

## Select Band Committee Meeting Notes

March 14, 2009 (Survey April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>)

**Committee Members:** Bill Kidwell, June Levis, Joe Craig, David Owens, JoAnn Owens, Jim Daughters, Dwayne Dale, Matt Carron, Chris Miller, Jana Bromley, Carole Hahn

### Audition Dates

The committee voted to keep select band auditions at the same time each year (after winter break).

### Auditions and Audition Music

Matt Carron suggested that we shorten the prepared HS piece in order to add an 8 measure sight-reading component to the high school audition. The committee is split 50/50 on this decision.

Jim Daughters is taking care of compiling Set 3 of the audition music for MS  
Chris Miller is taking care of the HS music.

All music is to include tempo markings. In addition, we voted and approved that percussionists should have a blind audition like the other sections.

### Select Band Folders

The committee voted to give conductors until **November 1<sup>st</sup>** to submit their repertoire. This will also need to be stated in their contract.

Matt Carron will take care of preparing HS folders.

Jana Bromley will take care of preparing MS folders.

June Levis will assign percussion parts. (needs to be done BEFORE folder distribution)

Chris Miller will update the letter and schedule to be included in folders.

Folders must include a schedule (updated) and a blank sheet of paper (to write names on).

Folders will be distributed at select band auditions. Chris Miller will take care of tabulation and a team of 2 people will be responsible for printing names on folders and giving to band directors.

\*\*\* It was unanimously decided that schools who do NOT pay their select band folder fees before select band would not be allowed to participate. The President of NKBD A would also make the necessary phone call to inform them of that decision. *Schools that still owe for previous years will not be allowed to participate.*

### **Lunch Monitoring**

We are having a major problem with supervision at lunch. In addition, several middle school students are getting into cars of HS students without permission and we do not know where kids are. This is a problem. Students cannot be left unsupervised at NKU at any point. A group of people have volunteered to take a look at the situation and come up with solutions for next year: Matt C, Dave O, Chris M, Carole H, JoAnn O

\*\*\* It was again affirmed that ALL SCHOOLS must have a director or qualified chaperone at NKU to supervise students AT ALL TIMES. This did not happen this year. Several students did not even have any idea what they were supposed to do for lunch because they were never told and there was not a director from their school around to help. It was decided that the President of NKBDA would be notified and take care of this problem if it occurs.

### **Guest Conductors**

The committee would like to be in charge of future conductors. It was voted that the President of NKBDA should make the initial call and Matt Carron will follow up with the conductors to make sure we receive repertoire on time.

The committee voted to allow the possibility of someone from NKU to conduct one of the groups every third year. This is not mandatory, just a possibility.

Joe Craig is making a survey for Select Band conductors which would give feedback regarding what they liked about our select band procedures, rehearsal schedules and suggestions about improving our program.

Future Conductor's mentioned at the meeting: Teresa Elliott (2010), George Boulden, Gary Schallert, Russ Mickelson, Ann Porter, Craig Cornish (open to more).

### **Commissioning Project**

It was voted to re-open the commissioning project every other year. The commission would alternate between HS and MS. In addition, the years we are not commissioning a new piece, the committee would like to bring in a high profile (big-time) conductor for one of the groups, again alternating between HS and MS.