

SCMEA Orchestra Division
September 12, 2009

I. Announcements:

Paul Buyer passed around the book to update information membership.

Introduction of Glenn Price, SCMEA President.

- Gave status report of SCMEA (See letter at the end of minutes)
Introduction of Neil Casey, Faculty of USC
- Neil made brochures available about the USC Symphony Orchestra and discussed the possibilities of potential educational opportunities. Please contact him at ncasey@mozart.sc.edu with questions.

Chris Selby, orchestra division president, called a vote for the new officers. The new officers were all voted in for their positions.

Introductions of new teachers

- Matt Peebles, Ashley Ridge and Bose Middle School
- Ramonta Lee, Wilson High School and Williams Middle school
- Joe Wargo, Beaufort M.S. and Mossy Oaks Elem. Beaufort Elem. and Ramonta Lee
- Allison Gallimore, Jonesville Elementary/Middle School and Lockhart Elementary/Middle School
- Katy Martin, Greenville County
- Michael Baier, Bates and Chesnut Oaks
- Jeff Kuntz and Helen Tipton, both new to District 7

Christi Lewis passed a petition to rename an auditorium Freddie E. Grace Jr. Theatre.

Mentor Program-please sign if you are adept or mentor certified.

Norman Neff approved minutes and Collen Marcou seconded the minutes.

II. Officer' Reports

- Treasurer's Report, Sharon Doyle-May need to increase fees for Solo and Ensemble. We are monitoring the cost for this event. We had a deficit this year. We need to conserve money as much as possible. We do not pay judges during lunch breaks. Avoid overnights as much as possible. Do not pay for judge's dinner if they only work until 6:00pm. Contact Sharon if you have questions. This is the first year we have not broken even with Solo and Ensemble. If you are getting a reimbursement you must fill out the voucher form. If you pay someone over \$600 you must have them fill out a 1099. You need a W-9 form if you are being paid for an event (clinicians, custodians, etc). You need to make payments by the deadline. Ask your office if you can get a standing SCMEA Purchase Order. It is a quick turn around for checks and the money is already encumbered. Sharon will take care of the PO paperwork. When you send checks, please send them to the person they are to be mailed to. Place your site location on the checks. Use the handbook dates from the website. These are postmark deadlines. Estimate what you did last year. It is a 24 hour turn around to change a PO. Send the PO to the appropriate SCMEA officer. We are really in non-profit mode now. Correction on the budget: please change Net Income to \$390 from \$490.

Johanna Pollock approved the proposed budget and John K seconded the motion.

- Conference, Marsha Gross-Looking forward to seeing Dr. Robert McCash, Kathleen Horvath, Gail Barns, Ph. D, David Crowe and presenting their

orchestras, Susan Baier and Kathy Perry at this year's SCMEA Conference in Charleston.

Marsha is looking for people to participate in a Make-and-Take session. Sessions will include topics such as conducting, grant writing, and judging.

- Concert Festival, Ginger Greer-We have had major growth in the amount of students participating in Concert Festival. 2007: 2585 students participated, 79 groups registered; 2008: 3323 students participated, 112 groups registered; 2009: 4126 students participated, 124 groups registered. Money is needed by January 15th if you would like to participate. There will be a \$25 late fee this year.

Region 1-Tammy King

Location: Chapman High School

Date: March 11-12

Region 2-James Johnston/Ginger Greer

Location Greenville High School

Date: March 11-12

Region 3-Chris Selby/Christi Lewis

Location: Keenan High School

Date: March 24-26

Region 4-Lynn Auman

Location: Myrtle Beach Middle School

Date: March 24-26

Sightreading- working on changing the music for next year. One selection must be from the list on www.scorchestra.net or from the festival lists from Texas, Virginia, New York, or Georgia. Please check our web site for these lists.

- Solo and Ensemble, Christine Hallett

The dates for Solo and Ensemble are April 23-24 and April 30-May 1st.

Hosts:

Anderson	Candace Henry	Palmetto HS	April 23-24
Pickens/Oconee	Joyce Parvin	Seneca Middle	April 23-24
Charleston	Rebecca Runge	James Island Middle	April 23-24
Florence	Rosa Kelly	Hartsville Middle	April 30-May 1
Greenville	Angela Rex	Bryson Middle	April 30-May 1
Lex 1	Tim Bennett	Pelion	April 30-May 1
Lex 5	Colleen Marcou	Irmo HS	April 30-May 1
Myrtle Beach	Lynn Aumann		TBA
Richland	Brent Wilson	Dent Middle	April 30-May1
SPA 1-7 Rock Hill	Ann Buttimer	Dorman HS	April 30-May1

The deadline is Feb. 12th. The website will have the updated info. Please turn in the money on time. Next year we will be charging a late fee. Make sure you have your cover forms ready with your card on it. Ginger needs a tally of last year's ratings and last year's left over medals.

