

Madison County Music Educators Association
Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 17, 2023 - 6:30 PM – Camden HS

Districts Represented: Camden, Canastota, Cazenovia, Chittenango,
DeRuyter, Hamilton, Madison,
Morrisville-Eaton, Oneida, VVS

**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 6:34 PM

II. A. Secretary's Report – Lisa Stearns

Motion to Dispense – Jamie McCarthy

Second: Lindsay Colella

So Moved

B. Treasurer's Report – Jamie McCarthy

- Business as usual

- Audition and Participation fees will be \$7.00 beginning
next year

Motion to Accept – Matt Stearns

Second – Amanda Hughes

So Moved

C. Vice-President – Megan Russell – No report

D. Band Rep: Dave Hawthorne

- Conductors and Chair people needed for 2023-24 festivals

- The Band Rep. position will be open for next year.

If you are interested, let Ryan Hobart know.

E. Choral Representative: Amanda Hughes

- Conductors and Chair people needed for 2023-24 festivals
- The Choral Rep. position will be open for next year.
If you are interested, let Ryan Hobart know.

F. Orchestra Representative: Jen Chase

- Conductors and Chair people needed for 2023-24 festivals
- January festival went well with 7-9. Will re-evaluate March configuration pending results of this festival. Jen Chase will send out emails looking for feedback for next year and for audition regs and excerpts.

G. Audition Chairperson – No repert

H. President – Ryan Hobart –

- Joe Sugar Day did not happen this year due to the Capitol being closed. Scheduled next year for the first Monday in March but may change based on the legislative calendar.
- NYS School Board Association looking for groups to perform.
 - NYSSMA Winter Conference – looking for Elementary groups to perform.
- Diversity Committee in Phase 2 of developing the Diversity in Repertoire Policy
- NYSSMA Winter Conference proposal forms are available on the NYSSMA Website.
- NYSSMA Winter Conference – 11/30 – 12/3, 2023
 - If interested in participating on a committee to re-evaluate Summer Conference, contact Kathy Perconti (3rd VP).
- From David Gaines – complete All-State applications before auditions as they are not user friendly after the fact.
- Eastern Division Conference in Rochester – 4/13-4/18
Registration on website

I. Web Master– Matthew Stearns
-Status quo

J. Government Relations – Nick Anderalli – No report

K. Publicity – George Jweid – No report

L. Festival Chairperson – Matthew Donaleski
- Going well

III. OPEN BUSINESS: None

-Discussion on raising stipend pay – continue to investigate -
survey forth coming. Will not happen next year.

-Practice tracks for All-County Choral groups – Some chair
people do them but it's really the individual teacher's choice to
create them for their students.

-Some discussion on involving the Reps and Chairs more in
music selection and time line.

IV. NEW BUSINESS: None

V. Dates and Reminders:

2022 – 2023 Festivals:

6/13/23 – Membership/Election meeting – 6:30 PM

(Survey will be sent out to determine availability and
location for the June meeting)

VI. Adjournment: 7:12 PM

Motion to adjourn: Amanda Hughes

Second: Matthew Stearns

Respectfully Submitted,

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