

SCMEA Orchestra Division
September 6, 2003

Susan Baier, orchestra division president, brought the meeting to order at 2:00pm in the String Project building at USC in Columbia, SC.

I. Welcome and Introduction;

- Handbooks are available for \$5.00.
- Susan Baier thanked last year's board members, Johanna Pollock, Catherine Crowe, Melissa Martin, Sharon Doyle, Chris Corde, Colleen Marcou, Sarah Fitzgerald, Sandy Goldie and Paul Buyer, for their work.
- Susan Baier introduced this year's board members, Sarah Fitzgerald, Johanna Pollock, Amy Strahm, Sharon Doyle, Jacob Dakon, Angela Rex, Chris Corde, Paul Buyer, Chris Selby, and Sarah Rose and expressed a "thanks for serving."

Membership List:

Paul Buyer requested everyone record his/her primary e-mail under *e-mail 1* and principal instrument on the membership list. He is currently working on the *members only* area of the website (www.scorchestra.com) which currently does not work. Paul Buyer does not have your passwords to the website. Check your original mailing.

Changed E-mail:

If you need to contact Paul Buyer DO NOT e-mail at paulbuyer@mac.com, instead use the website and click on his name or use the address paulbuyer@charter.net or paulbuyer@scorchestra.com. Chris Selby can be reached at cselby@rnh.richland2.org.

New Teachers:

Susan Baier asked all new teachers register with Sharon Doyle for a prize. (Congratulations to Lydia Lowe who won a night at the Embassy Suites and paid registration for the SCMEA Conference!) Lydia Lowe, Teresa Jenkins-Russ, Sarah Wright, Michelle Wilber, Melissa Preacher, and Lucy Manning Joseph were welcomed by the group. Henry Hampton and Chris Corde were congratulated on their new positions.

II. Officer's Reports

Approval of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Sarah Fitzgerald to accept the minutes from the meeting held February 22, 2003. It was seconded by Freddie Grace.

Treasurer's Report:

Sharon Doyle presented the 2002/2003 Financial Statement. She stated that we are designated a non-profit organization, a designation that has to be dealt with each year. She said that we are proposing a net loss of around \$3500.00. Concert Festival Judges fees will be \$25.00 this year and Solo and Ensemble Judges will be paid \$30.00, a raise of \$5.00. All State and Region conductor rates were raised as well. The proposed budget is inflated to allow for hall rental fees. An impact study will be made on the exact amount events are costing. The treasurer needs to hear from people who have to pay for substitutes to host events. Reimbursement for substitutes will be considered if Sharon Doyle is contacted. The current

operating balance is \$32,388.56. Take all reimbursement forms from the website, www.scorchestra.com, to ensure current rates. A motion was made by Tim Bennett to accept the budget. It was seconded by Freddie Grace.

2004 Conference:

Sarah Fitzgerald talked about what has been schedule for conference. This schedule includes the Clemson University Symphony Orchestra performing at the general session, Charleston Symphony members instructing on how to teach non-principal instruments, Tom Hildrich from Winthrop University teaching jazz improv, a make and take session, Laurie Christy from USC teaching the Alexander Technique, and many exhibits to visit. Sharon Doyle added information about the Leadership Conference that will take place during the SCMEA Conference. Dr. Wrestler, the author of *Leadership for Music Educators*, will be presenting a session.

Concert Festival:

The following people will host Concert Festival:

- Low Country: Sarah Fitzgerald
- Mid-State: Susan Maltz
- Up State East (Districts 2 & 7): Paul Buyer
- Up State East (Districts 1, 5 & 6): Christian Williams and Jennifer Diehn
- Up State West: Ginger Grier and Sara Rose

Jacob Dakon said to take the Festival form off of the website where a check box will be added for receiving a trophy or a plaque for a superior rating.

E-mail Jacob with feedback on Concert Festival at jmdakonl@yahoo.com.

