

Madison County Music Educator's Association
Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 17, 2014
Chittenango High School

Districts Represented: Camden, Cazenovia, Chittenango, DeRuyter,
Hamilton, Holy Cross, Madison, Morrisville-Eaton, Oneida,
Stockbridge Valley

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM

- II. A. Secretary's Report – Lisa Stearns
Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes:
Michaele Morehouse
Second: Jamie McCarthy
So Moved

- B. Treasurer's Report – Jamie McCarthy
 - \$500.00 donated to St. Kits and Nevis
 - invoices for the January festival have been mailed
 - expenses for Chittenango yet to be paid
 - no increase of dues anticipatedMatthew Stearns
Second: Jeanne Pizzuto-Sauve
Report Accepted

- C. Vice-President's Report – Maveret Umstead
 - County President's meeting – NAFME
NY carries 10% of the vote
 - NYSSMA Day in Albany – 3/3/14
 - Zones can be changed for Area All-State

- D. President's Report – Margie Hawthorne
- Thanks to Chittenango for hosting!
 - Thanks for great participation in Music Educator's Day
 - Thanks to Steve Dodge - St; Kits and Nevis slides
 - NYSSMA Day/Albany:3/3/14- if interested let Margie know
- E. Choral Representative Report: Amanda Hughes
- 6th Grade chorus going well
 - all set for the March festival
 - Conductors, Accompanists and Chairpersons needed for 2014-15 festivals
- F. Orchestra Representative: Jen Guhin
- 6-8 Orchestra going well
 - low numbers are a concern
- G. Band Representative: Dave Hawthorne
- 9-12 Band going well
 - Steve Button will chair and conduct 5-6 Band
- H. Audition Chairperson: Jon Rossi
- all our best to Chris Schenkel for a speedy recovery!
 - there will be 3 sight reading judges - 1/25 festival
 - one sheet for vocal auditions
- I. Web Master – Eric Feola
- No report

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. the line up of host schools needs to be posted on the web site
- B. Kathy DiNardo is a percussion specialist for All-County equipment

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Should private string students that attend school which do not have a string program be allowed to auditions for All-County? Even if they play/sing in a school ensemble?
Margie will survey other schools – discussion tabled until March meeting
- B. Edie Shillitoe will send inquiries to teachers regarding wind/brass/percussion for full orchestra.
- C. Numbers are low in the 6-8 Orchestra – teacher recommendation suggested.
Margie will research – tabled until March meeting
- D. Discussion regarding students who are unable to attend auditions

V. Dates and Reminders:

- A. Auditions Festival for March Festival – 1/25 - Hamilton
- B. 5-6 Band recommendations due 1/27/14
- C. Next meeting – 3/14/14 – 6:30PM - SVCS

VI. Other:

- A. Thank you from Matthew Stearns for the gift and good wishes after his accident
- B. Oneida Jazz Festival – 3/7-8/14

VII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Shari O’Conner
Second: Michael Morehouse
Meeting Adjourned: 7:27 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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