

District VI Meeting Minutes from 8/21/23

Present: Danielle St. Amand, Steve Cady, Danielle Conerty, Kristen Chapman, Mike Connerty, Andrea Nardone, Alex Brady, Julie Ackerman-Hovis, John Lucy, James Pecsok, (John Lucy = new choir director Bellows Falls and James Pecsok = new band director Bellows Falls)

Note taker volunteer for this meeting - Julie Ackerman-Hovis (we still don't have a secretary)

Treasurer's Report by Kristen:

- Balance is still okay
- We will reassess next August to see if we can reduce festival fees or not - watching for post-COVID growth and stability
- Kristen has changed coding as per suggestions
- Andrea motioned to approve minutes. / Julie seconded.

Webmaster's report:

- There has been a problem with the website showing up on a browser. It still shows up on the drive as a Google site.
- James and Kristen have been working on this problem. There was a transfer of payment of a \$12 fee in June from James to the District VI account (Kristen) so that James would no longer be personally charged. In that process, something went wrong.
- Seems to be fixed now, and the fee for the website will be automatically paid each June going forward
- Julie says: If anyone has something that needs to change on the website, let me know
- Julie will send out requests for website changes regarding Festival info in September.

Festival Planning Updates:

- Andrea reported that conductor Anita Anderson Cooper will lead the HS Chorus in winter
- Danielle H said that Heidi Welch will lead the HS Concert Band in fall.
- Julie invited Arianne G. Abela of Amherst college, still awaiting response; has back-ups
- Danielle (Hartford) needs a couple people to help adjudicate the band videos - 1 brass, 1 woodwind, and 1 percussion
 - Alex Brady says he'll do woodwind
 - Julie said she will ask Bunny Seranita (BUHS) for brass
 - James said we should ask Rene (Leland) about percussion
- Hartford has approval to host
 - All 4 ensembles will be in 1 concert at 3PM (15-20 minutes for each ensemble)
- Andrea said that the new piece for State auditions is **Hear My Prayer** (Hal Leonard) by Moses Hogan SATB for states - we will make the change on the district website so that district recommendation piece follows state audition piece as always (divisi recommendations on state website)
- Hosts will arrange the hotels and get reimbursed for the hotel
- If you want to be on the awards committee, see Year at a Glance and click the link
- James P is nominated to be president - Julie says yea, Danielle seconds it

- If you are interested in being president elect reach out to James
- If anyone wants to be secretary, let Danielle or James know
- Reminder to write Danielle if you know of new music teachers in the district who need to be in the loop.

Meeting closed.