

South Central District Bandmasters Association
Winter Meeting
All-District Band Clinic Weekend
Friday, January 25, 2008

Chairman John Mode called the winter meeting of the South Central District Bandmasters Association to order.

The minutes were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Officer Elections: The following were elected as officers for 2008-10

1. Chairman: Keith James
2. Vice-Chair: Scott Clowes
3. Treasurer: Richard Holmes

OLD BUSINESS

1. **District Auditions** – Mark/Anne Reese

Auditions went well overall. A number of errors were made which caused the delay of auditions this year. We will be putting together a manual for Judging for Dummies to be given out next year. Special thanks to Tim Hamilton and the South Point Band Parents along with the Gaston County School District.

2. **District Clinic** – Felicia Davis
Any problems that occur need to bring to the attention to Ken, Josh, or Felicia. Commission piece should really be exciting. Any suggestions about the dinner, you should let them be known.

3. **Award of Excellence**

Points for regarding this award are as follows:

Band Director should be an active or recently retired in good standing

Also based on a career of excellence in all facets of the instrumental band program

Location: rural or city, situation should be taken into account

Service that the Band Director has given to the South Central District:

Board member, committee member, President, or any other duties

along this line

Any service that the Band Director has given to any other musical organizations such as MENC, NBA, or any other Professional awards or publications that the band director has received or been associated with

Any original compositions, commissions, arrangements, that have been added to the musical literature

Ken Davis is the 2008 Award of Excellence recipient for the South Central District.

A new award will be introduced at the Spring meeting in recognizing and promoting our own our new young directors.

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4. **Middle School Concert Band Festival** – Tracy Humphries

Dates are March 12-14, 2008. Registration deadline is February 12, 2008. Judges for the festival are: Marshall Kirby, Felicia Warren-MacNaught, and Connie Grantham for stage and Liz Hasty for sight-reading. There are 37 bands registered and will try to get everyone the day they requested.

5. **High School Concert Band Festival** – James Phillips

Contest will be at Shelby HS this year. Dates are March 17 – 20, 2008. Registration deadline is February 16, 2008. Judges for the festival are: Grades 3-4 or split: Martin Dickey, John Entzi, and Tyler Flemming for stage and Phillip Riggs for sight-reading. For grades V – VI: Lou Cefus, Benji Springs, Col. Gary Lamb for stage and Bill WItcher for sight-reading. Score Catalog is being kept by Neil Underwood.

6. **Jazz Festival**

Festival will be held on April 25-26, 2008 at Grandview Middle School in Hickory, NC.

7. **Solo and Ensemble** – Neil Underwood

May 3, 2008. There will be a change in fees. \$3.00 for 1-14 persons and groups of 15 or more will be \$40.00. Motion was made and second. Vote: passed. This will still allow us to have 5 judges. All forms and rules are posted on the website.

8. **Honors Band Auditions** – Keith James

Forms will be online this year starting on Feb. 2. Deadline is Feb. 15. Auditions will be held on March 8, 2008 at East Davidson High School and Brown Middle School. Registration is at 11 and Judges meeting at 12. Thank you for all of your help.

9. **Spring Meeting**: Monday, May 5, 2008 at Vance High School. Dinner at 6:00 PM and the meeting at 7:00 PM

Please be there because we set the calendar at that meeting.

10. **Marching Band Committee** – Keith James/Richard Holmes

Possible district festivals to be talk about for the future and we are looking to receive any feed back from the district on this proposal. This is still in the talking stage and would need to go before the NCMEA board to treat it just like concert festival and jazz band festival with just a rating only, without any financial hardship on NCMEA or the NCBDA. The committee will now take the money that we have been keeping up with and will now house their own bank account.

11. **New Music Clinic @ Honors Band** – Richard Holmes

Encouraged everyone to attend Honors Band this year at the NC School of The Arts in Winston-Salem on April 18-20, 2008. If anyone was interested in helping with the new music clinic at Honors Band, please talk with Richard.

12. **Concert Festival Judges/Commission/Clinician Committee**: - Scott Clowes/John Mode/Keith James

Both of these committees need your input as members. John Mode came up with a form that was passed out to the membership in attendance that the committee can use in the future to come up with folks that we would like to see in working with our students.

NEW BUSINESS

13. **Clinicians 2009:**

Because of our circumstance for this year, Mekel and Jim will be our 2009 clinic clinicians. Based on the order of 2007, Col. John Bu cannot do a clinic on the dates we have in the future and we would like Robert Sheldon to do a commission for us in 2010, Dr. Bill Gora would be our 11-12 Clinician. Motion was made and passed that we accept Dr. Gora as our 2009 11-12 Clinician.

We would like to thank Mekel Rogers for moving his time to next year in order to accommodate a scheduling mix up for this year.

Middle School – Mekel Rogers

High School – Jim Hill

Senior High – Dr. Bill Gora

14. **Recordings for District Band:** - Richard Holmes

We as a district should record the solos for our district. If you are interested in helping with this project, we will talk about it more at the spring meeting. This would be a resource for our students. Sign up with Richard after the meeting.

15. **Rainey Day Fund (Sunshine Committee):** - Leigh Smith

We need to pass the hat in order to make this fund continue. This fund helps send out flowers to our sick and those who have passed away from our district as a remembrance.

16. **Other New Business**

Another Award form our district to be put on the agenda about recognizing a band director for middle and high school proposal from Jerry Lowe

The winter meeting of the South Central District Bandmasters Association was adjourned at 3:08 PM.

Keith James
District Scribe and VP