

NKBDA Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2009
Chris Miller, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 10:00AM by President Tim Kennedy

Secretary's Report--- Chris Miller

Mr. Miller is working to re-activate our www.nkbda.com domain. The results from festival will be posted on the site, as will the minutes from this meeting, and a CD order form for select band. The membership should send announcements about concerts, fundraisers, awards, etc. to Mr. Miller for posting on the site.

Treasurer's Report--- Tim Kennedy (for Jason Milner)

We currently have a balance of approximately \$8870. After expense and income from the select bands, we stand to have an end-of-the-year balance of well over \$10,000.

Vice-President's Election

Former VP June Levis resigned the office, effective immediately, on March 1st. Mr. Kennedy opened the floor for nominations and noted that Jana Bromley had been nominated via email. Nominations were closed and Ms. Bromley was unanimously elected VP. She will serve out the remainder of Ms. Levis' term (end of this school year) and will then serve a full, 2 year term from the fall of 2009 through the spring of 2011.

Kentucky Ambassadors--- Matt Carron

Mr. Carron explained the value of the program and reminded members to send nominations to him (regardless of students' economic status) to him by Monday the 16th. Nominated students must be 15 years old and up, and will tour Europe in 2010 after rehearsing in Louisville starting June 25th, 2010.

Festival Commission--- David Fuller

Mr. Fuller thanked everyone for their help with concert festival. The following schools qualified for the state festival: Calvary Christian, Walton-Verona, Ryle Concert Band, Grant Co., Boone Co. Wind Ens., Ryle Wind Sym., Cooper, Scott, Highlands, Henry Clay Concert Band, Henry Clay Wind Ens. State is April 24-25 at Univ. of Louisville.

Thanks to KKP and PMA their help. Jonathan Eaton (new Greaves Coordinator) was also very helpful.

The following were named exemplary groups by the judges. Middle School: Gray 8th Grade, Williamstown MS, Grant County MS, Conner 6th Grade. High School: Williamstown, Ryle Wind Sym., Scott.

Orchestra Festival is Wednesday, March 18th at Conner.

Solo and Ensemble money and Form I are due in the KMEA office by March 18th. Email the Event Registration form to Mr. Fuller by the 18th. Solo and Ens. is April 18th at Scott/Woodland. Mr. Kennedy will try to get college faculty to do HS events and area directors to do MS events. Mr. Carron mentions that some HS students feel disappointed when playing for their private lesson teachers.

HS events will happen at Scott while MS events happen at Woodland. This should last from 9:00AM to 1:00PM.

Email suggestions for judges to Mr. Fuller.

Mr. Fuller plans on continuing as next year's Festival Commission Chair.

Ideas for next year's festival schedule--- David Fuller

Mr. Fuller opened the floor for comments/discussion about this year's set-up as compared to past years.

Mr. Carron--- prefers S&E later in the year. Earlier leads to fewer registrations and more cancelations.

Mr. Fuller--- orchestra being a separate festival is what allows us to complete MS and HS band fest in 3 days. NKU is not available until 5PM on Fridays and Monday of their spring break is not available due to FBLA conference.

Mr. Carpenter--- prefers MS and HS festivals split. It is difficult for directors with multiple groups performing on multiple days and leads to the director being out of school 3 of the 5 days that week.

Mr. Little--- prefers festival later b/c of basketball tournaments.

Mr. Kidwell--- suggests that MS and part of HS be scheduled like this year, but with a 2nd day of HS schedule 2 weeks later b/c of the basketball conflict.

Mr. Fuller--- later scheduling becomes difficult b/c of Boone Co. and Kenton Co. districts' spring breaks. They must be avoided b/c we can't financially afford to have the festival without either one of those districts attending.

Mr. Craig--- S&E works best at NKU b/c of the pianos here, kids are available to work (S&E requires the most staffing), plenty of rooms, and the burden it puts on a host school. Concert Festival is easier to do elsewhere than S&E.

Mr. Fuller--- NKU is reluctant to host S&E b/c of the moving of equipment (pianos).

Mr. Carron--- I have hosted for 2 years. Help is always an issue. Pianos are a huge pain. A host school with a piano lab would be a huge help. Conner MS is mentioned

Ms. Bromley--- Have we considered CCM?

Mr. Howard--- What if we just used SmartMusic? (not an option due to state S&E requirements).

Ms. Fuller--- Keep in mind for this year we will need twice as many pianos if we have events going on at Scott and Woodland at the same time.

Mr. Craig--- Last year's judges complained about the pianos. Scheduling events in two rooms (one with and one w/o pianos) has been tried and is not feasible.

Mr. Owens--- If NKU's issue is the moving of pianos, what if we paid them. We never paid them for S&E before.

Mr. Fuller--- I'll talk to the other district festival managers and see how they deal with pianos for their own S&E.

