

SCDBA MINUTES FALL MEETING 2007

The fall meeting of the South Central District Bandmasters' Association was held in the Barnhardt Center on the campus of UNC-Charlotte on Monday, Sept. 10, 2007. The business meeting was held at 7:00 pm following dinner. John Mode, Chair, presiding.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS/SPONSORS/HOSTS

1. An introduction of all members present was entertained as the first acknowledgement of the night.
2. A greeting and welcome was given by our hosts: Dr. Will Cambell and Dr. Larry Marks from UNC-C. Dr. Will Campbell, director of Jazz Studies at UNC-C, made welcoming remarks and announced that the Symphonic Winds would be playing at the NCMEA convention this year. Dr. Marks issued an invitation for those interested in participating in the Charlotte Youth Wind Ensemble, going to one audition date, Brian Balmages coming in to work with the group and UNCC and talked about the marching band program starting when the football program is announced in February.
3. **Sponsors of tonight's meal, Sam Ash Music was also recognized and thanked for their contribution along with Paul Garcia as their representative.**
4. Bob Deaton and Dennis Howren of Howren Music were recognized.
5. Jason Gilchrist of the Music Center was also recognized
6. Dr. Lorrie Crochet from Winthrop University, brought greetings and announced details concerning the Winthrop Invitational on Nov. 16-17, 2007 and invited the membership to the 3rd annual Concert on the Lawn.
7. Mekel Rogers from Carolina Crown
8. Scott Clowes gave a brief update on Jamie Soltys as to his health.
9. Mr. Sid Haton was introduced as the marching band director of Gardner-Webb University and gave a brief summation of the return of the marching band to Gardner-Webb University.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented on the website.

OVERVIEW OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6/18/2007

President John Mode presented an overview of the Executive Board meeting that was held on June 18, 2007.

- There was a motion and a second to move the District auditions to South Point HS for this school year. Tim Hamilton will serve as site host.
- A concern for the audition date changes that conflict with the Orchestra

auditions.

- Tympani solo is listed incorrectly on the SCDBA website (correct solo, incorrect book).
- Judges have been secured for MS and HS Festival.
- A meal sponsor still needed for the fall meeting.
- New Band Director Orientation to take place one hour before the fall meeting.
- Dr. Marks and UNCC still working on the CEU credit for District events.
- Commissioned a small banner using our District logo with Don Addis as the vendor.
- Reminder was given concerning the mail-out announcing this meeting as the ONLY mailing from the District in August and the rest being done through the website and Yahoo Group.
- A spring business meeting will be held on May 5, 2008 at Vance HS, with Rob Carrington, band director, hosting.
- Solo & Ensemble will again be held at North Lincoln HS with Neil Underwood hosting.
- Middle School Contest Festival will be held at Central Academy in Monroe.
- Board voted to increase the registration fee to \$175 per High School. There was no request made from Middle School to increase fees. Middle School will stay at \$150.

OLD BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: (R. Holmes) Motion was made and seconded with the report being approved by the membership.

Committee Reports were received as follows:

Membership/Website/Yahoo Group: (R. Holmes) Thanked everyone who got in touch

with members based on the list provided via the yahoo group. Reminder was given that each year everyone must go online and register. If you haven't subscribed to the Yahoo Group, the email address is listed on the agenda (Southcentraldistrict-subscribe@yahogroups.com) and a form at this meeting is provided for you to turn in tonight to make things easier to be able to join. Each member, if they like, may use their home and school email addresses. If you have any problems, email Richard. An upgrade for forms is what Richard would like to do.

Fall In-Service – November 10-13, 2007 – Winston Salem: Reminder was given to

get your registration in early and forms are on-line.

District Band Auditions: (Mark and Anne Reese, Tim Hamilton) No forms will be distributed, use online registration form on website. Performance order will be determined by order in which students are

entered/registered but is verified/changed by postmark date when check is received. Registration will not be complete until check is received. Registration deadline is midnight on 12/5/07. Make sure that you print a confirmation for yourself so that you can check the spelling of names and the instruments on which students are registered. If you register students, then you are expected to be at auditions to judge and supervise your students. Auditions to be held 1/12/08 at South Point HS, Belmont, NC. Judges do not get paid for this event.

Dates for the audition was discussed because of the change in date this year and conflict with the Western Region Orchestra Auditions. Directors who have students auditioning for both groups will need to contact Mark and Anne as soon as possible in order to make accommodations to allow students to audition for both All-District and Orchestra. Please do not wait until Dec. 5, 2007.

All-District Clinic: (Ken & Felecia Davis, Josh Stephenson) Ken Davis reported that clinic will be held at Mooresville HS on 1/25-26/07 with the Snow dates of 2/1-2/07. Middle School clinician is Mekel Rogers, 9/10 clinician is Wille Halpin, and 11/12 clinician is Timothy Rhea. Make sure that you read all the information completely in your packet if you have students who made the band and the information is located on the website with only slight date changes.

