

## OMEA District IX Fall Meeting

11/22/08

- I. Meeting was called to order at 12:30PM by President-elect Patrick Murphy
- II. Patrick Murphy introduced himself and Secretary/Treasurer Andrew Ruetz
- III. District 9 Events Schedule
  - A. HS & JH Honors Choir: 11/22/08 at Warren Local HS
    - 1. Warren Local's choir director Mary Nuzum agreed to host the 2009 Honor Choir event
  - B. HS & JH Honors Band: 1/10/09 at Meadowbrook HS
  - C. HS Solo & Ensemble: 2/7/09 at John Glenn HS
  - D. HS Large Group AE: 3/6-7/09 at Zanesville HS
    - 1. Large Group discussion: should we consider adding a Friday night option for choirs?
      - a. Visiting groups are adding to our numbers (mainly from District 10)
      - b. Choirs are going fairly late on Saturdays while band is done early
  - E. JH Solo & Ensemble: 4/4/09 at West Muskingum HS
  - F. JH Large Group AE: 5/15-16/09 at Maysville HS
- IV. Meeting alternatives: We should consider moving the spring meeting away from events
  - A. Many directors can only attend portions of the meeting due to helping students prepare for events
  - B. Spring meeting needs to be before state board meeting
  - C. Something to think about
    - 1. Perhaps tie in a social activity (cookout, meet at a restaurant with a meeting room, etc.)
    - 2. Food increases likelihood of greater attendance

**\*Note: Meetings were originally shifted to Honor Festivals/Solo & Ensemble event days due to a lack of attendance at meetings held in conjunction with a social event.**
- V. Social event at conference
  - A. Japanese Steak House?
- VI. OMEA long range financial forecast (information presented from the OMEA Fall Leadership roundtable)
  - A. OMEA is solid financially right now
  - B. We all need to monitor finances closely and be fiscally responsible
  - C. Be sure all events are making money or at least breaking even
    - 1. We will take a look at all events to make sure we are fiscally responsible in District 9
- VII. Other state issues briefly discussed
  - A. Copyright law
    - 1. While individual schools are too small to warrant attention, OMEA is a large organization and can be held responsible for members breaking the copyright law.
      - a. Recording concerts is a big one that directors don't think about
        - (1) Consider using a company that does professional recordings and takes care of all copyright issues for you.
  - B. Whistleblower protection policy
    - 1. You are protected when filing a complaint to OMEA
  - C. record retention policy
  - D. conflict of interest policy
- VIII. Commissioning project
  - A. Premiering our first commission at this year's High School Honor Band
  - B. Should we use money in other ways?
    - 1. New teachers conference fees?
    - 2. Many directors were unaware that we even did a commission for the band!
    - 3. We need to fix the way we are meeting so everyone is involved in these decisions

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**\*Note: Commissioning was approved unanimously at a special meeting held at the HS S&E event last year. There were band, choral, and orchestral teachers present and all amounts were discussed and approved. District IX monies cannot be used for conference fees, busing costs, or any other school disbursement.**

### **IX. Odds and Ends**

**A.** Read the Triad and be familiar with the website

**1.** Be aware that many items normally listed in Triad are now on website!

**B.** Please participate in OMEA sanctioned events!

**1.** Successful OMEA events allow us (OMEA) to continue to offer these unique opportunities in the future

**C.** New OMEA rules books are out and available from OMEA vendor as well as online

**X.** Stay visible-put things in the paper; let them know what our kids are doing; numbers talk!

**XI.** Advocacy: work to make sure music is kept a priority

**A.** Bring in guest conductors to direct a piece on the concert (superintendent, principal, mayor, etc.)

**B.** Put news in the paper/media

**C.** Donna Collins: Ohio Art Council will help you!

**XII.** Adjournment: 1:22 PM