

Sr. Clinic 2012 – January 28, 2012 at Cocke County HS

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Ross, President-Elect (as President John Gallagher is serving as Red Band clinician) at about 2 p.m. Present were Katrina Jolley, Jamie Hackney, Andrew Bernard, Anthony Terry, Jim Hix, Craig Valentine, David Westrich, Brandon Tilley, Mark Harrell, Jim Hix, Costa Geros, Ron Grizzell, Kim White, Dawn Patelke, Dale Disney, Clint Juday, Jared Box.

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

Dawn talked about measures taken during clinic to hold costs down so that fees to the students are not increased. To no one's surprise, the lack of interest income these days is making it necessary to use the principal of our savings account to pay scholarships, rather than the interest being able to sustain them. Jim suggested that if we continue to break even on our events as we did last year, or even come out ahead, that we would be able to transfer some funds to the scholarship account so that it would remain self-sustaining, and Dawn agreed that would be a good thing to do.

Kevin moved on to old business to explain why Tony D'Andrea was not the Sr. band clinician this year – Tony was not able to do it, so Kevin contacted Joe Hermann, and was very happy that Joe Hermann was able to step in for us at a late date.

Andrew Bernard expressed that the fall meeting was extremely convivial at Connor's restaurant, and much easier to conduct business than the year before at Puleo's.

Dawn expressed that she gets email bounced back, usually from school accounts. Members expressed opinions about servers and providers, and various reasons for this.

Brandon was asked about how things had gone this year preparing for sr. clinic. He cited some difficulties, specifically, the clinic host's work to get folders and music ready for clinicians and getting member information in a timely manner. It continues to be extremely important for directors to comply with deadlines in regards to submitting applications.

Kevin talked about past history on these matters. Jim talked about how some of it was done in the past, and Brandon expressed again how difficult it is to run the event when applications are late. Dawn pointed out that the deadline being only 2 weeks before the event exacerbates this difficulty. Brandon didn't want to turn away anyone, even when student names are submitted late. Kevin talked about the difficulty of meeting deadlines in December when the schedule is so intense. Brandon asked when possible, people bring the app to All-East tryouts.

Kevin brought up the issue of percussion sight-reading. Clint said he'd like to see sight-reading added to percussion auditions. Jim said he thought the drummers should do it

(come up with new guidelines). Kevin asked if the 4 percussion band directors present would work together on a committee to come up with percussion audition requirements that would incorporate sight-reading. Agreeing to do this were Dale Disney, Jamie Hackney, Katrina Jolley, with Clint Juday as committee chair. Kevin asked for a motion to this effect. Motion was made by Craig Valentine and seconded by Jim Hix. Motion passed with no dissension.

Due to the absences of Chris Metcalfe and John Gallagher, Dr. Kim White and Craig Valentine were chosen to serve on the scholarship committee which met after the meeting.

The membership voted for Blue Band clinician and judges for Concert Festival 2012.

Clinicians for Blue band: John Culvahouse, Sean Greene, Dr. Kevin Bowen, Stewart Benkert, Dr. Michael Stewart, Eric Harris, Rachel Rodriguez

Clinicians for Red band: Dr. Kim White, Tim Michaels, Lisa Burden. As Kim was present, she agreed to serve.

Judges for Concert Festival: HS: Megan Christian (she will be the holdover, pending her acceptance.) MS: Mark Boring, Jeff Kile, Angie Messer, Chris McTavish, Valerie Sanders. College: Sean Greene, Christian Zembower, Joe Allison, Pat Bivens

Brandon expressed that he does not wish to host sr. clinic next year. Union County, Heritage and Carter were mentioned as possible sites. Brandon pointed out the advantage of moving the site. Kevin reiterated this. Harriman mentioned that perhaps they could look into it for future years. This will be discussed at Jr. Clinic.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded.

Additional note: We need to address at the next meeting whether or not concert festival for 2013 needs to change dates to accommodate T-Caps.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Patelke
Executive Secretary/Treasurer