

VBODA District VII
Band Director Meeting Notes
Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center
Bristol, VA
February 3, 2012 at 2:45 p.m.

- I. Call to Order (Patrick Butler)
 - a. Welcome
 - b. Rick Galyean, band director at UVA-Wise, spoke about music program
 - i. February 27th - US Army Field Band to perform at new convocation center (will send info)
 - ii. March 30th – Music Major for a day
 - iii. October 27th – Marching Band Contest
 1. Bands will have to participate in at least 2 other local competitions in order to qualify
 2. 1st place = \$1000, Papa Joe Smiddy Cup; 2nd place = \$500.00; 3rd place = \$250.00
- II. Minutes from Last Meeting
 - a. Ric Munsey motioned to dismiss with the reading of the minutes; Patrick Trice seconded the motion; motion passed
- III. Reports
 - a. VBODA State Marching Festival (Patrick Butler, host)
 - i. Distributed a handout of VBODA Marching Assessment Committee Meeting note
 - ii. Number of participants is up
 - iii. Scoring sheets improved
 - iv. Trying to encourage more participation from our area
 - v. Big concerns about judging pool (committee)
 1. Need to have judges with small band experience
 2. More out-of-staters
 3. If interested in participating in committee or have ideas/questions, please contact Patrick
 - b. All-District Auditions (Mark Collins, event chair)
 - i. Participation is up about 40-50 students from last year
 - ii. Other than clarinet tabulation problem, all went well
 - iii. Score sheets available tomorrow (February 4)
 - c. Jr./Sr. All-District Band Clinic (Ben Parks, Bob Balengee, and Justin Comacho, event chairs)
 - i. \$1500 more from All-District Band
 - ii. \$15300 budget (includes everything)
 - iii. Gary Holley recognized for his contributions/help
 - iv. Certificates available tomorrow (February 4)
 - v. Clinicians – give Mark Collins suggestions for future clinicians
 - vi. Gratitude expressed to those who helped with percussion equipment, Mary Hawk of Holiday Inn, those who paid fees on time

- vii. Will need assistance returning equipment
- viii. Dr. Travis Cross, of, Virginia Tech, may bring a performing group next year
- ix. Army TRADOC brass quintet to perform tonight at 6 p.m.
- x. Contact event chairs if you have ideas for improving the event
- d. Concert Assessment – March 14-15, 2012, Virginia High School, Bristol, VA (Bruce Miller, event chair)
 - i. Information packet & forms online
 - ii. Deadline is Monday, February 20th
 - iii. Tentatively have 22 groups committed to the event
 - iv. Adjudicators are Carson Vermillion, Barry Tucker, and Pete Hodges
 - v. Virginia High School, Ben Parks and Tom Hopson to host
 - 1. 2 warm-up areas
 - 2. Possible profession quality recording
 - vi. Open to suggestions to improve event or regarding adjudicators for next year – contact Bruce Miller
- e. All Virginia Auditions, February 24, 2012, JMU
 - i. Hand-outs for directors/students available
- f. 2012 All-VA Band & Orchestra date – April 12-14, James River HS, Richmond, VA, Symphonic Band - Tom Leslie (UNLV), Concert Band - John Carmichael (USF), Orchestra - Thomas Wilkins (Omaha Symphony)

IV. New Business

- a. Site and Dates for 2012-2013 (TENTATIVE)
 - i. Solo and Ensemble 2012
 - 1. Area I: (Buchanan, Lee, Wise, Scott, Dickenson, Tazewell, and Norton) - _____
 - 2. Area II: (Washington, Bristol, Smyth, and Russell) – May 1st, Uley Daniels, Holston High School to host
 - 3. Area III: (Wythe, Bland, Carroll, Giles, Galax, Pulaski, and Grayson) – Donnie Riddle, Dublin Middle School, may host
 - ii. All Virginia Jazz Band Auditions – Sep 24 & Sep 30-Oct1
 - 1. Information usually available in August
 - iii. State Marching Assessment – West (Pulaski Co. HS) – October 20
 - 1. Sites to go digital (CDs or flashdrives)
 - iv. VMEA In-Service Conference – Homestead – November 15-17
 - 1. Registration for Homestead opens February 6th at 6:00 a.m. – have to go through VMEA website
 - 2. Contact Linda Gannon
 - v. All-District Band Auditions – John Battle HS – December 8, 2012; Alternate Date for Auditions – John Battle HS – January 5, 2013
 - vi. Jr./Sr. All-District Clinic – Holiday Inn – February 1-2, 2013

- vii. All Virginia Auditions – JMU – February 23, 2013
- viii. Concert Assessment – March 13 or 14, 2013
- ix. All Virginia Band – April 5-6, 2013
- b. Yearly participation fee due in November of each year
 - i. Replaces \$5.00/event participation fee and the manual fee
 - ii. Must be paid in order to audition for all-district (paid by November 1st or prior to the first event)
- c. Budget Concerns/Legislation
 - i. P.E. bill – did not pass
 - ii. Encouragement to be active in the community
 - 1. Promote program through newspaper articles/photos/etc.
- d. Motions from the floor
 - i. Bruce Miller made the motion to change the language from “concert festival” to “concert assessment” in our district level handbook to reflect the change made at the state level; Mark Collins seconded the motion; motion passed
 - ii. Bruce Miller made the motion to form a committee to select adjudicators for concert assessment; Ric Munsey seconded the motion; motion passed
 - iii. Ric Munsey made a motion to commission a work to be dedicated in memory of Cindy Roberts; Beverly Campbell seconded; motion passed
 - 1. Discussion – Mark Collins raised a question about whether we want to continue with the district commissioning projects; he also mentioned that either Travis Cross or Quincy Hilliard might be potential composers for the commissioned work; other potential clinician (not yet confirmed) is Dr. Terry Austin (VCU) suggestion that it feature trombone, Cindy’s instrument; question about invoicing the commission fee for book-keeping purposes; Dan Wilner suggested that the commissioned works should be premiered by the one of the two symphonic groups each year in order to make it more prestigious; after meeting meet with Mark Collins if have ideas about future clinicians
- e. Miscellaneous
 - i. Mark Collins plans to do a marching band leadership clinic the first Saturday in June
 - 1. For drum majors, captains, officers, color-guard, drum-line
 - 2. Nominal fee – per person cost
 - 3. Active learning
 - 4. Directors are welcome to come & observe
 - ii. Reminder about John Battle Marching Festival

- iii. Bruce Miller trying to create archive of past programs from Concert Assessments (formerly, Concert Festival)
 - 1. Currently 60s-90s
 - 2. Trying to get online
 - 3. Also has 2000-20011 (missing 2003 & 2008)
 - 4. Patrick Butler suggested also looking at District VI site (in regard to checking previous years' programs)
 - iv. Dale Hedrick – possible jazz clinic if enough interest
 - v. Contact Patrick Butler with any events, etc.
- V. Adjournment
- a. Bob Balengee made a motion to adjourn; Janet Longerbeam seconded the motion