

Sr. Clinic 2011 – January 29, 2011 at Cocke County HS

The meeting was called to order by Chris Metcalf at about 2 p.m. Present were Katrina Jolley, Jamie Hackney, Tim Michaels, Andrew Bernard, Anthony and Becky Terry, John Gallagher, Jim Hix, Craig Valentine, David Westrich, Ron Hicks, Brandon Tilley, Kathy Sotelo, Pete Rogers, Kim White, Kevin Ross, Dawn Patelke.

The minutes and financial reports were submitted for the group to read. Chris asked if there were changes or corrections. Hearing none, Kevin and Craig moved and seconded to approve minutes.

We talked about scholarship payments for 2010 – TSSBDA has paid 7 different college students \$500 scholarships this year, some receiving their first payment, some their second. Dawn pointed out that our checking balance is low right now because we just had to reorder both jr. and sr. clinic patches, and the savings withdrawals on the financial report are because of the \$3500 in scholarships paid in 2010. Answering a question, Dawn clarified that the reason for clinicians/judges costs being different for each person is because of mileage reimbursement differences to each person. The financial report was approved with motion and second by Kevin and Pete.

Old Business:

Chris brought up the issue of finding a place for the fall meeting, because of issues with Puleo's not being quiet enough to conduct business. Some suggestions were the Olive Garden or Mimi's at Turkey Creek. Dawn will check on these 2 and asked for more input into suitable places.

Junior Clinic is at Union Grove MS, the clinicians are Jenny D'Andrea and Dale Disney. Also, Dr. John Culvahouse will be doing a director's clinic on Saturday morning, a roundtable discussion format. John is a founding member of TSSBDA and is offering this clinic gratis to the organization Saturday from about 10-12, just as a service to our local band directors.

Concert Festival is April 30, at Hiwassee College. John Gallagher will let us know asap who the concert festivals judges are.

Chris talked about the new membership of Josh Trent from Livingston Academy and how he joined because of Shannon Pirtle's recommendation because of his good experience as a TSSBDA clinician.

We discussed the possible use of the Clayton Center for our events. It is not appearing to be a possibility. Ron Hicks mentioned approaching music theaters in Pigeon Forge to see if they would want to offer us a venue. Ron has a contact in a couple of these, and will approach him to find out about it.

There was discussion about some of the issues at last year's Concert Festival regarding excessive time on the stage, the fact that copied scores cannot be used, and the need of there being official representation from TSSBDA present at festival to help with problems that may arise.

Clinicians for senior clinic are as follows:

Sr. Clinic Blue Band clinician nominees were Tony D'Andrea, Christian Zembower, John Culvahouse, Joe Hermann, Ric Best, Carson Vermillion, Tom Stites.

Red Band clinician nominees were John Gallagher, Pete Hodges, Kim White, Sean Greene, Jim Hix, Brandon Tilley, David Butler. John was in the room and accepted the nomination, and will be next year's Red band clinician.

New officers: Pete moved to nominate Kevin Ross as President- Elect. Hearing no other nominations, Jim and Kathy moved and seconded to close nominations. Kevin was elected by acclamation.

Craig Valentine nominated David Westrich as Member at Large. Hearing no other nominations, David was also elected by acclamation.

Dawn will remain as Secretary/Treasurer, and was warmly thanked for her help with TSSBDA matters.

Business for the good of association: Pete made a stunning observation about French horn players...

Chris thinks we should open up a website for story sharing between bd's. This would ensure the future financial security of us and our organization.

Chris thanked everyone for putting up with him in his tenure as president, and thanked everyone for all their help. He received an ovation from everyone for his efforts on our behalf over the last 4 years as president-elect and president.

Jamie Hackney wished to discuss the pros and cons of not having sight-reading in percussion tryouts. Ron Hicks spoke to the difficulty of hearing the large number of percussionists at the time and thought it would make auditions more protracted. Tim Michaels pointed out that even if there is a mix of abilities in both bands, it probably helps the clinician, especially the red band. Brandon talked about the difficulty of assigning judges to certain rooms, when some band directors he thought were coming for auditions didn't come, and he had to shuffle assignments. Chris talked about variability of auditions on any given day between students. More discussion ensued about all the pros and cons of our audition process given the limitations of the time schedule.

Katrina Jolley also pointed out that many times the percussionists in the bands need assistance in assigning parts to make sure that everyone gets to play some interesting parts, especially when there are such large percussion sections in our bands. It was encouraged for any band director, especially those who are percussionists, to be proactive during the rehearsals regarding this, and to feel free to help the students mix the parts around so that everyone would have a good experience. The need for each percussionist to bring a variety of sticks, and other equipment should be emphasized to them by their individual directors, and as Brandon pointed out, a note should perhaps be added to the directors' info from the clinician.

Brandon wanted to thank everyone for bringing students and Pete Rogers for bringing the percussion equipment, hoping that he wasn't annoying through the constant emails to the group about details. He related that the principals at Coker Co. HS were happy with the way that our students behaved, etc., and he enjoyed hosting the clinic. The group responded that Brandon did a great job hosting.

Pete moved that Coker County HS host senior clinic again next year, seconded by Ron Hix. Voted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at about 4:15.