

Senior Clinic 2010 - January 22, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Chris Metcalfe. Present were Dawn Patelke, Pete Rogers, David Westrich, Kevin Ross, John Gallagher, Jennifer Borr, Don Hendrickson, Pat Mason, Ron Hicks, David King, Dana Smith, Cassie Redcorn, Craig Valentine, Jim Hix, Chuck Sayne.

Chris mentioned that it seemed to be a successful clinic, and that both bands playing well. Auditions started a bit late, but with some unavoidable school delays, there was not much we could do about it.

Minutes from the fall meeting were presented by Dawn.

Motion to approve was made by Kevin Ross and seconded by Jim Hix.

Financial report was presented and discussed re: overages and shortages.

Motion to approve was made by Craig Valentine, and seconded by Kevin Ross.

Dawn reported that there were 145 kids from 16 schools participating in Senior Clinic. It looks like we will be in the red about \$650. But, that includes airfare of 342.40 and an extra night hotel for our out-of-town clinician, so this was to be expected.

Old business: At the fall meeting, we had discussed trying to have a regionally recognized clinician for Junior Clinic. Chris asked for discussion about trying to facilitate this. Pat Mason wondered about whether this was a needed goal for junior clinic. He wondered if given the time constraints, if a “name” clinician would make that big of a difference in the outcome – given that our junior clinics, even the top band involve a lot of having to “beat parts”. Maybe we would be served just as well with our local directors. Discussion continued with the possibility of perhaps staggering a “big name” one year, local folks the next. The fact that “big names” have to be booked several years in advance is of course a consideration. Although there was concern about containing costs, Dawn pointed out that we are financially very viable, and Pete pointed out that the stated mission of TSSBDA is to provide valuable experiences for our students.

Chris continued, asking for input about whether bd’s should be assigned judging duties or volunteer for duty at the clinic, and whether or not this impacts organization of auditions. There was some discussion about pros and cons. John pointed out that having Kathy Sotelo and Brandon Tilley provide sight-reading helped the efficiency of tryouts immensely. Chris especially wanted the minutes to reflect our gratitude for this huge job. Pete provided personal reflection about percussion tryouts and lack of sight-reading. The decision was made to let judges pick their own jobs.

New business: Dawn and Chris expressed interest in having Robert Meunier to be added to a clinicians list, based on their chance to see him work a couple of years ago at TTU. Pete moved to add to list. Chuck seconded, motion carried.

Business for the good of the association involved tightening up the clinician list and contact order. The contact list is as follows:

Composer clinicians: Robert W. Smith , Jared Spears, Elliot Del Borgo, David Shaffer, Greg Danner, Josh Jackson, Jennifer Higdon, Larry Daehn, Aldo Forte.

Sr. Clinicians: Marshall Forrester, Roy Holder, John Culvahouse, June Holder, Tom Stites, Joe Allison, Christian Zembower, Marshall Forrester, Mike Alverson, Frank Gryzch, Robert Meunier, Ginny Allen, Tony D'Andrea, Jenny D'Andrea.

Jr. Clinic clinicians for next year will be chosen at Jr. Clinic.

Sr. Clinic will be at Heritage again. Discussion about possibility of moving sites for events, just because some sites work better for some schools better than ever. Holly Wight had expressed interest in Junior Clinic for next year, and GP was interested in hosting an event in the future, as was Chuck Sayne at Grainger.

Movement to adjourn was made and seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 11:05.