Mr. Moody--- What if we used pianos for the HS and keyboards for the MS (b/c MS accompaniments tend to be less complex). We could also overlap some MS and HS events to conserve pianos

Mr. Fuller--- Keyboards may need amplification

Ms. Owens--- Having a festival at CCM would be a great opportunity to expose the kids to the school and vice versa

Mr. Fuller--- CCM must be booked 2 years in advance. KMEA may not let us consider/use CCM b/c it is out of state.

The following schools volunteered to bring a piano to S&E. Beechwood 2, Campbell Co HS 1, Gallatin Co 1, Gray 2, Notre Dame 1, Walton-Verona 1, Scott, 2, Calvary Christian 1. Each is responsible for their own equipment's transportation and set-up the morning of the event.

Mr. Carron--- Reminder that it is a KMEA regulation that a school's director be at S&E from their students' 1st event until their last. Several times last year during S&E there were only a few directors on site.

Mr. Fuller--- Sharp MS (Ian Insko) will be sending parents to chaperone at S&E b/c of the Pendleton Co band trip.

Mr. Owens--- Suggest that NKBDA meets at the end of S&E on April 18th to wrap things up and encourage the membership to be at S&E. Or perhaps at lunch?

It is agreed upon by the membership that NKBDA will formally meet at S&E on April 18th.

Marching Band Committee Report--- David Owens

Contest dates for the fall have been submitted for approval to KMEA. Regionals are 10/31 and State is 11/7.

Northern KY Jazz Festival--- Joe Craig

Auditions are Thursday, March 19th at Beechwood. Registrations are due to Chris Miller by Monday at 4:00. Mr. Miller will send out audition times by Tuesday morning. Payment for auditions can be made at the audition. Encourage students to audition, especially trombones.

Scholarship Committee--- Tim Kennedy

Committee members are Bill Kidwell, Jim Daughters, and Kelly Hash. There are 15 applicants and it will be very competitive. The winners are Carly Hood from Scott and Ryan Lietzenmayer from Dixie (not announced until the concert that evening).

Select Band 2009 Recap--- Tim Kennedy

There were some issues with percussion equipment b/c of poor organization (no specific assignment of what equipment to be brought by who) and miscommunication by NKU (allowed to use equip. on Thurs. then not on Fri.). The directors' sessions were a big success and very well attended. Several hours of PD credit will be available via a letter that will be sent out by Mr. Miller.

Mr. Carron/Mr. Daughters--- Recommend that a Select Band Committee be formed to discuss issues related to Select Band including audition music, auditions, folders, conductors. It is agreed upon by the membership. Volunteers for the committee include: David Owens, JoAnn Owens, Carole Hahn, DuWayne Dale, Kelly Hash, Joe Craig, Bill Kidwell, Jim Daughters, Matt Carron, Jana Bromley, June Levis, Chris Miller. The committee's first meeting will be later that day. Carole Hahn took minutes at that meeting.

2009-2010 Events Scheduling Discussion--- Tim Kennedy

Changing our current set-up requires a school or schools to set-up and host concert festival.

Mr. Peterson--- likes the current set-up. It ran very smooth.

Mr. Little--- basketball and weather will always get in the way this time of year.

Mr. Fuller--- To move from NKU will require someone to provide recording equipment for free. KMEA will not allow us to pay for recording equipment.

Mr. Owens--- The current set-up is too much for small schools to do in one week. Beechwood will not be able to bring its HS Band to our festival as long as we continue in this set-up but he will agree with whatever is best for the district.

Mr. Owens--- I am a KMEA supporter but maybe holding S&E separate from KMEA is best for our district.

Mr. Fuller--- Many districts have Select Band auditions in November as part of their All-State auditions.

Mr. Kidwell--- Spring festival is difficult for MS b/c of all the field trips. March is best for MS

Ms. Owens--- Snow is a possibility this time of year. Perhaps 2 weeks later at the end of March for festival(s)?

Mr. Fuller--- Perhaps end of March for MS and end of April for HS? Still requires hosts.

Mr. Kennedy--- If 3 or 4 schools would volunteer to rotate hosting events like concert festival or S&E it would relieve the burden of a school hosting every year.

Ms. Bromley--- Please submit ideas for the festival schedule to Mr. Fuller or Mr. Kennedy. Mr. Fuller will prepare a list of options to be discussed and voted on at the April 18th meeting.

Donation to KKP and PMA for Select Band tear-down

Mr. Kennedy makes a motion to donate \$150 to both KKP and PMA for breakdown after the Select Band concert. Passes.

---- At this point, Mr. Miller had to leave the meeting----

(via Mr. Kennedy)

Money

We have a surplus of money right now. Consider what ways we may want to use this money for the good of the memberships' students.

Meeting is adjourned at 11:55AM.

Our next meeting is April 18th during the Solo and Ensemble Festival

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Miller, Secretary