- Region Orchestra-Phillip Pagal

Region 1: Upstate East-Laurens, Spartanburg, Union, York

Region 1: Site Host: Susan Bair-Dorman High

Audition Site: Dorman High School

Audition Date: Saturday, October 10th

Performance Site Host: Norman Neff

Performance Site: Boiling Springs Jr. High

Performance Date: Nov. 21, 2009

Region 2: Upstate West-Anderson, Greenville, Pickens, Oconee

Audition Site Host: Brian Gencarelli

Audition Site: Beck Academy

Audition Date: Saturday, October 10th, 2009

Region 3: Midlands-Aiken, Lexington, Richland
Audition Site Host: Colleen Marcou
Audition Site: Crossroads Middle School
Audition Date: Saturday, October 10, 2009

Performance Site Host: Johanna Pollock
Performance Site: Lexington HS
Performance Date: Nov. 21, 2009

Region 4: Low Country-Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Darlington,
Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Kershaw, Orangeburg, Sumter
Audition Site Host: Andrea Kemper
Audition Site: James Island Charter High School
Audition Date: Saturday, October 10, 2009

Performance Site Host Paul Buyer
Performance Site: Summerville HS
Performance Date: Nov. 21, 2009

Region pages-send information to Sarah Fitzgerald she will post directions, letters, etc.

Please make sure you are staying in your budget.

Sarah Fitzgerald is updating the addresses on the website.

- All-State Orchestra, Brian Gencarelli and Patrick Murch
Conductor's: Rebecca McCloud, Kirk Moser, and Jeffery Grogan
We commissioned a piece by Kirt Moser for the 9-10 group.
Trying to post excerpts or create a cd-rom to make it more efficient and cost effective. Publishers will be contacted about the ability to post music. Information will be posted on our website.
- Region Auditions, Paul Buyer-No individual checks sent please. Don't staple your checks please.

Registration 101: There will be a link you can click scorchestra.net/Registrations

User name: teachers

Password: orchestra.

Quick Search-type in name of school

Complete Information Box

Return to web page

Type in the Sponsors name

Complete Information Box-stars are required fields. Please use your home information.

Make sure to type in home phone and cell phone numbers.

Return to registration homepage

If you select All-State registration by mistake, it will send you back.

Enter the student's info.

Return to registration homepage

Print registration, print name, and send

Send in the sponsor registration cover letter and the region registration Verification Sheet.

What do you do about home schooled students? You can send an individual check for this. If you are a private lesson teacher, you can set up an account under your studio name.

Go ahead and register on time, send the check as soon as you can.

III. New Business:

Katy Martin, new to Greenville County.

IV. Old Business:

Janice Hutton, Last reading Proposal for the new All-State Orchestra Schedule This makes All-State a two day event, starting earlier on Friday and ending on Saturday. Bob Jones has offered to sponsor this event. The College of Charleston and Coastal Carolina have both offered to host as well.

Further discussion-Norman Neff asked how early we would begin on Friday. It would be 1:30pm registration until 9:15pm and Saturday 8:30am-4:30 performance.

Christian Williams-asked if we are no longer hosting All-State in the Up-State.

Paul Buyer-Bob Jones can host but does College of Charleston have enough room?

Sarah Fitzgerald-We will still have a day of travel.

With three groups, what is the estimated ending time of the concert? It would end around 6:30pm.

Susan Baier-Concern about winds, she did speak to band directors, it depends on the director and how they rehearse as to whether or not, winds would have problems. We would have to consider choice of music due to endurance.

John Ravanaugh: Does it make it a better experience for the child to have All-State for only two days?

Sarah Fitzgerald called for the vote

Orchestra OPA Award Proposal- Brian Gencarelli

Three divisions, Elementary, Middle School, and High School. The standards are online. Please look this over and see how it fits with your program. Print it out from the website and go through it. If there is a red flag, please let Brian know. Brian wants input and will work with us to make it a possibility.

The votes have been tallied and we are going to stay with All-State for three days.

Katy Martin won the free evening at the Embassy Suites and free conference registration

Thank you to Colleen for hosting this meeting.

Motion : John K motioned to adjourn and Marsha Gross Seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Diehn
Secretary