

Fall Meeting 2009 - Calhoun's Restaurant, September 12, 2009

The fall meeting of TSSBDA was called to order at Calhoun's Restaurant about 1:15 p.m by President Chris Metcalfe. Chris welcomed all members and invited everyone to introduce themselves. Present were Dawn Patelke, Chris Metcalfe, Robert Cobb, Kathy Lippo, Patricia Rhoton, Linda Trout, Brandon Tilley, Kathy Sotelo, Jennifer Borr, David Westrich, Dale Disney, Katrina Jolley, Holly Wight, Stephen Wight, Jessica Whitson, Jim Hix, Craig Valentine, Pete Rogers, Andrew Bernard, Angelo Kortyka, Lisa Burden, Ashley Glenn, Tim Michaels, Lisa Michaels, Kevin Ross. Cassie Redcorn brought by her membership fee, but had to leave.

Dawn passed out a packet which included an events calendar, a treasurer's report, a comparison of profit/loss from TSSBDA events hosted the last 6 years and minutes from the spring meeting held at Jr. Clinic at Karns Middle School in February. Members reviewed the packet. Lisa Michaels moved, Brandon Tilley seconded to accept the minutes as presented, and Lisa Michaels moved, Craig Valentine seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Both reports were accepted. Following is the calendar, please note that Dawn had an error on the date for Jr. Clinic - the corrected date is below.

TSSBDA Calendar of Events 2009 - 2010

Senior Clinic	Heritage High School	January 22-23, 2010
*General Meeting	Heritage High School	10:00 a.m., 1-23-10

(Please note early start time of meeting on Saturday. Secretary/Treasurer must attend All-State Vocal Tryouts at 1:00 p.m.)

Junior Clinic	TBA	February 26-27, 2010
General Meeting	TBA	2:00 p.m., 2-27-10

Concert Festival	Hiwassee College Madisonville, TN	April 24, 2010
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Joel Tillman is unfortunately not able to host Jr. Clinic again, so we discussed other sites. Chuck Sayne is checking on the availability of the new Grainger HS facility. Katrina Jolley offered to see if Cumberland Gap could be a back-up site.

We were not able to announce names of clinicians or judges today; Chris will check with President-Elect John Gallagher about progress on those commitments, and we will report as soon as we know.

Dawn brought up the fact that although our organization is in good financial shape, we have not broken even the last 2 years on our events. We discussed ways to have the events be solvent or close so that we will not have to increase fees to our students. It may be that clinic hosts should consider having the Friday meal supplied by their school cafeteria when possible, as this is

probably less expensive for the association than an outside restaurant. She also reminded directors who host to try to adhere roughly to the clinic schedule adopted by the membership in the last meeting, so that there will be continuity between events, and less down-time before the concert requiring director supervision of bored students in a host facility.

Linda Trout is willing to host Concert Festival again at Hiawassee College. We had about 15 bands there in April, and it was a successful event. It was mentioned to the membership that any instrumental ensemble may perform, that there is no sight-reading adjudication, and although directors are encouraged to choose quality literature, there is no music list. This festival is meant to be encouraging to bands with less than ideal instrumentation - not a giveaway in terms of ratings, but a positive growth experience for students and directors. Tim Michaels discussed advantages of participation in an event of this nature. Linda mentioned this might be the last year that she would use cassette tapes, as Sequoyah is about to purchase some digital recorders for their own use that she could use for our adjudicators.

Dawn asked members to submit their yearly membership fees (\$15) in a timely manner. TSSBDA by-laws state a fee deadline for old members of October 31, with a \$10 late fee after December 1. New members may join at any time, as long as the application is received by her 2 weeks before any event. TSSBDA Associate members (related businesses) have a membership fee of \$30.

David Westrich said the TSSBDA website has been updated so that there are no old forms for download on it, and that he may purge the membership roster and start over because there are "members" that are suspect, at least more suspect than our current membership! He had also purged the Viagra spam that had emerged as a result (pun is certainly intended.) Dawn said that the purge would be good, because she couldn't sign on as a member on the website because she couldn't remember her password. David corroborated that she had tried to sign on 3 times with no luck. Dawn is glad that David can oversee mischief on the website, and hopes he can keep out the spam agents, and is thankful that he sent her her new password!

Seeing no further business for the good of the association other than lunch, Holly Wight made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Lisa Michaels. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Patelke
TSSBDA Executive Secy'-Treas.