

Northwest Iowa Bandmasters Association
Winter Meeting
January 7, 2012 - 2:00 p.m.
Morningside College

- I. Call to Order
- II. Secretary's Report
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - A. The district is in decent financial shape. We currently have over \$29,000. We do have a few new bills that are not on today's list.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Concert Band Affairs – Jason Heeren
 - 1. Met at All-State.
 - 2. Made recommendations for Elementary and MS/JH bands for IBA Conference.
 - a. Elementary Bands – Students have no more than 2 years of experience. All students are 6th grade or below.
 - b. MS/JH Bands – Students are in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade. 9th grade students are allowed if they are not the majority of the ensemble and are not participating in their high school band program.
 - B. Marching Band Affairs – Peter Carlson
 - 1. Met at All-State.
 - 2. Discussed the judging panels for IHSMA State Marching Festival.
 - a. This year there were “teams” of judges, with a head adjudicator assembling his/her team.
 - b. Concerns with the new judging panels:
 - i. The judges that were hired.
 - ii. Belief that they should only be from the State of Iowa.
 - iii. No representation from NW district, yet there were 2 panels from Minnesota.
 - iv. Only 1 adjudicator from Western Iowa.
 - c. Rating results
 - d. State Feature performances – still in discussion.
 - e. Discussed possibility of clinics during State Marching.
 - C. Jazz Affairs – Paul McEntaffer
 - 1. NWIBA District Jazz Festival 2/1 – Penalty deadline is 1/13.
 - 2. Schedule will be on the website the week of 1/16.
 - D. Elementary Affairs – Rich Nicklay
 - No Report.
 - E. Middle School/Junior High Affairs – Barb Wells
 - No Report.
 - F. College Affairs – David Lambert
 - No Report.
 - G. Student Affairs – Sarah Chandler
 - No Report.
 - H. Research and Development – Ryan Meyer

No Report.

I. Public Relations – Tiffany Wurth

1. SAI scholarships information
2. Outstanding Administrator information
3. Information for both can be found on the IBA website.

J. Technology – Corbet Butler

1. Website survey was positive.
2. Looking into putting some pictures on the website.
3. Watch for upgrades to the website this summer.
4. Any documents needing to be posted should be e-mailed to Corbet, along with a description of what the attachment is for.

K. Endowment – Cheryl Crandell

No Report.

L. Membership – Rich Nicklay

1. 85 members of the district are 5-12 teachers
2. 24 are not members of the district.
3. 4 collegiate members

M. Major Landers – Michael Prichard

1. Tom Cronin will be taking over.
2. No candidates today.
3. Many of our students are attending college out of state.
4. Reviewed the process for new directors.

V. Presidents Report – Michael Prichard

- A. Have been using the “once a week” newsletter format to all district members. If you have something that needs to be sent, email it to Mike.
- B. Ideas for website updates, including legality of pictures.
- C. When stepping down from positions, please mentor your replacement for a smooth transition.

VI. Old Business

A. MS/JH Honor Band – Russ Nagel

1. Honor Band went really well this year.
2. Allison Webler will be taking over the chairperson position.

B. HS Honor Band – Casey Kingdon

1. 354 entries this year. 50 scratches. 59% of those auditioning were accepted into the honor band. This is due to cutting the number of players in the bands. (Last year 79% were accepted).
2. Duty list for tonight’s concert.
3. New entry format worked very well this year.
4. Michael Albarracin will be taking over the chairperson position.

C. Commissioning New Works

1. Discussed the possibility of commissioning new pieces of music.
Criteria that should be met:
 - a. District needs to be financially sound – at least \$15,000 in the accounts.
 - b. Commission the work on the zero years of each honor band festival.

- c. Commission two works in the same year, one for each band.
 - d. MS/JH Honor Band, HS Honor Band, and Jazz Festival are all turning profits.
2. Motion – To commission 2 works for the 60th High School Honor Band Festival to be held in January 2014.
Motion 2nd.
Motion approved.
3. Collected names of possible composers.

VII. New Business

- A. Retiring Directors & 30 year teachers – Let Mike know so you can be recognized at IBA.
- B. Lesson Book Reference List
 1. Would like to put together a list of lesson books used for each instrument as a reference and guide for all in the district.
 2. Volunteers to help put this list together: Tom Cronin (head), Rich Nicklay will set up a Google Docs form to use.
- C. Gehlen Jazz Festival – Held March 20-21. It is a clinician festival with 1.5 hr. clinics for your bands. Has evening concert that you may participate in with or without the guest soloist.
- D. E-mail from Tony Garmoe. Tony needs volunteers for IBA for a special clinic. Those who would like to be guest conductors or Smart Music users, and be in their first 10 years of teaching.
- E. Recordings for IHSMA. IHSMA would like recordings of those ensembles that receive straight I ratings at Large Group. See p.4 in the Spring IHSMA book for more information.
- F. Elections in May:
 1. Marching Band Affairs – open
 2. Jazz Band Affairs – open
- G. Other information
 1. Lewis & Clark Jazz Festival – some have not received information on the event.

VIII. Motion to adjourn.

Motion approved – 2:41 p.m.