

SDMEA General Membership Meeting, Saturday, November 01, 2014

President Brown called meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. There were 30 members present. SDMEA board members introduced themselves.

Paul Schilf described his position as executive director. Working with national, checking on membership, raising money, and coordinating with treasurer. Why does it cost \$111 to be a member of NAfME? Of that amount, we receive

\$19 from your membership fee. Additionally, we've raised nearly \$4000 in corporate sponsors this year. There is more info on SDMEA webpage about how to become a corporate sponsor. It could be a donation beyond membership fee, individual donations, booster clubs can contribute any amount to have their names associated with promoting music education across the state.

Kim Bruguier, Elementary Report. Please come check out rehearsals and the concert this afternoon. Festival choir nominations conclude on November 15th. 15 students can be nominated per teacher. \$ per student covers t-shirts, lunch, music, etc.

Rogene Brown and Lisa Zahn at Hill Day had the opportunity to advocate for music education at the state and national levels. Read the article from the national guy. Go to NAfME.org. Broaderminded.com about the broader minded initiative. Look for advocacy materials.

Mike Bossman, check out the website. Please let him know if anything needs to be fixed, changed, or if you have any questions about anything you see there.

Mellisa VandeStroet, MSASB will take place in Huron, deadline for auditions is midnight on December 12th. All information is on SDMEA.net. She will send out usernames and passwords to submit auditions soon. General information form has been updated to reflect Mellisa's personal information with her moving at Christmas time. Upload all auditions at the same time, rather than one at a time.

Melissa Olson, Virtual Choir will debut on PBS on Thanksgiving right before the EHC performance. This year, we collaborated with STEAM video, utilizing student skill. Auditions will be later this year in the spring time. The video will also be available on the EHC DVD.

Deb Rohrer, KidSing Camp has completed its 3rd year. This is a great summer experience for students who love to sing, but are missing that experience at school. Numbers have tripled since the first year. Interest is up! Day camp for 1st grade through 6th grade, 5 day camp \$125 to pre-register \$175 on-site, concert on Friday.

Wendy VanGent- If you are or know of a new music teacher, please be encouraged to register on SDMEA.net so we are aware of you and can connect you with important resources. If you are a seasoned teacher, please register to contribute to the learning of a new teacher. Check out the monthly calendar outlining the happenings each month.

Lisa Zahn explained that there are many factors that are taken into account when scheduling the presenters.

Motion to adjourn by Lisa Zahn, second by Deb Rohrer. Motion carried. Minutes submitted by Bakken.