

District III Music Educators Meeting (DRAFT)

Saturday, January 15, 2022

Ridgevue High School with Zoom Meeting Room (optional)

General Session

These minutes are being recorded by DIII Secretary, Amanda Flory. Edited by Peggy McGrorty on 12/11/23 - added links to the minutes from the breakout sessions on 1/15/22. Middle School minutes added on 1/29/24, missing Orchestra breakout minutes.

Present: Amanda Flory, John Zieske, Adriana Sene, Jared Sene, Brittany Brings, Kris Crozier, Matt Clay, Aled Roberts, Shayla Lewis, Robyn Whitmore, Andrew Pech, Rudy Kammel, Aimee Atkinson, Jack Gardner, Cathryn Gardner, Drew Flory, Jose Rodriguez, Curt Griffiths, Phillip Hoelsing, Quentin Dewitt, Ben Blessing, Eric Held, Shannon Zimmerman, Richard Taylor, Katee Seubert, Casey Lindorfer, Laurel Talley, Debra Ellis, Christina Yarnot, Megan Kotter, Dan Child, John Dally, John Barton, Michael Hall, Eric Adamson, Pat Absolonson, Corrina Steinbach, Glenda Bernhardt, Erica Griffiths, Corey Lambracht, Jeff Paradise, Cord Bruer, Josh Barro, Anette Mackey, & Todd Thompson.

Meeting opens at 10:15 AM

Old Business

- Introductions
- Approval of [Minutes](#) from last meeting (Fall 2021)
 - Minutes approved as distributed

New Business

- Financial Report - Presented by Jeff Paradis
 - See the Financial Report posted on the [D3 website](#).
- Breakout Session Reports
 - Chairs
 - Band - Jose Rodriguez - [Band Minutes Link](#)
 - See band agenda and minutes
 - Elected Jose Rodriguez as the band chair
 - Choir - Annette Mackey - [Choir Minutes Link](#)
 - Aimee Atkinson covered for Annette. They discussed everything on the agenda per Annette's request
 - See [Choir agenda and minutes](#).
 - Orchestra - Laurel Talley - Orchestra Minutes Link
 - See Orchestra agenda and minutes

- Middle School - Todd Thompson - [Middle School Minutes Link](#)
 - See Middle School agenda and minutes
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 - o Funding for pianos for solo/ensemble festival
 - Voted during breakout session to use surplus to fund the pianos for the festival so item was removed from the general meeting agenda.
 - o Looking for help for Orchestra large group festival. Contact Amy Hicks at Middleton High School
 - o See the website for breakout minutes/summaries, contact your chairs for questions
- Music Educator of the Year nominations - Presented by Adriana Caloca
 - o [Nomination form](#) - Nomination window will stay open until Sunday, January 16, 2022 at Midnight to get more people nominated.
- Presentation of Music Educator of the Year plaques
 - o 2020 (young) - Amanda Flory
 - o 2020 - Laurel Talley
 - o 2021 (young) - Drew Flory
 - o 2021 - David Burton
 - o 2021 - Sean Kane
- Conducting Masterclass - Presented by Quentin Dewitt
 - o [Project proposal](#)
 - o Quentin would like to help foster some PD for DIII members, and is looking to do that in the form of a conducting master class. Format currently looks like it would be a weekend (½ day or full day). It would address score study strategies, artistic technique, and recognizing self care techniques to avoid injury. Quentin would like to know if the body would like to underwrite this masterclass. Longterm, it could start as a weekend event and then perhaps look at a Summer NNU Class. Budget presented in the proposal. See #5 on page 2 has general comments from the survey. Clinicians would be selected to meet the needs of every area regardless of speciality.
 - o Committee was created. Members are Meghan Olswanger (Boise HS), Christina Yarnot (West Middle), Aled Roberts (Valley View High), Andrew Peck (Renaissance HS), and Quienten Dewitt (Rocky Mountain HS) to help organize this. Committee could present in May with more information regarding finances.
- Adjudicators contract for our events - Presented by Jeff Paradis

- o Band typically pays \$350 per day, Orchestra pays \$300 per day (according to the most recent records), and Choir pays \$225 per day (according to the most recent records). The question is, should we raise the base pay of \$225? \$225 seems low for a day's work of adjudicating. Equitable and fair rate for work, but still managing the festival budget.
- o Discussion: Casey said they voted about 6 years ago saying that the lowest is \$225. John Zieske asked, "Do we need to raise the minimum?" Discussion around the room said that perhaps the choir needs to raise their minimum since they are the ones paying the lowest amount. John Zieske will send information to Annette to discuss in the next choir break out.
- New Items - Location and Time Question for the Spring Meeting
 - o Before covid, this would be the 2nd wednesday in May, and was usually held at a restaurant that had spaces where we could do breakouts and then come together for the general meeting to eat. The President or President Elect will decide on a location. Brittany Brings mentioned that in 2020 they were going to have the meeting at a school and have it catered. She has research on that.
 - Katee Seubert at Owyhee will look into it at her school.

Motion to close the meeting by Jack Gardener, seconded. Motion carries.

Meeting closes at 10:43 AM