

Madison County Music Educator's Association
Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 20, 2017
Chittenango High School, NY

Districts Represented, Brookfield, Camden, Canastota, Cazenovia, Chittenango, DeRuyter, Hamilton, Madison, Morrisville-Eaton, Oneida, Stockbridge Valley, Vernon-Verona-Sherrill

**Note: if you were in attendance at the meeting and your school is not listed, please make sure you sign the attendance sheet.*

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

- II. A. Secretary's Report – Lisa Stearns
Motion to Dispense – Deb Holling
Second: Josh Coles
So Moved

- B. Treasurer's Report – Jamie McCarthy
Business as usual
School dues are current
Central Winds thank you – Dave Hawthorne
Motion to accept – Linda Carter
Second – Deb Holling
So Moved

- C. Vice-President's Report – Kevin Johnson
No report

- D. President's Report – Maveret Umstead
 - Stockbridge Valley – January Festival Host
M/E – March 2018 Festival Host

 - Michael Deegon wants us to send kids to Oneonta

 - 9-12 Orchestra in March will have a harpist at a stipend of \$100.00 as they only bought one piece of music.

Conference Items:

Joe Sugar Day **MARCH 7, 2017** Albany

A draft of the new education standards to replace No Child left Behind now called *Every Student Succeeds Act* will be out soon. 2017-18 will be a transition year and 2018-19 it will be fully implemented. There will be no more CORE subjects and music will be a stand-alone subject so that we have a well-rounded education.

NAfME In-service Conference and All-National Ensembles will be in Grapevine, Texas November 12-15.

All former Ladies choirs are to be billed as treble choirs.

Summer Conference, August 13-15 at the Albany Hilton

Insurance problems have been straightened out.

If you are not a current member of NYSSMA the deadline is March 1st to have your name and information listed in the April issue of the School Music News.

Adjudication Fees and Adjudicator Honoraria have gone up. Levels 1-4 are \$16 (piano \$22), Levels 5-6 are \$24 (piano-\$30). All State is \$30. The last time they went up was in 2007.

E. Choral Representative Report: Amanda Hughes

- 6th Grade All-County Chorus Alternates – each school allowed only one alternate name
- 2017-18 Festivals:
 - 6th Grade Chorus – Melinda Feldmann – Conductor
 - Heather O’Connell – Accompanist
 - Chair needed
- All other groups needed as well

F. Orchestra Representative: Jen Guhin

No report

G. Band Representative: Dave Hawthorne

Chairs for all groups going well

H. Audition Chairperson – K. Johnson for Teresa Campbell

- Teachers welcome to refreshments
- Vocalists may SR before their audition to save time

I. Web Master – Matt Stearns

- Directory update – e-mail Matt
- Advocacy Section
- Handbook Update

J. Government Relations – Nick Anderalli

- March 7 – Joe Sugar Day
- See Nick if you would like to attend

K. Festival Chairperson – Matthew Stearns

- T- shirts and parking

I. OLD BUSINESS:

- None

II. NEW BUSINESS:

- Form letter for APPR – no motion

Motion by Jamie McCarthy:

6-8 Orchestra and 6th Grade Chorus students have 1 week to decide which group they wish to be in.

Second: Micheale Morehouse

PASSED

- DeRuyter will host the 2017-2018 Audition Festivals

Motion by Jamie McCarthy :
9-12 Chorus would like a fiddler at a cost of \$100.00.
They have purchased no music.
Second: Charity Dreier
PASSED

Motion by Kevin Johnson:
Percussion auditionees will indicate their percussion
instrument preference on the score sheet.
Second: Jamie McCarthy
PASSED

IV. Dates and Reminders:

2016-2017 Festival/Meeting Dates:
Fri/Sat 3/17-18/17 – Festival – Canastota

V. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: George Jweid
Second: Nate Kaercher
Meeting Adjourned: 6:53 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Stearns (Notes at meeting taken by M. Stearns)

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