

SWIBA FALL MEETING, DUSTY'S, GRISWOLD 6:30 3/2/08

Meeting called to order by Ruben Newell-President

Minutes of the Fall Meeting were attached to the agenda. No additions or corrections.

Treasurer's report: \$5991.54 in checking, \$4000.00 in CD, \$9991.54 total.

Committee Reports

- A. Elementary Affairs: Sue Schneider- No Report
- B. Middle School Affairs: Pam Ryan- The All-Iowa Honor Band commissioned work is not available yet, but is due in March. All students will receive 3 tickets- make sure parents note the time on the tickets. Directors also should pay attention to the audience seating procedures.
- C. Concert Band Affairs: No Report
- D. Marching Band Affairs: Mike Peters- No Report
- E. Jazz Band Affairs: Phil Hoelsing- The Dick Bauman Festival is February 21st next year with 1A & 2A at IWCC and 3A & 4A at Denison. There were 21 bands at IWCC and 18 in Audubon. The Audubon site had 4 scratches. IJC qualifiers are Sidney and Lamoni in 1A, Treynor and Underwood in 2A, Harlan and Glenwood in 2A, and Abraham Lincoln and Lewis Central in 4A. 4A directors expressed a concern about the site next year for them for the festival. All 4A schools are from Council Bluffs and travel comes out of their budget. Would it be possible for 4A to stay at IWCC? Site chairs and jazz chair will look into the numbers to see if rearranging is feasible. Questions and discussion on judges' pay. Some concerned that it is too much. A judge in attendance stated that he judges a lot and ours was the second lowest pay. A number of directors expressed concern about negative comments on the tapes that are not suitable to be played for their students.
- F. College Affairs: Christine Hitt- Thanks to Hoelsing and all involved for making the Jazz Fest run so smoothly.
- G. Student Affairs: No report
- H. Public Affairs: Ruben Newell- No Report
- I. Mentorship: Lee Nelson- Nelson encouraged directors to take advantage of the retired and experienced directors by having them come in to clinic their band. New teachers should rub elbows with successful people. Mentorship is going well in Iowa and is a model for some other states. Brought to the group's attention that a statewide mentorship meeting in Ames conflicts with our MS honor band auditions.
- J. Major Landers: Byron Tinder- no report. Newell- The first place winner will be declining the scholarship and the audition for the statewide scholarship. The second place winner will become the SW rep and audition. He is a tuba player from Atlantic.
- K. Research and Development: Hanzlik- No Report other than it is not clear what this committee does.
- L. HS Honor Band: Jared O'Donnell- Auditions went well and he has a different idea for music distribution for next year. The concert went well. The next time for a commissioned work is 2010 if we want to continue to do this. O'Donnell has contacted 4 composers to check on costs for the future and it appears that costs

will continue to rise. Next year's conductors are Tom Klaver and Neil Schnoor. There was much discussion about the commission, costs and what SWIBA gets when commissioning. This year we got the rights to premiere and have the conductor clinic and conduct. O'Donnell- other composers have contracts with clearer outlines of duties and rights. Newell tabled further discussion until the May meeting.

- M. MS Honor Band: Patti Bekkerus by Newell- Thanks were read from directors David Law and Robert Manson. Most of the music has been sold.
- N. SWIHMB: Byron Tinder by Hoffmann- We are awaiting airfare information and as soon as that is received the letter to schools will be sent. The band will go to the Florida Citrus Bowl and Tinder's goal is to keep the cost the same as last year's trip.
- O. Endowment: Chuck Teutsch- The endowment stands at \$123,000 to cover a conference disaster and Major Landers scholarship. "IBA is well endowed"
- P. IBARD- Lee Nelson- There are 165 IBARD members, 5 from SW. Will have an 80 member band at IBA conference and it is a lot of fun.
- Q. SWIBA President report: Ruben Newell
 - 1. IBA fall meeting- IBA down two members. SW is down two members. Jazz affairs is considering a recommendation to IHSMA to change the ballot for state jazz to give improvisation more weight. There will be a reading clinic at the conference for beginning band music.
 - 2. Tenure/Retirement recognition- Dale Wood, Merle Larson, Scott Weidner
 - 3. IBA districting- On Jan.1 Stickney informed district presidents that IBA was going to revert back to original district lines. Klaver and Newell had discussions w/ Stickney and in the end Denison will remain in SW and it seems that other schools that have had petitions granted in the past will remain in the district of their choice.
 - 4. SWIBA luncheon/meeting at IBA- Discussion on cost and alternatives. The time factor involved w/ having the meeting outside the Ft. Des Moines seems to be the biggest negative with moving offsite.
 - 5. New directors are reminded to request \$50 conference reimbursement from Hoffmann at or after the conference.
 - 6. Why does SWIBA have our winter meeting in March and all other districts meet in January or February? Because we always have.
 - 7. Old Business
 - a. Site reimbursement form will be presented at the May meeting for discussion.
 - b. Honor band uniforms- we have a policy that students wear their school's marching band uniform at the HS honor band concert. There is concern that a school or two refuse to follow this policy. Moore motion: Students not in uniform will not be allowed to perform. Hanzlik second. Much discussion. Information about this policy will be in the audition letter and a letter will be sent to the non-compliant districts' director, administration, and activities director. Motion carried. Several voiced the opinion that some of our directors who are

serving as judges at the honor band auditions need to dress more professionally.

8. New Business

- a. Student's luncheon at IBA- Jacobus motion: SWIBA will pay for student member's lunch at IBA meeting. Armentrout second. Motion carried.
- b. Directory- Johnny Kurt resigned as directory director. Members asked to think about taking on this duty.
- c. Reorganization of tech/PA/webmaster positions- Think about consolidation of these positions for discussion and decision at May meeting.
- d. SMART Music- Hanzlik offered to help anyone who would like help in implementation for state contest.
- e. Commission- J. Schoening recommended Rick Stitzel for jazz commission.
- f. Thanks to Mardesen for recommending Dusty's. Klaver has been notified that he should consider having future meeting there.
- g. President Newell officiated over the drawings for items donated by Riemans Music and Schmitt Music and adjourned the meeting.

Bob Hoffmann, SWIBA Secretary