

District IX Fall Meeting

11/15/09

- I. Ruby Tuesdays, Cambridge on 11/15/2009
- II. Meeting started at 1:08 PM
- III. Dr. Alesandrini, Muskingum University
 - A. What can Muskingum do for OMEA District 9?
 - B. Gave every attendee a folder with info and her card.
 1. Please call on her when needed; she will respond back!
 2. New facility!
 3. Masters in Ed, Music emphasis
 4. Adding a music theater minor
 - a. Our area is hungry for musical theater
 - b. Music theater camp June 20-26, 2010
 5. How can Muskingum get more kids from our own area?
 6. Shared pictures and details of the new facility
 7. Ann Briggs suggested meeting at Muskingum to check out the facility
 8. Final regular audition day is last day of OMEA conference
- IV. Jeff Roquemore
 - A. Music advocacy
 1. The message of "we need more money" is not working
 2. Develop advocacy
 - a. Go to media, school boards, community, etc.
 - b. Go to schools where they are discussing cutting music programs
 - c. We need to keep track of music programs being trimmed/cut
 - (1) Send list to Jeff Rocquemore by December
 - (2) Jeff is looking to put together a group of retired teachers to advocate for us
 - d. Message: music helps test scores
 - (1) You want higher test scores? Keep music in your school!
 - (2) Take a positive approach to this and be personal (not a brochure, message, etc.)
- V. Andrew Ruetz (treasurer's report)
 - A. We are doing fine financially; being smart with our finances
 - B. We came out \$3826.36 on the plus side in school year 2008-2009, even with \$3000 for band commission piece
- VI. JP Wray
 - A. State Board report
 1. Revised OMEA strategic plan; will be available on the District 9 website in PDF form soon.
 2. Continue financial stability in districts
 - a. 1/3 of non-profit organizations will go under this year; OMEA is in much better shape than a year ago.
 - b. OMEA does not intend for districts to drop events that do not make a profit; just be sure that other events can balance them out.
 - c. State-wide, 2008-2009 solo & ensemble events saved \$20,000.00 over 2007-2008
 3. Headliners: Canadian Brass, Rick Blatti (band), Henry Leck from Butler University (choir), Tim Russell from Arizona Promusica director (strings),

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trombonist John Fedgeheck (jazz), Jamey Abersold (jazz), Cindy Taggart from MSU and Greg Crookin (general music), Defory Lane from the Cleveland Clinic (music therapy)

4. 40 performing ensembles
5. Conference schedule will only be on OMEA website and in the conference issue received in Cincinnati
6. 2010 & 2011 conferences will be in Cincinnati and 2012 conference will be in Columbus
7. General music workshop at Capital was a success

VII. Communication

- A. Use the district 9 website: new first year teachers page and treasurer's page
- B. Be sure to update your information on the OMEA website
- C. Triad is now 4 issues annually; 3 mailed and 1 at conference
- D. We are getting a more comprehensive email and mailing list from Anita Cook

VIII. District 9 Officer elections

- A. President-elect candidates: Ann Lillie-Briggs (Tri-Valley) and Erin Brenning (Philo)
- B. Secretary/Treasurer candidate: Andrew Ruetz (West Muskingum)

IX. District 9 Social event at OMEA Conference: Thursday 6PM before the Canadian Brass concert

- A. Location ideas? Please send to JP or Andy ASAP

X. Spring meeting at West M HS during MS S&E, 12 noon

XI. MS Large Group

XII. Participation is down overall; very few vocal groups

A. Options:

1. Keep as is (rotation)
2. Allow ms choirs to attend hs large group
3. Revert to old way of mixed panel

- B. Let's send out an email to survey choral directors to see who is planning to attend (Ann will do this)

NOTE: Responses indicated that 7 MS choirs would be attending this year. This number solves the issue.