

**VMEA District #1 Minutes**  
**June 10, 2009**

Members present: Armand Messier, Phil Mears, Chris Comstock, Jennifer McConnell, Joanne Scott, Danielle Hurley

**Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m.**

No minutes from previous meeting

**Treasurer's Report:**

Phil summarized the treasurer's report. No further questions.

**Discussion of Middle/High School festival.**

**MMU Dinner Bailout:** Not enough tickets were sold at HS district festival for dinner (Mary reserved 120, and only 80 were sold), and Mary is short by \$200 - \$300. Do we want to cover the difference? We agreed that we should cover this, since it was the teachers in our district who estimated the number of tickets needed.

This will leave us with enough for three \$500 scholarships.

BFA St. Albans would like to host the HS district music festival this year: February 4 – 5, 2010. The only problem is that the gym cannot be used on Thursday night. But there are other locations that can be used.

**District Recordings:** Armand will not be doing this anymore. It has not proven to be profitable and could be a conflict of interest. If someone else is interested in doing this, that would be fine. The option of just posting the performances on Youtube was suggested.

**District String Festival:** Frank recently sent an email about coordinating an orchestra for the MS festival. There are several schools with strings programs, so this may be of interest for a number of students. Would this include wind instruments as well? If this was a workshop, we think it could be beneficial. We will discuss it more at the September meeting.

**MS District Music Festival:** Tentative Date – April 2 – 3, 2010 at MVU. This is Easter weekend (Good Friday is the 2<sup>nd</sup>), but we are not sure if the next week is good, due to MVU Musical performances. We will ask Aron and Patty about dates. The last weekend of March is a possibility.

**2010 Festivals & Managers**

6/7 Band – Andy Smith (conductor); Joanne Scott & Frank Mehaffey (co-managers)  
8 Band – Kim Thompson? (conductor); Phil Mears & Chris Comstock (co-managers)  
Chorus – Marc Kaplan (conductor, depending on date)  
Concert Band – [Recommendation for manager: Aron Garceau]  
Wind Ensemble – [We need a manager, as Eric will be hosting – Recommendation:  
Bruce McRae]  
Chorus – Danielle Hurley (manager)

**Timeline for Handbook:** Armand will have this ready for September.  
Changes to be made:

MS names should be due at the HS festival, not in January.

NO CELL PHONES

Teachers' names should be listed in the programs.

Audition process should remain the same for the HS festival, particularly for Chorus.  
Adjudicators: Will be decided at the September meeting.

Joanne Scott has been nominated as VMEA Teacher of the Year. ☺

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2009, 5:30 p.m., Location TBA (Informal  
meeting: BBQ)

**Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer McConnell, Franklin