

Chinook Music Educators Association

Spring Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 7th, 2013
West Olympia Olive Garden

Attendance: Grant Sears, Maria Hoffman, Dan Lundberg, Marci Elefritz, Brent Pearson, Roger Breakfield, Kim Walker, Randy Grostick, Kathleen Alviar, Bryan Miles, Maggie Ryan, Erik Curley, Mary Jo Rydholm, Cal Anderson, Rachel Landowski, Peter Klinzman, Jerry Huff, Kylie Lewinski, Jennifer Lyne, Katherine Sartori, Nadine Bozeman, Greg Allison, Jennifer Sagerser, Joe Sokolik, Aaron Zassenhaus, Andrew Landowski

Call to order 5:38 by President Grant Sears.
Introductions & personal updates were made.

Approval of Fall Meeting minutes – Grant Sears

Marci pointed out and corrected time that fall meeting was halted.

Roger Breakfield moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Erik Curley. All approved.

Old Business – Grant Sears

Marci asked for corrections/additions to our membership roster.

Festival chairs gave overall updates on their events.

Update on Incorporation with Washington State – Maria Hoffman

We are now fully incorporated as an official business in Washington State, and can now pursue non-profit status. Non-profit status will allow us to avoid taxes on money we make, and WMEA will take care of fees we're charged.

Treasurer's Report – Maria Hoffman

We now have new business checking and business savings accounts.

Festivals made money overall. (See Treasurer's Report)

Meeting was briefly halted at 6:00 so everyone could order dinner. The meeting resumed at 6:15.

Festival Dates for next year – Dan Lundberg

Dan announced and confirmed (on Brent Pearson's behalf) Festival dates for the year, including locations and Festival Chairpersons. Discussion revolved around conflicts with testing windows and lack of available venues to host. Jennifer Lyne and Joe Sokolick will determine the date and location for the Middle School Orchestra Festival. Pete Klinzman, Greg Allison, Jerry Huff, and Roger Breakfield will determine a new date for Middle School Band Festival. (see attached)

New Business – Grant Sears

Grant opened the floor for new business. Jennifer Lyne asked if we can train adjudicators, and if we have or could create a list of adjudicators for our region. She suggested we look at how other states handle adjudicators, and check with WMEA as well.

News for Voice – Grant Sears

Grant will include info about Swanee – dinners and tree at Aspire MS, and asked for suggestions regarding Scott. Joanne suggested we put \$ toward a college fund for his kids. Chip said he'd chat with Grant later.

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Webmaster – Randy Grostick by unanimous vote!

Upcoming Retirements – Grant Sears

Cindy Dinsmore, George Strid, and Bree Yancey is moving to Texas
Grant asked us to email him if we have any more information.

Other – Grant Sears

Chip S recommended to offer adjudicators at least what they would earn in a day -- \$50/hour with a guaranteed 3 hour minimum.

Jerry suggested offering students at contest some kind of medal and charge a few dollars per medal.

Joe S. moved that we pay adjudicators \$45/hour with a 3 hour minimum. Pete K seconded. No vote was taken.

Cal A. reminded all of us to observe professional courtesy and NOT talk to parents about judges.

Pete K. suggested exploring a different date for Middle School Solo & Ensemble, and look for a better format for the judging sheet.

Cal A. asked if festival chairs can offer incentives independent of any other festival/region.

Andrew L. suggested a higher stipend for solo/ensemble chairs. Grant offered to table the issue until the fall meeting.

Next meeting will be on Monday, October 7th at The River's Edge, 5:30pm

Maria H. moved to adjourn. Jerry seconded. Adjourned at 7:00pm.