



### **MBDA Central Region Officers**

Scott Campbell, President  
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### **MBDA Central Board of Directors**

Lee Peterson, Membership Chair  
Lynn Richter, 9-10 Honor Band Chair  
Terri Svec, 6-8 Honor Band Chair  
Elisa Frerich, Beginning Band Chair

### CMBDA Board Meeting

Saturday, February 20, 2010

11:00 am – Culver’s Restaurant, Rogers, MN

#### I. Introductions

#### II. Reports

- A. Approved minutes from the previous meeting, August 2009
  1. Can now be posted on the web
  2. Discussed that future minutes will be emailed out for board approval and then posted online
- B. Financial Report
  1. Current balance is \$3,742.38
  2. Honor Band Finances
    - a. Total intake = \$4300.00
      - i. 6-8 fee intake = \$2225.00
      - ii. 9-10 fee intake = \$1575.00
      - iii. seed money = \$500
    - b. Total expenses = \$2,525.66
      - i. 6-8 expenses = \$612.34
      - ii. 9-10 expenses = \$1913.32
      - iii. above amounts include conductor stipend of \$350
      - iv. discrepancy in expenses is due to 9-10 figure including the cost of lunch for both groups
  3. Financial report approved.
- C. Review of Officer Elections - All officers serving in current capacity were voted for and elected.
- D. Review of MMEA/MBDA state meeting.
  1. Bruce Olson summarized the meeting that took place on Feb. 12 at the MMEA convention.
  2. Discussed how CMBDA activities align with what the other regions are doing.
    - a. State board gives us suggested dates to hold the regional honor bands, which we will work to do in order to avoid conflicts with other activities (speech, other honor bands, etc.)

### III. Festival Summary

#### A. 6-8 Honor Band – Terri Svec

1. Report will get added to Honor Band Coordinator's binder
2. Scott will submit report to state president
3. Student participants = 92 selected, with approx. 5 no shows
4. Terri has ideas for creating recommendations for teachers in the selection process, which may help MS directors who may not be as familiar with this process as HS directors
  - a. Will discuss as a group at our April meeting

#### B. 9-10 honor band – Lynn Richter

1. Student participants = in the upper 90s
2. Report will get added to Honor Band Coordinator's binder
3. Scott will submit report to state president

#### C. Items for consideration/improvement/celebration

1. See above (III.A.4) for development of honor band nomination guidelines
  - a. Use form, do not just email a list of students
  - b. Give teachers recommendations for how to nominate
2. Discussed 6-8 honor band survey from Wayne Feller and what was valuable
  - a. Students reported they liked having the sectionals
  - b. Terri will email survey results.
3. Scott suggested developing a standard practice for people who have put lots of time into the festival (coordinators, section coaches, hosts, etc.)
  - a. Could they have dues paid for the next year rather than getting a check for their help that day? This could encourage membership if you get a section coach who isn't a member already.
    - i. How would doing this affect us financially in the future?
    - ii. Participation fee is \$25 now, used to be \$10
4. Terri did a survey the day of the festival for the directors asking what the membership would be interested in for the future
  - a. How did you find out about the honor band? Or how would you prefer receiving notification of the event?
  - b. What are events you would like to see in our region? i.e. Solo/ensemble festival, commissioning a work
  - c. Do you know anybody who would fill open positions?
  - d. Board will do more "brainstorming" at our April meeting regarding survey results
5. Lynn has a parent letter that would go home before director makes the nomination so that families know expectations before they know if they are selected. This will hopefully help eliminate conflicts with the schedule and last minute drop-outs.
6. Discussed timeline for state honor band, and whether or not we can help identify strong people at the regional level and encourage them to audition for the state level. Audition deadline is at a tough time (mid-

December) in comparison to when we can identify the strong regional kids.

7. Discussed fall postcard mailing

- a. Lee has names & addresses of every school in our region are in an Excel file, not just those who are members
- b. Should this be in Google Doc format so directors can go in and edit information?
- c. Discussed how best to get mailing information, as MMEA requires that we pay for mailing database
- d. Postcards did not go out this fall .
- e. Discussion over what is the best way to communicate?
  - i. Postcards (cost)
  - ii. Email (often blocked)
  - iii. Can state level MBDA give money to encourage membership outreach?
  - iv. Postcard mailings or tri-fold document with more information?
  - v. Will talk more at April meeting about specific information that should be in a mailing. Could possibly start with the “Restructuring Brochure” from a few years ago and add/change/omit info as a starting point.

8. Honor band budget will be drafted that includes section coaches, copies, director stipend, hotel, mileage, etc.

9. Brainstormed people for new 6-8 Honor Band Coordinator:

- Rick Perkins, Anoka-Ramsey Community College
- Jerald Ferdig, Rockford
- Darrin Bleese, Oakview MS

10. Next year’s honor band date is January 22, 2011 at Coon Rapids High School.

IV. Beginning Band Festival

A. Location & Date

1. Salk Rapids MS or HS (depending on exact date)
  - a. Building usage cost is hourly rate of approx. \$30 to cover custodial services
2. May 1 or May 8
3. Teachers must be MBDA members to send students

B. Clinician

1. Martin Garber – available & interested for May 8
2. Discussed previous list of possible clinicians if Garber unavailable

C. Section Coaches

1. People in Salk Rapids area may not be members
2. Do not have to be an MBDA member to section coach
3. Lynn suggested using registration form to ask if directors are interested in section coaching, thus narrowing down the number of coaches to seek out.

4. Scott will check with state level on potentially offering membership to those who serve as section coaches

D. Music

1. Donated from Schmitt Music
2. Give repertoire list to Geneva Fitzsimmonds
3. Will be raffled off at the event

E. Certificates

1. Discussed having certificates for the participants

IV. Officer Duties and Binders

- A. Examine description of duties in binder; at next meeting, we will discuss what to add or change to job description.
- B. Made officer contact list – 2 emails and 2 phone numbers for everyone.
- C. Discussed what would make membership worthwhile
  1. Newsletter with school spotlight, people to contact for questions, review of literature, etc.
- D. Please take care of sending bios and/or photos to the webmaster.

Adjourned @ 1:21 pm.

Next meeting: April 17 at 10:00 am, same location.

Will set dates for next year's meetings.

Agenda will be sent out one week in advance.