

TSSBDA Fall Meeting, October 8, 2012  
Connor's Steak House

The meeting was called to order by President John Gallagher.

Present were: Andrew Bernard, Keila Brady, Rodney Brown, Robert Cobb, John Gallagher, Josh Geary, George Hayden, Jim Hix, Cole Hunt, Katrina Jolley, Greg Jones, Kathy Lippo, Lisa Michaels, Linda Trout, Keith Trout, Dawn Patelke, Dana Smith, Kathy Sotelo, Craig Valentine, Kevin Ross, David Westrich, Jessica Whitson, Jim Wright.

Dawn distributed the treasurer's report and minutes of the last meeting for everyone to read, along with an event schedule for 2012-2013 and a document showing a comparison of expenses over the last several years. After the members read it, Craig Valentine moved to accept the reports as presented, seconded by Greg Jones.

In old business: Katrina Jolley reported that she is still finalizing the percussion rubric for tryouts, as voted on by the membership last spring, and will get it to the directors ASAP.

In new business: Dawn brought a motion to the group asking to move the fee deadline for all our events from a period of 2 weeks to 3 weeks before the event, because

- 1) Clinics in general need the extra planning time because clinicians want instrumentation numbers earlier than 2 weeks before the event so that they can choose literature. And if this chore falls to the clinic host, it is inordinately hard to be preparing the music in less than 2 weeks along with making all the other arrangements for the clinic.
- 2) Junior clinic in particular lost a lot of money last year because Union Grove cafeteria must have student numbers 2 weeks before the event, and the day before the deadline, Holly Wight had 1 application in hand. So the decision was made to use the numbers from prior years as a guideline, 50 less kids showed up, causing an event that usually makes money to lose \$706. The big difference was the 50 less kids (\$1000 less) and the added cost for food (\$400 more than the year before). Last year, we made \$775 on this event. We just can't afford to lose \$1000+ essentially because we can't turn in apps earlier. As we cannot continue to operate in the red, we must find a way to make ourselves financially solvent. No one wants to raise fees.
- 3) If we need certain instrumentation later to make the clinic more viable, we can troll for them and waive the late fee.

Discussion ensued about the difficulties in having the deadline for sr. clinic fall in the Christmas break and how best to address that. Rodney Brown suggested that there be the same set date before the holidays every year. While this would help senior clinic, it doesn't address the issues involved in junior clinic, and it would perhaps be simpler to have a set window of time for a deadline that members can always reckon with. Kevin moved that we make all registration deadlines 4 weeks ahead of the event; that will compensate for the December break issue. This means that directors will need to submit Sr. Clinic forms before the Christmas break. Rodney seconded. Call for question. Motion carried. Event application due dates will now be 4 weeks before the event, however, the host of the event (especially

concert festival, where the time factor is not as much of an issue) will have the freedom to accept late-comers assuming it is not to our financial detriment.

In other new business, Craig Valentine said he'd like for TSSBDA to explore a way to recognize and honor retired members. There was discussion about how to do this, whether or not it should be retroactive, etc. A committee was appointed, Craig Valentine, chairman, along with Jim Hix, Kevin Ross, & David Westrich, that will explore the ramifications of this and report back.

For the good of the association: Andrew Bernard wanted to thank the Linda and Keith Trout for their hard work at concert festival and for a smoothly run festival.

Keith wanted to let us know that Hiawassee College plans to improve and completely renovate their auditorium, they have a new president who hopes to facilitate this soon, and who has been an energetic force in the community. Keith Trout also commented that Hiawassee really values our participation there with our Concert Festival.

Hearing nothing else to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Patelke  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer