

Madison County Music Educators Association
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 - 6:30 PM – Marble Hill

Districts Represented: Camden, Cazenovia, Chittenango, DeRuyter, Hamilton, Madison, Morrisville-Eaton, Stockbridge Valley 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 6:50 PM

- II. A. Secretary's Report – Lisa Stearns
 - Motion to Dispense – Margie Hawthorne
 - Second: Dave Hawthorne
 - So Moved

- B. Treasurer's Report – Jamie McCarthy
 - Business as usual
 - Motion to Accept – Heather O'Connell
 - Second – Margie Hawthorne
 - 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 is open for next year to anyone interested. Dave will continue in the interim.
 - If you are interested, let Dave or Ryan Hobart know.

- E. Choral Representative: Amanda Hughes

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

- F. Orchestra Representative: Jen Chase
- Two conductors needed for 2023-24 festivals
- 5-6: Jen Guhin – Chair
Brenna Ogilvie – Conductor
- 7-8: Dawn Giddings – Chair
Conductor – TBA
- 9-12: Jen Chase – Chair
Conductor – TBA

Any Orchestra teachers who would like to conduct or have ideas for potential conductors, please contact Jen Chase.

5-6 was very successful, as was 7-9 and 10-12 - Had a hard time filling seats against Chorus and Musicals

- G. Audition Chairperson – Mike Coldren – Dates work and moving forward
- H. President – Ryan Hobart –
Many thanks to Amanda Hughes and Megan Russell for their years of service to MCMEA
- I. Web Master– Matthew Stearns - No report
- J. Government Relations – Nick Anderalli – No report
- K. Publicity – George Jweid – No report
- L. Festival Chairperson – Lindsay Colella – Moving forward
- NOTE – Presentation of Music Educator’s Day information –

10/6/23 – Oneida High School
Frontline Education – mylearningplan.com

III. OPEN BUSINESS: None

- Discussion on raising In House conductor stipend pay –
Work in progress

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. NYSSMA Insurance – Still gathering information with the end goal to secure an umbrella policy to cover all MCMEA events.

B. MOTION:

Margie Hawthorne made a motion to accept the proposed 2023 – 2024 Budget.

Second – Dave Hawthorne

PASSED

C. MOTION:

Jamie McCarthy made a motion to accept Matthew Stearns as MCMEA Vice-President

Second – Heather O’Connell

PASSED

D. MOTION:

Jamie McCarthy made a motion for the Orchestral Groups to be configured as 5-6, 7-8 and 9-12.

Second – Ryan Hobart

PASSED

E. MOTION:

Margie Hawthorne made a motion to accept the following

Slate of Officers:
President – Ryan Hobart
Secretary – Lisa Stearns
Treasurer – Jamie McCarthy
Second – Roselle Lynch
PASSED

V. Dates and Reminders:

2023 – 2024 Festivals:

10/6/23 – Music Educator’s Day – Oneida High School

10/28/23 – Instrumental Audition Festival – Hamilton

1/19-20/24 – Winter All-County – Stockbridge Valley

1/27/24 – Vocal Audition Festival – Hamilton

3/15-16/24 – Spring All-County - VVS

VI. Adjournment: 7:19 PM

Motion to adjourn: Jamie McCarthy

Second: Megan Russell

Respectfully Submitted,

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