South Dakota Music Education Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes
October 28th, 2017
Sioux Falls Convention Center, Sioux Falls, SD
11:00 AM

Board Members Present: Rogene Brown, Mike Bossman, Char Cade, Jaime Kessler, Wendy van Gent, Kim Bruguier, Bethany Amundson, Jon Bakken, Todd Carr, Erin McFarland, Paul Schilf, Beth Neitzert, Kim Bogart, Kristen Dunlap

Board Members Absent: Andrea Harstad, Laura Schenk, Colby Schuck, Deb Rohrer, Kari Owens, Spencer Wahl, Angela Larson, Vicki Hyder,

There were 25 members present.

Past-President Rogene Brown opened the meeting by presenting our new SDMEA President, Kim Bruguier. Brown also introduced President-Elect Bethany Amundson. Brown recommended that the membership encourage others to attend the State Music Conference in the future. Bruguier brought the meeting to order at 11:09 am.

Kelsey Marker addressed membership encouraging them to send her items to include in the monthly SDMEA newsletter. Send information to sdmea@sdmea.net.

John Bakken(Orchestra Chair) and Beth Neitzert(Orchestra Chair-Elect) presented information on Middle School All-State Orchestra and the new corresponding conference that will take place during the event. Graduate credit will be offered for the conference from DWU.

Bruguier discussed Elementary Honor Choir and Festival Choir. Information for these events is updated on the SDMEA website. Festival registration will go up in the next few days.

Wendy van Gent (Collegiate/Teacher Education Chair) presented on the state's new teacher mentor program. She is always looking for experienced teachers to be mentors. Starting this year the State Music Conference is now including a Research Poster Session. Please consider sharing your research at this event at next year's State Music Conference.

Amundson (President-Elect) presented information on Tri-M. She encouraged middle school and high school directors to consider opening a chapter at their school.

Char Cade (Retiree Chair) presented information on the benefits of a NAfME membership for retired teachers. Retired teachers can get free tickets to the All-State Chorus and Orchestra Concert.

Next year will be the 10th anniversary of our State Music Conference. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Tim and our headliner will be the Dallas Brass.

All contact information for the SDMEA Board of Directors can be found at sdmea.net.

President Bruguier adjourned the meeting at 11:25 AM.

Submitted by Kessler, October 28th, 2017.