

Minutes - Fall Meeting 2008

The Fall luncheon and meeting of TSSBDA was held at Calhoun's Restaurant starting about 1:00 p.m. Directors present included Kathy Sotelo, Chris Sotelo, Brandon Tilley, Bryant Adler, Ashley Glenn, George Hayden, Linda Trout, Craig Valentine, Dawn Patelke, Pete Rogers, Chris Metcalf, Lisa Michaels, Tim Michaels, Andrew Bernard, Jim Hix, Robert Cobb, Cassie Redcorn.

After our meal, President Pete Rogers called the meeting to order. The minutes of the Spring Junior Clinic were passed out for members to read. It was pointed out that Kathy Sotelo and Brandon Tilley had attended the last meeting, and had been omitted from the minutes. After that correction, the minutes were accepted as amended. The Treasurer's Report from January - September 2008 was distributed. It was noted that although all 3 of our events were in the red to some degree, the association was still in good financial shape owing to the large amount in our scholarship savings account. 2 scholarships have been paid this fall, to the universities of Myron Percy and Carrie Tedder. We discussed ways to make our events more financially viable. Dawn informed the membership that she opened a checking account at Knox Teacher's Credit Union to be linked to the savings account so that scholarship recipients can be paid from that account by a check rather than having to physically go to the credit union for a cashier's check. The 2 scholarships just paid were paid from the Suntrust Checking Account, which is earmarked for the routine business of the association, and which now needs replenishing from savings. The signature requirements on the new account would be the same as the other 2 accounts. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Linda Trout reported on Spring Concert Festival at Hiwassee College. Things went very smoothly. She thanked Tellico Plains and Sweetwater High Schools for lending music stands for the warm-up rooms. 17 bands participated. Dawn asked if she had any extra programs for the TSSBDA files, and Linda said she should have some or could email a copy. A question was asked about Hiwassee being able to host again in Spring of 2009 due to the fact that they are having accreditation problems and may close. Linda felt confident that they were addressing those issues and that at least for Spring 2009, it should not be a problem. Barring complications, Concert Festival 2009 will be hosted by Linda Trout at Hiwassee College. Thanks were given to Linda by the association for a job well done.

It was pointed out by Chris Metcalf that we had failed to put together a list of judges for concert festival at the last meeting and that needed to be done. The call list and order of contact for concert festival is:

University Judges

Dr. Stuart Benkert -UTC
Sean Greene - LMU
Dr. Michael Stewart -UTK
Dr. Lloyd Jones - Univ of North Ala.

Senior High Judges

John Burroughs - McMinn HS
Mark Connell - William Blount HS
Alan Hunt - Walker Valley HS
Tim Paul - 1st Bapt. Concord
Rick Chambers - Ridgeland HS, GA

Middle School Judges

Joel Tillman - Hardin Valley
HS/Karns MS
George Hayden - Maryville Int
Jeff Kile - Robertsville MS
Julie Stout - Cherokee MS
Dale Pendley - Jefferson MS
Brooke Rhea - Greeneville MS
Mike Spirko - West Valley MS
Richard Brown - John Sevier MS

Under new business, discussion moved as to whether the association should invite David Holsinger to conduct our Senior Clinic Blue band. Chris Metcalf reported that Holsinger is able to do our clinic - our clinic weekend is his one free weekend in his calendar, and has verbally committed to it. Although his clinician's fee is markedly higher than what we typically pay, we had discussed last year trying to employ a conductor/composer for our event, since we have the funds to do it and knowing what a wonderful opportunity it would be for our students. The hope was expressed that having Holsinger as a clinician would encourage other area directors to consider membership in our organization. After discussion, the motion was made by Ashley Glenn to move forward. The motion passed unanimously, and Chris will contact Holsinger to finalize the contract. Craig Valentine will be the Red Band clinician.

Due to Mike Carter, past-president, and Matt Gowan, member-at-large, leaving the band profession, we have vacancies on the TSSBDA board. With elections due to happen at Senior Clinic in January 2009, it was not felt necessary to replace the past-president, as Pete Rogers will be moving into that role then. But it was deemed necessary to elect a new member-at-large now. Nominations were accepted from the floor - Andrew Bernard, David Westridge and Lisa Michaels. Lisa Michaels will be the new Member-at-Large on the TSSBDA board.

In business for the good of the association, Dawn thanked members for renewing their memberships so quickly this year. She pointed out that our by-laws state that we have an October 31 deadline for joining TSSBDA, unless the director has never been a member before. In past years, we have been lax on this deadline, even accepting membership fees at Senior and Junior clinic in January and February. This is not professional on our part as directors. Also, many of us have fallen into the habit of not turning in registrations and fees for clinics until the day of the clinic. This makes a horrible situation for the president-elect who has to contact clinicians and cannot tell them what the instrumentation for their band will be like, thus making it a crap-shoot for the clinician to try to choose music. She pointed out that since we are trying to host a quality event with David Holsinger as our guest composer/conductor, we owe it to ourselves as an organization and him as our guest to do a better job of being professional. She promised to get clinic applications in members' hands well before the Christmas break, and is requesting that members return materials in a timely fashion. If there is a case where a student cannot participate in clinic due to an emergency family situation, or where a school cannot participate due to being called out for snow, the association has in its by-laws remedies for those special situations.

In other new business, Dawn will contact Mike Carter, our past web-master, and see if he is able to continue with this or if we need to make other provisions for our web-site.

With regards to clinics, concern was raised by Brandon Tilley about lack of consistency in judging at Senior and Junior clinics. He requested that we move to a standardized judging criteria as follows:

1st scale, 15 pts; 2nd scale 15 pts., chromatic scale, 20 pts., and sight-reading, 50 pts. Ashley Glenn made the motion, Linda Trout seconded. The motion passed.

Having no other business, the fall meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Patelke, Executive Secretary-Treasurer