

Madison County Music Educator's Association  
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 12, 2012  
Colosseo's Restaurant, Sherrill, NY

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

I. Meeting called to order at 6:59 PM

II. A. Secretary's Report – Lisa Stearns

Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes:

Charity Dreier

Second: Michaele Moorhouse

B. Treasurer's Report – Jamie McCarthy

- 4 schools still owe dues – they have been notified

Michaele Moorhouse

Second: Diane Parker

Report Accepted

C. Vice-President's Report – Margie Hawthorne

No report but below are the All-County auditions sets and vocal pieces for your reference:

- Audition Sets/Selections for 2012- 2013:

6-8 Strings – Set B

9-12 Strings – Set A

7-8 Band – Set A

9-12 Band – Set D

7-8 Chorus – "How Fair A Rose"

9-12 Chorus – "Now Is The Month Of Maying"

D. President's Report – Matthew Stearns

- Thank you to Nina and Colosseo's!

- Steven Dodge will be substituting for Erin Belanger as she begins her maternity leave from Stockbridge Valley

- Conference All-State Acceptances and Alternates:

Mike McCormick – Mixed Chorus B1 – Oneida

Alison Gallagher – Alternate A1 – Oneida  
Ryan Gear – Mixed Chorus T2 – VVS  
Bryan Jonas – Mixed Chorus T1 – VVS  
Kyle Johnson – Mixed Chorus T2 – Cazenovia  
Jessy Silfer – Mixed Chorus A2 – Cazenovia  
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

E. Choral Representative Report: Brandi Collins/Amanda Hughes

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus: Melinda Feldmann – Conductor  
Eric Feola – Chair  
TBA – Accompanist
- 7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus: Matthew Stearns – Conductor  
Diane Parker – Chair  
TBA – Accompanist
- 9-12 Chorus: TBA

F. Orchestra Representative: Jen Guhin

- 6-8 Orchestra: Todd McCreery – Conductor  
Mary Coburn – Chairperson
- 9-12 Orch: Heather Buchmann (Ham. College)- Cond.  
Jen Guhin – Chairperson

**\*Full Orchestra Procedure:**

- Band students will check “yes” or “no” for full orchestra on their October audition sheet
- The March Orchestra chairperson will receive a full All-County Band proficiency list, regardless if the band member checked “yes”, “no”, or did not check anything at all
- After the January festival, the March Orchestra chairperson will contact the “yes” students FIRST and see if they will commit to the March festival.
- If the chairperson needs to fill other spots, the chair person will go down the proficiency list of students and contact their teacher. We will only use the other students on the proficiency list if we can not fill the orchestra with the “yes” students
- We will choose alternates and send music to the alternates in the case that a student backs out. This will ensure that we have all the parts covered.

G. Band Representative: Dave Hawthorne

No report – information below taken from previous minutes:

- 9-12 Band – Bill McCoy – Chairperson  
Conductor – TBA
- 5-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band – Micheale Morehouse – Conductor  
Maveret Umstead – Chairperson
- 7-8 Band – Nate Kaercher – Conductor  
Aaron Velardi - Chairperson

H. Zone 8 Representative – Julie Soloman

- if you have any NYSSMA questions, please feel free to contact Julie or Matt can also relay any concerns to her

\*\*\*Public Relations – Heather O’Connell

- if there a specific publication that you would like Heather to contact regarding MCMEA events, please let her know

I. Audition Chairperson: Maveret Umstead

- All-County 7-12 Instrumental and 6-8 Orchestra registration forms with money or proof of payment are due to Maveret on October 5<sup>th</sup>
- ***6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus deadline information:  
Names are due to Eric Feola (DeRuyter) by  
Tuesday, November 20th***

J. Festival Chairperson

- The January Festival at Oneida is all set to go

K. Web Master – Eric Feola

- directory update form is on the directory page of the web site – please update any new information or administrative changes

L. APPR Chairperson – Linda Carter

- please e-mail Linda with a contact person from your district  
[lcarter@vvschools.org](mailto:lcarter@vvschools.org)
- informative websites: [engageny.org](http://engageny.org)  
[ocmboces.org](http://ocmboces.org)  
[nyssmaslo.org](http://nyssmaslo.org)

### III. OLD BUSINESS:

- Matt Stearns and Margie Hawthorne will draft a Position Paper regarding Lessons/APPR

### IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- Oneida Area Arts is presenting a concert series:  
New York Voices – 9/29  
Arturo Sandoval – 11/3  
An Evening With Frederick Douglass – 1/26/13  
Mentalist Craig Carges – 2/23/13  
Central Winds – 4/27/13  
Tickets are 10.00 Students, 25.00 Adults and 50.00 Season
- Heather O’Connell is organizing the MCMEA SATB files that are housed at Oneida High School. The completed list will be posted on the web site
- Motion to hire Joanne Shenandoah to work with the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade All-County Chorus at a cost of \$1500.00 as per a presentation by Brandi Collins (VVS)  
Tim Watson  
Second: Jeanne Pizzuto-Sauve

#### Motion Amended:

MCMEA will hire Joanne Shenandoah to work with the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade All-County Chorus at a cost of \$1500.00 which will require adjustment of the budget by the Treasurer.  
PASSED

### V. UPCOMING DATES/REMINDERS:

- Fall Auditions – Sat. October 27, 2012 – Madison
- Winter Festival – Fri. –Sat. January 18-19, 2012 – Oneida
- Spring Auditions – Sat. January 26, 2013 – Madison
- Spring Festival – Fri.- Sat. March 15-16, 2013 – Canastota
- June 2013 Meeting – Tues., 6/11/13 – Colosseo’s

VI: Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Michael Moorhouse

Second – Heather O-Connell

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Stearns

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