

Jr. Clinic 2013 – February 22, 2013 at Union Grove Middle School

The meeting was called to order by President John Gallagher at about 10:00 a.m. Present were Rodney Brown, Mark Connell, John Gallagher, Cole Hunt, Katrina Jolley, Chris Metcalfe, Dawn Patelke, Onsby Rose, Kevin Ross, Kathy Sotelo, Becky Terry, Craig Valentine, David Westrich, Kim White, Holly Wight, Jessica Whitson, Jim Wright, Andrew Bernard. Jim Hix Dana Smith

The **minutes and financial reports** were submitted by Dawn for the group to read. John asked if there were questions, changes or corrections. Dawn expressed that there were particular items she wanted to address later, which she enumerated. Hearing none, it was moved and seconded by Kevin and Chris, to approve the minutes and Craig and Holly moved and seconded on the treasurer's report. Passed by acclamation.

Clinic concerns:

Dawn reported that the **financial report for junior clinic** is as follows:

Receipts: \$ 3480

Final cost: 3689.67 Net loss of 209.67

We need to look at either finding ways to make costs less, or consider raising fees for students. And this shortage does not include the ongoing cost of the patches, which are ordered 500 at a time, but cost \$2 each.

A lot of discussion followed concerning these factors, how to make our events break even, balancing the desire not to raise student fees against the difficulty of operating any more frugally than we are already doing. Food expenses have continued to go up, other expenses have increased to compensate our clinicians and other services rendered in the running of the clinic. We still are not breaking even usually, and can't continue to function in the red on each event.

Talked about having moved the deadline on clinic events to 4 weeks before the event – it was agreed that that had not been too difficult for members to accommodate. Deferred discussing raising student fees to new business.

Old Business – committee report from Craig Valentine about possible ways of honoring retired members.

The committee included Kevin Ross, David Westrich, and Jim Hix. They recommended the following:

- 1) Wall of Fame, etc. Nominations yearly at fall general meeting, 75 percent to pass the nomination. Invite the honoree(s) to Sr. clinic for presentation, 10 years service to TSSBDA. If the class were nominated in the fall meeting, that would give time to contact the honorees.
- 2) Honorary Life Membership – similar to ETSBOA, after final retirement, nomination, with a simple majority to confirm, a small certificate of recognition.

John called the question about whether to go forward with the recommendations of the committee. Kevin moved, Rodney seconded, passed by acclamation, to go forward with this.

Craig suggested that for the first nomination a committee of bd's who have been in the organization for a long time meet to make recommendations for the Wall of Fame. Kevin asked that we do this. Craig, Jim Hix and John Gallagher will serve on the committee for the first nomination. We will make sure to discuss the honorary membership at the Senior clinic general meeting so the senior band directors can have input.

New Business:

Further discussion about ways to deal with financial viability. Holly discussed that \$25 is not an extreme student fee. Though none could remember how long our fee had been at \$20, most of us thought it had been many years, 10 or more. (Dawn has looked in old minutes, and it was certainly before 2005). Jim Wright made a motion, Holly seconded to **raise clinic fees to \$25** for both clinics. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion also ensued about the possibility of tweaking clinic dates, as senior clinic had to be rescheduled for snow to March. Should we flip the 2 clinics, try to avoid January in general? Many points were made on both sides – conflicts with ETSBOA events, honor band burnout, etc. Decided to table discussion until senior clinic.

Question about the **new percussion standards** as enumerated in the excellent document that Katrina Jolley put together – Dawn will send those again to the TSSBDA membership.

Clinician contact order for 2014 Jr. clinic

Blue band – Megan Christian, Pete Hodges, Brooke Rhea Williams, Brandon Tilley
Red band – Chris Metcalf, David Westrich, Lisa Burden.

Chris agreed to serve as red band clinician. Some good points were made about how important it is that red band be a fantastic experience for a new child – the most important clinic ever in a student's career, really, because if it is horrible, they will never choose to do it again.

It was noted that we want to offer Senior clinic Clinician spots to Sean Greene and Kim White first for 2014, as they were unable to serve due to postponement of the clinic.

Dawn asked the membership to make a **bylaw change about cost of hospitality rooms**. This was added in the mid 90's when we used to house students for clinics, and have a hospitality room at a motel, and dealt with how to fund it. Dawn said that since we don't operate that way any more, and hospitality rooms for directors are on school grounds and are part of the actual clinic, this section had no meaning, and the entire section should be stricken from the bylaws. Craig moved to strike, Katrina seconded. Voted by acclamation We will strike Section D Hospitality rooms from the bylaws.

Nominations of officers: President-Elect: Craig Valentine nominated Jim Hix. Craig has asked Jim if he is willing to serve – Jim was directing the blue band at the time of discussion. Jim had said he was willing. Kathy Sotelo moved to end the nominations, Kim White seconded. Jim Hix is president-elect by acclamation

Secretary-Treasurer – Dawn is willing to continue for now as Secretary – but would like to retire. She asked that anyone willing to serve in the position to contact her or Kevin Ross. She is willing to help the new person make the transition for as long as needed.

Member-at-large: Chris nominated David Westrich again, who agreed to serve, and was elected by acclamation.

Change of dates for junior and senior clinic

Discussion about whether to set dates for clinic next year now, rather than at senior clinic. If we table discussion til senior clinic, we can't discuss dates for next year's events today. Holly is not able to host jr. clinic again next year. We're not able to see about possible hosts without knowing the dates that we're talking about. We discussed if it would be advantageous to have junior clinic and senior clinic exchange dates – it would avoid the conflict that currently exists with our senior clinic and ETSBOA jazz clinic.

Chris Metcalfe moved to exchange the dates, Kim White seconded . Voted by acclamation. Now Senior Clinic is the 4th weekend in Feb and Jr. Clinic is the 4th weekend in January. It was also then voted on to extend the contracts to Sean Greene and Kim White for Sr clinic 2014, since we now had firm dates to offer them.

Sites for next year's clinics: Cocke County will host Senior clinic in **February 21-22, 2014**. UCHS will be a back-up. Although this date is not technically the 4th weekend in February (as the 4th weekend in February actually goes into March, so there could be some confusion and conflict about the date) we wanted to avoid the ETSBOA solo-ensemble festival for 2014. **Jr. Clinic will be Jan 24-25, 2014**. Heritage will look at hosting, and Heritage MS will be a back-up.

The association thanked outgoing president John Gallagher for his service, and Kevin Ross will assume the role of president at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn was moved and seconded and we dismissed shortly before noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Patelke
Executive Secretary-Treasurer