

SKMEA Meeting 5/18/2018 4:30 PM Spiro's Pizza

Present: Scott Barnes, Karen Helseth, Amy Stevenson, Patty Schmidt, Brian Steves, Nancy Duck, Nathan Rengstorf, Charlotte Reese, Phil Onishi, Kyra Rengstorf, Alicia Hickman, Robin Enders,

1. Welcome - Patty

2. Presidents Report

In Patty's second year she feels like she knows more and what to expect. This year the ECA did not send her any negative feedback during the festivals. We have some teacher movement in the league. Dan Wing is retiring and Karen Helseth will be moving from Edmonds to Shoreline to take over Dan's program. Patty is trying to set up Chris Angelos, our incoming president, as she transitions into Past President.

3. Approval of Fall Meeting Minutes – they were approved.

4. Treasurers Report

There are still several payments outstanding. Nathan will be following up to insure that schools pay their bills. All combined, the festivals only lost \$850.17, when you combine in all the administrative/business expenses the league lost \$2,320.90 this year. With the total balance this is okay, in the short term, but not in the long term. (SEE #7 for lots of discussion)

5. WMEA Updates – SKMEA's Karen Helseth is the President Elect. Scott is finishing up his time on the board after ten years. But, soon he starts his work on the NW board.

* The two year mariachi ensemble pilot for state Solo & Ensemble is underway. There were six Mariachi groups at state this year.

* The guitar ensemble pilot is over. The category will now continue.

* The WMEA Board is working on a 2020 pilot of a new state honor group, "Percussion Ensemble." This is intended to help with retention. Often percussionists do not audition after the first year they attend.

* MS Jazz Band in the works for 2020

*Continued discussion about a small school state solo & ensemble contest. Other states do not have a model like the one being explored.

6. 18-19 Festivals

Event	2018-19 Date	2018-19 Manager
Fall Meeting	Wednesday, October 03, 2018	Angelos
HS Band II	Thursday, March 14, 2019	Mntlake Terrace
HS Band I	Wednesday, March 13, 2019	Meadowdale
HS Choral	Tuesday, March 12, 2019	Kamiak
HS Orchestra	Tuesday, March 19, 2019	Shorewood
HS Solo Ens	Saturday, February 02, 2019	Shorecrest
MS SoloEns	Saturday, May 04, 2019	College Place
MS Band	Wednesday, March 20, 2019	Kellogg
MS Choral	Wednesday, March 13, 2019	Brier Terrace
MS Honor	Thursday, February 07, 2019	TBA
MS Orchestra	Thursday, March 21, 2019	Voyager
Spring Meeting	Wednesday, May 22, 2019	Angelos

7. Discussion, Feedback and Recap on 17-18 festivals:

Look at the "Festival Rotation History" and let Patty know if there are errors in who has hosted the last several years. The ECA is increasing prices slightly. Even "full festivals" at the ECA lose money.

- MS Honor Fest consistently loses money
Recommendation to increase MS HONOR ORCHESTRA student fee from \$25 to \$30
We will vote on this at our fall meeting
- Possibly increase fee for HS Solos to \$20 (from \$15) or all HS Ensembles to \$25 (small ensembles are currently \$20, Large \$25). *Our fees, generally speaking are lower than other leagues.*
- Pillchuck League has a brand new string program in Everett SD, they are looking for a place to play. We currently do not have room.
- For our league Large Group Festivals it is always best if one can be hosted at a school. Some schools this does not work, but others it does.
- **Proposal – Bring Full Orchestras to Band 1 day if possible.** These would create more room for additional string groups on Orchestra day, make the days more even. Could eliminate wind players missing class multiple days.
- **Proposal – Roll back Registration for Large Group Festival EARLIER.** This will allow for better forecasting, planning and budgeting for festival hosts.
- **Managers/Hosts need to get the schedules out sooner to teachers.**
- **General Reminders –**
 - *Managers need to watch mileage for festivals. This can add up. HS S&E must have some adjudicators come in to meet the requirement that the judges do not have students in the contest. Otherwise, try to limit the amount of mileage.
 - *Piano Tuning is a great expense. For Solo & Ensemble Contests watch the overall number of pianos. See if possible if you can have pianos used all day.

New Officers 18-20

President: Chris Angelos

President Elect: Amy Stevenson

Past President: Patty Schmidt

Secretary: Phil Onishi

Treasurer: Nathan Rengstorf

Adjourn at 6:06

See you on October 3rd for our next meeting.