North Dakota Music Educators Association

Minutes – March 22, 2018

Call to Order – Brian Saylor, President

Attending – Erin Paulson, Lacey Hanson, Lindsey Tafelmeyer, Melinda Halverson, Sarah Harlow, Sara Lichtblau, Jeremiah Johnson, Dana Van Heukelom, Darcy Brandenburg, Sara Baumann, Gwen Hall

January Minutes – Motion to Approve Erin Paulson, 2nd Lacey Hanson – Approved

I. Reports

 A. President’s Report – Brian Saylor – Be positive and adaptable during the conference

 B. Financial Report – Lindsey Tafelmeyer

 1. Bank Balance - $36,911.47

 2. Conference Preregistrations

 C. Journal Report – Lindsey Tafelmeyer

 1. Conference Journal looks good.

 2. Send Sara Baumann answers to the question “What music teacher influenced me and why?” New article in the Journal.

 D. Executive Director Report – Lindsey Tafelmeyer

 1. Conference is looking good

 2. Finances for conference are looking good.

 E. Website – Lindsey Tafelmeyer – No Report

 F. Membership – Sara Baumann – No Report

 G. All-State Report – Cheryl McIntyre

 1. Reported on 2018 auditions. Auditions some sites higher and some sites lower number.

 2. Percussion auditions were held on multiple instruments this year. This is a change from specific percussion (mallet, timpani, snare …) in years past.

 3. Strings teachers asked about alternating site between Grand Forks and Fargo

 4. Choral Chairs Retiring – Deb Wald and Shelley Zietz – Casey Behm will be taking over one position. Looking for another person to fill the other roll.

II. Old Business

 A. West Region election held

 1. Vice President/President Elect – Mark Herold - Bismarck

 2. Band – Dawna Helfrich - Berthold

 3. Choir – Lacey Hanson - Center

 4. Orchestra – Jeremy Overbeck - Bismarck

 5. General Music – Elizabeth Haugen – Wilton

 B. Standards Committee – State Music Standards have been written and are being reviewed.

 C. Conference Facilities Reviewed – Brian Saylor reviewed the facility for future conferences.

 1. Fargo Dome – Fargo, ND

 a. It is not big enough for our needs. There are not enough spaces to hold sessions and rehearsals.

 b. Sanford Athletic Complex could be rented for an additional cost.

 c. There will be an expansion to the Fargo Dome in the future. It may be an option after the expansion.

 d. Conference would have to be moved out of March

 2. Alerus Center – Grand Forks, ND

 a. Has the space we need but does not have ideal concert venues.

 3. Bismarck State College – Bismarck, ND

 a. Sara Baumann & Brian Saylor will look at the facilities as a possibility

 4. Discussion held about creating a conference budget and negotiating a long term agreement (5 year) with facilities. Currently we are working year to year on our agreement.

III. New Business

 A. Meeting with Governor Burgum’s Office – Sara Baumann & Brian Saylor

 1. Met with Education Officer – Levi Bachmeier and discussed Roughrider Award nomination of Colonel Holton.

 2. Also brought up the need to have the High School North Dakota Scholarship of $4,500 include music classes this could come legislatively through the governor’s budget. This needs to be proposed by June 2018.

 B. WISP – Lindsey Tafelmeyer – All members have sighed

 C. Dues – Motion to raise the state active dues by $5.00. Motion Jeremiah Johnson, 2nd Sara Lichtblau - Approved

 D. Collegiate NAfME ND Representative – Motion to provide a $500 voucher for airfare and hotel to a collegiate member to attend the national assembly as funds are available. Motion Darcy Brandenburg, 2nd Erin Paulson – Approved

 1. Possible student representative will be contacted to make reservations.

 2. Essay application will be developed at May meeting for future applicants.

 E. Legislative Ask – see A. Meeting with Gov. Burgum’s Office #2

 F. Conference needs – registration people needed to man stations

Motion to Adjourn Erin Paulson, 2nd Lacey Hanson – Approved

Sincerely Submitted,

Gwen Hall - Secretary