

Junior Clinic 2010 - February 27, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Metcalfe. Present were Matt Weyer, Kevin Ross, Craig Valentine, Russell McCurdy, Dale Disney, Becky Terry, Clint Juday, Katrina Jolley, Kathy Sotelo, Kim White, Pat Mason, David Westrich, Ashley Glenn, Holly Wight, Jim Hix, and Dana Smith.

Chris complimented all the directors on their help with the various sectionals and their work with students of the clinic. This involvement from everyone is great for the students, and is reminiscent of past clinics of TSSBDA.

Dawn read the minutes from Sr. Clinic. There was one addition - Tony and Jenny D'Andrea were to be added to the senior clinic clinicians list. The minutes were accepted as presented with the one addendum.

Dawn presented the financial report, which included the figures for Sr. Clinic January 2010. The financial report was accepted as read.

Old Business: Chris mentioned that it is nice to have several directors willing to host association events. Holly Wight is interested in hosting jr. clinic at Union Grove MS in 2011. She has all the needed equipment, but was a bit worried about not having an auditorium facility. Chris pointed out that many clinics in the past have been held in gymnasiums rather than auditoriums. Back-up sites for both senior and junior clinic are Grainger Co. HS and Cocks Co as both Chuck Sayne and Pat Mason would be interested in hosting if logistics allow.

Clint moved to have junior clinic at Union Grove, Kevin seconded. After discussion, it was agreed on by acclamation.

Ron Hicks had expressed interest in hosting concert festival in the future. There was much discussion on the pros and cons of the sites, Gatlinburg-Pittman HS and Hiawasee College, from the point of view of the physical location of each facility and the actual accommodations. While it is nice to have a more permanent location for events, no matter where we choose, there will be inconveniences for some directors, so it may be better to consider rotating the sites, if a very central location is not available. There was discussion about the possibility of using the new Clayton Center at Maryville College campus, which would obviously be a great facility, depending on the cost. Dawn mentioned that the Knoxville-News Sentinel had said the Clayton Center could be available for Blount County school events. It was pointed out that if a Blount County teacher was hosting the event, it might make it possible for us to use. We discussed logistics of getting the percussion equipment there. Clint and Holly were willing to explore the possibilities, and to make a report at the fall meeting. Clint said percussion equipment could be trucked in from area schools. Finally it was decided to table discussion until the fall meeting when more high school directors would be present and hear the results from Holly and Clint.

In new business, we established the contact list for jr clinic clinicians:

The order of contact for junior clinic blue band was Jeff Kile, Jenny D'Andrea, Tracy Wright, Angie Messer, and Chris McTavish.

The order of contact for junior clinic red band was Dale Disney, Lisa Burden, Chris McTavish, Andrew Bernard, and Russell McCurdy. As Dale Disney was sitting in the room, he agreed to do the clinic. There was discussion about the special needs of the red band junior clinic, i.e. limitations of the band due to the experience and maturity of the kids.

In business for the good of the association, Dawn wished to consider structuring the concert so that both bands are in the concert hall to hear the other ensemble play. Members had no objection if the clinicians are agreeable and comfortable with the resulting shortened warm-up period.

Craig wanted to mention for the sake of our newer members the dates of our regular meetings, which are: After the fall ETSBOA meeting for lunch, and at Sr and Jr. clinic (Saturday afternoons), usually around 1 p.m.

Kevin asked about the status of the website. David Westrich addressed the changes that he has tried to implement and the difficulty in keeping spam and fake users off the site. Thanks to David for updating this for us.

On a personal note, Chris talked about his master's project and needing input from members, his topic: BAND DIRECTOR BURNOUT, a topic most everyone deals with at some point. Pat talked about feeling enthusiastic because of the great success of the recent senior clinic, especially when we are able to bring in a clinician of the caliber of David Romines. Kevin mentioned that David Romines recently did the Knox county honor band, and specifically that one of his students had been in both the TSSBDA and Knox County Honor band, and felt that our event was more valuable and fun to him because the level of our band was a higher quality. Kim wanted to reiterate that it was invigorating both personally and professionally to do the sectionals and master classes for this clinic, knowing that she was able to make a difference with these younger kids. Good things happen using our local folks for good learning experiences for our students.

After much consensus, there was a move to adjourn by Craig, seconded by Kevin.

Addendum: TSSBDA paid 2 scholarship recipients \$500 each in January from our savings account – Bradley Payne at TTU and Danielle Carboneau at Carson-Newman.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Patelke
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