A reminder was made that Concert Festival is NOT a competition, but a way to improve your own program.

Solo and Ensemble Festival:

The following people will host Solo and Ensemble Festival:

- Pickens, Oconee, Anderson: David Warlick
- Charleston: Rebeca Runge
- Greenville:?
- Lexington: Johanna Pollock
- Myrtle Beach: Lynn Auman and Connie Balawender
- Richland: Alvera Blithwood
- Spartanburg 6: Susan Baier
- Spartanburg 7: Paul Buyer

Angela Rex requested that each teacher attach a separate piece of paper with the names in order, listing each ensemble member for the purpose of printing certificates.

Region Orchestra:

Region will be held in the following locations:

- Region 1: Auditions-Dorman High School (Susan Baier)
Event-Boiling Springs Jr. High (March Moody/Denise Burcham)
- Region 2: Auditions-Fine Arts Center (Catherine Crowe)
Event-Anderson College (Katie Dey)

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- Region 3: Auditions-Ridgeview High School (Chris Selby, Johanna Pollock-paperwork)
Event-Airport High School (Andy Preston)
- Region 4: Auditions-West Ashley High School (Sarah Fitzgerald)
Event-Stratford High School (Janet Elshazly)

Sharon Doyle needs the names of the conductors with addresses for tax purposes. This should be done after the conductors have been contacted and signed a contract. All paper work needs to be sent to Sharon.

Paul Buyer will put a copy of the contract on the website.

All State:

Lynn Auman will host All State at the Carolina Forrest High School.

700 Gardner Lacy Rd, Myrtle Beach 29579 (1-843-236-7500)

Chris Corde clarified that anything involving money needs to be sent to Sharon Doyle. Chris Corde is in charge of All State and Chris Selby will be in charge of Region Orchestras.

The Junior Orchestra conductor will be Brian Buffalo.

The Senior Orchestra conductor might be Barbara Smith.

Music for Region Orchestra will be available at Region auditions.

It has not been decided how music for All State will be distributed.

Chris Corde requested that orchestra teachers help sponsor the band students we use for All State.

All State Program: Ginger Grier-word processing

Jennifer Diehn-sell advertising

All State Taping:

Paul addressed some concerns about taping. For Senior violins the B#'s in measures 25 and 26 will be accepted either way. Bowings may be changed. Be sure to follow the tempo markings. Check for updates on the Junior Bass Etude. Junior Violin and Viola tempi are different due to a committee decision. Chris Selby reminded the membership that there is a five minute limit to taping.

III. New Business

Letter From Patti Foy:

Susan Baier read a letter sent from Patti Foy. Patti Foy wants to encourage the membership to create Tri M chapter at their schools. Go to the South Carolina Music Educators website for a link. She also wants to push mentoring for our newer teachers. They need support. The Leadership Conference within the 2004 Conference was mentioned again. The banquet at the conference has been changed due to comments from last year. There will be a Charleston Beach Party Friday night, a casual dress event that will include beach music and dancing with a buffet dinner. Awards will be given at this time.

New Curriculum Guide:

Sharon Doyle talked about the new music standards that were approved by the legislator last May. They are now aligned to the National Standards and should be used in the classroom. The companion documents (the old Opportunity To Learn) has been redone and now everything should be aligned. All music teachers will get this as soon as it is complete.

By Laws Revision:

The first reading was made by Susan Baier to revise Section 6 and Section 8 involving an assistant to the Festival chairperson to coordinate Solo and Ensemble Festival and adding a Region chairperson respectively.

III. Old Business:

Sharon Doyle shared a power point presentation on the SC Education and Development Act. She encourages everyone to e-mail your senators and legislators, the ones you vote for, every two weeks. Suggestions were made to send your thoughts through different e-mail addresses. Try to get parents to get involved.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Freddie Grace and seconded by Paul Buyer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Amy E. Strahm, Secretary