

Madison County Music Educators Association
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 14, 2023 - 6:30 PM – Theodore's

Districts Represented: 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 6:46 PM

II. A. Secretary's Report – Lisa Stearns
Motion to Dispense – Jamie McCarthy
Second: Heather O'Connell
So Moved

B. Treasurer's Report – Jamie McCarthy
- Business as usual
Motion to Accept – Megan Russell
Second – David Hawthorne
So Moved

C. Vice-President – Matthew Stearns – No report

**CNY JAZZ Presentation – Arts In Ed Services 2023-24
Larry Luttinger/James Bearup
CNYJAZZ.ORG or 315 479-5299 for more information*

D. Band Rep: Dave Hawthorne
5-6 Band – Brianna Hoige – Chair
Margie Hawthorne – Conductor
7-8 Band – Nate Kaercher – Chair
Nick Anderalli – Conductor
9-12 Band – Lisa Stearns – Chair
Raymond Suriani – Conductor

E. Choral Representative – No report

F. Orchestra Representative: Jen Chase

- All set with Chairs and Conductors
- Please talk with your HS Chorus and HS Band students regarding which March ensemble they prefer and if they are interested in Full Orchestra

G. Audition Chairperson – Mike Coldren

- Moving forward
- Please make sure your contact information is in the directory

H. President – Ryan Hobart –

- weareinstrumentalny.org/ non-profit organization based in Ticonderoga. Access to free instruments to students in Need; also repair workshops.
- Winter Conference 11/30-12/3
Mike Coldren presenting Thursday @ 3:00PM
“Successful Programs in Small Schools”
Central Winds performing at opening concert.
- NYSSMA is piloting a Majors Clinic program
Info in October School Music News
- Summer Conference to be paused after 2024
- NYSSMA is working on an electronic manual
- If you have students in Conference, please let us know so we can recognize them at the January meeting
- Jamie will be putting together an proposal to increase the stipend for in house conductors and possibly chairs/acc.
Please keep an eye out for a Google form in order to vote on this proposal

I. Web Master– Matthew Stearns -

- Researching new hosting sights

J. Government Relations – Nick Anderalli – No report

K. Publicity – George Jweid – No report

L. Festival Chairperson – Lindsay Colella
- Ready to go with Winter Festival

III. OPEN BUSINESS: None

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. NYSSMA Insurance –

Jamie McCarthy made a motion to pay for one year of NYSSMA insurance coverage through Assured Partner at a cost of \$1668.63.
Second – Matthew Stearns
PASSED

Matthew Stearns made a motion to nominate Heather O’Connell as the Vocal Representative.
Second – Jamie McCarthy
PASSED

Band folks will gather in June to update the All-County audition Information will be forthcoming and all are welcome.

Middle School Are All-State – Zone 4 and 8
Mexico CS
Contact Bill McCoy with any questions

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,

Lisa A. Stearns

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