecca Paluzzi, and Jimmy Self(?))
 - Will be sending out e-mails with additional info – 4 days/\$100
- vi. Mark Collins makes motion to eliminate alto clarinet from the district 7 audition process.
 1. Jamie Davidson seconds motion
 2. Motion passes
- vii. Mark Collins makes motion to expand alto saxophones from 4 to 6 at junior level only.
 1. Beverly Campbell seconds motion
 2. Motion passes
- viii. Dan Wilner makes the motion to follow state percussion audition procedure with exception of prepared piece
 1. Rick Burns moves to amend motion to follow state guidelines on senior snare drum auditions only
 2. Mike Farina moves to amend the motion to follow state guidelines on both junior and senior snare drum auditions with the exception of the PAS 26 rudiments
 - a. Motion passes
- VI. Recognition of new teachers in the district and of Buddy Stewart, retiring (J.I. Burton High School, Norton)
- VII. Adjournment
 - a. Bob Balengee made motion to adjourn
 - b. Gary Skeen seconds motion
 - c. Motion passes

(alt. January (10th) All-District Auditions)