All State Honors Band Auditions: (K. James) Keith reported that auditions will be held March 8, 2008 at East Davidson HS and Brown MS. Registration deadline Feb. 15, 2008. Majority of information is on the website and efforts are being made with Bill Pendergrass to make process easier by enrolling online. We will find out more about this at the November state meeting.

Discussion was brought up about the two day clinic vs. the three day clinic. We will make a motion to bring back the three day clinic at the State Convention. In 2009, at this time, the Honors Clinic will only be two days.

Middle School Contest-Festival: (Tracy Humphries) Contest will be held at Central

Academy of Tech/Arts in Monroe on March 12-14, 2008 (Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday). Registration and fee are due by February 12, 2008. Judges confirmed are: Connie Grantham, Felicia McNaught, and Marhall Kirby. SR judge Liz Hasty. Pay attention to the deadlines. A motion to increase the contest registration fee to \$175 per Middle School based on the State Board increasing the Judging Fee. Motion

passed. The membership thanked Jim Hill and Stephanie Tomberlin for their hard work and years of dedicated service.

High School Contest-Festival: (James Phillips) Contest will be held on March 17-20, 2008 at Shelby HS. Registration deadline will be February 17, 2008. Thanks were extended to North Lincoln HS and Neil Underwood for hosting festival last year. Judges confirmed for 3/17-18 are: Martin Dicky, Phillip Riggs, Bill Witcher, and Tyler Fleming. Judges confirmed for 3/19-20 are: Lou Cefus, Bengie Springs, Mike Robinson, and Col. Gary Lamb. Jim Hill informed the membership that all comment would be on a CD disk this year. Pay attention to deadline.

All-State Honors Band: Date is April 18-20, 2008 @The NC School of the Arts in Winston-Salem this year.

Solo and Ensemble: (Neil Underwood) Solo & Ensemble will be held at N. Lincoln HS on May 3, 2008. Registration deadline is April 3, 2008.

Spring Meeting: This year the meeting will be held on May 5, 2008 at Vance HS, with Rob Carrington, band director, hosting.

Judges Committee: (Keith James) Committee was responsible for getting judges for MS and HS Contest Festival. This has been taken care of already. If you know of anyone that needs to be added to the list of possible judges, email Keith with person's name, address, telephone number, and email address.

Western Region Jazz Auditions/Festival: (Jerry Lowe) Auditions will be held January 12, 2008 at South Point HS. Jeff Reynolds has agreed to be auditions chair for auditions. Western Region Jazz Band Clinic will be held on February 15-16, 2008 at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory. Ted Neely is chairing this event. Western Region Jazz Festival will be held at Grandview MS in Hickory on April 25-26, 2008. Jerry Lowe is chair for this event.

Marching Band Committee: (Keith James) Check out the state website. There are several sanctioned contests that are in our area. Over 60% of HS Bands attended at least one event last year. Anyone who would like to be on this committee, please email the Chair, and the executive board will a selection before January. The next MB Committee meeting will be at convention.

Commissioning Committee: Combined the Commissioning and District Clinician committees into one. The membership will be made up of two MS directors, two HS directors, the district treasurer, district chair or vice chair, and committee chairman (either HS or MS). This will be a total of 7 voting members. Anyone can attend the meeting. Please send your information to the chair if you are interested in serving on this committee and the board will select the committee. Terms will be staggered so that not all of the committee members are rotate off the committee.

The duties of the committee are as follows:

- A. To develop a long range plan for commission and clinicians
- B. To develop a long range plans so the membership will know what years we are having a commission and a plan to honor one of our members in conducting on the ensembles at district clinic
- C. To send out information and suggestions by the Yahoo group for clinician and commissions on a regular basis
- D. Present a slate of clinicians and/or composers to vote at each winter meeting. The committee needs to plan far enough in advanced so that we are able to secure our first choice
- E. The committee may meet or choose email as a way of contact

This committee will need to meet before the winter meeting, so please send in your requests to be on this committee.

See complete committee description on the district website.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ron Payne spoke about the commission for Providence HS by Sam Hazo, Southern Hymn. The premier performance will be Oct. 23 at Providence HS.
- Dr. Olin Summers presented a proposal for commissioning a piece for the departed David Whitesides, assistant band director at Shelby HS. The commissioning committee will look into this. Membership supported this proposal.
- John Carmichael invited the membership to the 2nd annual TrumpetFest held at CPCC on Sept. 23, 2007.
- Neil Underwood brought the membership up to date on the Score Catalog for the HS.
- Leigh Smith asked for donations for our Social Funds because funds are getting low and that we sent items on behalf of the district to several members

- last year. Please give to this fund.
- Wendy Fullagar is running for member at large of the NCMEA and your vote is important.
 - Marching contests were announced and bands solicited to participate.
 - Thanks were again extended to Sam Ash Music and Dr. Larry Marks for hosting and sponsoring tonight's meeting.

All business concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted
Keith James, Vice Chair and District Scribe