

NORTHWEST DISTRICT BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION
WINTER MEETING MINUTES
February 26, 2005

The Winter meeting of the Northwest District Bandmasters Association was held on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005 at Appalachian State University. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barry Howard at 1:33. There were 52 members present. A lunch meal was provided by the Brook Mays Music Group. The membership showed their appreciation for the meal with a round of applause.

Minutes from the Fall meeting were presented and approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer James Daugherty reported that the District had a checkbook balance of \$16,308.51 and had \$5,216.23 on the Certificate of Deposit.

The Treasurers Report was approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The list of Board appointments for 2005 – 2006 was presented:

1. Treasurer – James Daugherty
2. MS Auditions Chair – Kathy Fox
3. HS Auditions Chair – Barry Howard
4. Audition Site Hosts – James Daugherty and Rick Harris
5. MS Clinic Chairs – Danny Green and Pam Herring
6. HS Clinic Chair – Dr. Bill Gora
7. Solo and Ensemble – Matt Liner
8. MS Concert Festival Chair – Jonathan Beal
9. HS Concert Festival Chair – Kevin Howard
10. All-State Band – James Daugherty

Upcoming District Dates were presented:

1. March 5: NC Honors Band Auditions – East Davidson HS
2. March 9-10: Early Concert Festival – Carver HS
3. March 16-18: Late Concert Festival – Broyhill Center
4. April 21: Solo and Ensemble Festival – East Davidson HS
5. April 22-24: NC Honors Band Clinic – UNCG
6. September 12: Fall Business meeting – Hickory area

James Daugherty reminded members that all Honors Band correspondence will be done via e-mail through the State Bandmasters site (www.ncbandmasters.org)

High School All-District Clinicians for 2006 will be:

- 11-12 Symphonic – Dr. William Gora
- 9-10 Symphonic – Dr. Michael Votta
- 9-12 Symphonic – Mr. Ed Kiefer

Middle School Clinician for 2006 – Tony Powell

Middle School Clinician for 2007 – 1st choice – Steve Sheldon 2nd choice – Bernie Hall
(These clinicians were voted on at the Middle School Clinic meeting)

The new Middle School Representative to the District Board will be Pam Herring. This was voted on at the MS Clinic meeting.

The Board of Directors nominated the following as the new High School Representative to the Board:

Chris Brown Mark Sossoman Dee Raby
Chris Garmon was nominated from the floor.

Chris Brown was elected as the new HS Representative to the Board of Directors.

Bill Winkler from Watauga HS was nominated and elected to be our District Award of Excellence recipient.

CHAIR/SECTION REPORTS:

- A. All-District Auditions: Barry Howard reported that the computer registration helped greatly in organizing the auditions. He stated that we had very successful auditions.
- B. Middle School Clinic: Will be held next year in Winston-Salem at Wake Forest University.
- C. High School Clinic: Will be held Feb. 24, 25, 26, 2006 at Appalachian State University.
- D. Solo and Ensemble: Matt Liner reported that the event will be held April 21 at East Davidson HS. The registration deadline will be April 8th and will be done online through the district website.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board of Directors made the following motions:

Motion: To provide All-District medals for each student in the All-District Bands (MS and HS levels).

The Motion Passed.

Motion: To no longer do plaques for 1st chair players.

This is the first reading of a motion to change a District By-Law. The motion will be voted on at the Fall meeting.

Motion: To move High School All-District Auditions to the 3rd Saturday in January and the Middle School Clinic to the 2nd week-end in February. (Audition date would be Jan. 21 for 2006 and MS Clinic would be Feb. 10-11, 2006)

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Barry Howard gave information on a new Auditions scanning system that we might consider using for next years auditions.

Motion: To purchase the Hardware and Software for the Auditions manager system to be used at our All-District Auditions.

The Motion Passed.

Motion: The Clinic Chairs will only call replacements up to 2 hours after the start of the first clinic rehearsal.

The Motion Passed.

Motion: To amend Article XII, section 10 to read "District Festival will be held per state guidelines to be held prior to April 15th." This was the second reading of the motion concerning a By-Law change.

The Motion Passed.

Motion: That Superior Plaques be available for Bands that earn a Superior Rating at the Festival site. Schools will pay for their own plaque.

The Motion Passed.

It was noted that plaque prices are currently \$44.00

CONCERT FESTIVAL:

Information was given concerning the future planning of Concert Festival. Jonathan Beal stated that he has found several different business and community sponsors to help with the costs associated with holding Festival at the Broyhill Civic Center.

Motion: That High School Concert Festival be held March 22, 23, 24, 2006 at Broyhill Civic Center.
That Middle School Festival will be held March 29, 30, 31, 2006 at Broyhill Civic Center.

The Motion Passed.

All Concert Festival paper work and forms will be online this year. Members were reminded that the official contest music list is on the state site. Members were also reminded about the new unanimous stage ratings rule per the new state guidelines.

Chairman Howard stated that a Judges Selection committee has been appointed. This committee will handle the procedures for adding and deleting people to our judging list. Members were asked to give written additions and deletions to a member of the committee.

Members appointed to the committee are: W.C. Lanning (Chair), Bill Witcher, Jonathan Beal, and Kevin Howard.

District music commission project: Chairman Howard asked for volunteers to take on our next commission project. We would like to commission a major work on the Grade V, VI level of difficulty.

Chairman Howard discussed with the membership about the need to clean up our District By-Laws. The Board and section chairs will be working on this.

Our District web-site will now be run through the State site. This is what the other five Districts are currently doing. This will eventually change our district address slightly. Go to www.ncbandmasters.org then click the NW District icon to easily reach our district site.

Clinicians for the 2007 High School Clinic will be selected at the Fall meeting.

Danny Green stated that Wake Forest University is agreeable to hosting the MS Clinic on a year to year basis.

Matt Liner spoke about the Jazz section. He will be our district representative to the Jazz committee. He also announced that the East Davidson HS Jazz Festival will be held on May 14.

Mr. Ed Whitener was recognized for his years of service in education and to our District.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted:

William C. Lanning, Jr.
Recording Secretary/Chairman-Elect, Northwest Bandmasters Association