

NKBDA Meeting Minutes
KMEA, February 11, 2011

Meeting called to order at 8:50 by Tim Kennedy

Congratulations to Bill Kidwell and Gray MS on a great concert at convention

Band Council Report (TK)

There was discussion about the motion to add a chromatic scale to the state level of All-State auditions. Has not passed yet primarily b/c of wording. Could easily pass in a future re-read.

Changes to the required list for HS Concert Fest were approved. They will be emailed to the membership. May 2011 is the deadline to submit proposed changes/additions to the 2011-12 list. The proposal form can be found on KMEA's website and is usually emailed out to the membership in the spring. Completed forms can be sent to Bill Kidwell (Dist. Band chair) or Tom Case (State Band Chair).

Festival Commission adopted a recommended list for HS Solo and Ens. This is only recommended. State Solo & Ens. festival was expanded with awards to now reflect the grade level performed (from the list which is required for state-level performance).

There were 903 all-state band auditioners, including 127 trumpets! Discussion that tpt music was too easy this year.

KMEA Winter Bd. Meeting notes are available online in members-only section of KMEA website.

Two proposals relative to Jazz Education were made at Winter Mtg.:

1. A proposal was made to create an office and elect a representative in each district relative to the Kentucky Association of Jazz Educators (KAJE). The 12 district reps would elect a state chair.
2. Begin Jazz Ensemble Assessment events (similar to NKJF). Perhaps even a state jazz festival in Lexington.

Select Band Report (TK for Jana Bromley)

Wind Ensemble folders are almost complete (waiting on one piece). Tim spoke with Chuck Campbell (WE clinician) about concerns that the program he chose is too difficult. He replied that he believes in setting high expectations and isn't changing the program. Directors need to remind students to practice and prepare parts ahead of time.

Symphonic Band & Middle School folders are complete. They will be mailed to directors that haven't paid or are not in attendance at this meeting.

Festival Managers Report (David Fuller)

HS S&E schedule has been emailed to those involved. Numbers are slightly down.

Those needed extra percussion instruments not listed (chimes etc.) for S&E need to email DF ahead of time so he can have them available.

Unless we have a major snow storm the week of S&E, there is no plans for using the snow date.

All Concert Festival performances will be March 29 & 30. We will not need the 31st as originally planned for.

Selection and classification and set-up forms are due March 4th to DF

MS S&E registration (Form I) due to Richmond by April 15th

Festival Managers no longer serve on the Festival Commission.

There will be one set of judges for all of Concert Fest (MS and HS). Working on Terry Thompson, Joe Allison, and TBA.

Ian will be recording festival.

A company has offered to take group pics at festival (similar to marching band events). This is a free service they will provide in order to sell copies of the pics. Getting a group pic will be optional. Membership agrees to do this.

Marching Band Committee Report (David Owens)

Championships have not been set yet. Looking at last weekend of October at UL or WKU. 1st weekend of November @ WKU also an option. No decision will be made until Big East football schedule is finalized.

The revised Adjudication manual passed the first reading. There are several big changes but overall the committee feels this is a good document for judges and directors to work from.

Jazz Fest Report (Joe Craig)

Select Jazz music will be posted to the web soon.

Rick VanMetre will be the guest clinician (retired from CCM). He is considering writing a commission piece for the group to premiere.

Sectionals and auditions will be at Beechwood in March.

Joe stressed that this is a jazz advocacy and education event and encouraged directors to consider attending. It looks like the event will be at capacity this year and could even become a multi-day event in the future. He has discussed with Adam Proctor the possibility of adding percussion events to the festival.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40

Minutes submitted by Chris Miller, NKBDA Secretary