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Music Educators
Association

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"SCMEA ... We Bring Music to Life!"

SCMEA BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 15, 2009

SPRING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

MINUTES

Meeting called to order: 9:59

Roll Call

Introduction of guests – none present

Approval of minutes – second, motion approved

SCMEA Status –

- Constitution – changes voted on and passed at previous meeting, however attorney feels language needs to “tweaking” in regards to IRS status
- Fines from IRS situation in December in the amount of 28 thousand were mentioned
- Questions from the IRS circulate around whether or not we “deserve” tax-exempt status
- July filed new articles???
- CPA Recommendations:
 - SCMEA has to “be aware” of money since they will hold the tax status – money handling has to be similar across divisions and committees, so all will start using Quicken – this will also expedite CPA services
 - “SCMEA” has to appear on all accounts
 - August 15 is the deadline for all financial records/reports
 - CPA will suggest “categories” for account
 - Per diem does not require receipts, but if you pay for something you need to turn in receipt
 - Keep financial records for 7 years only
 - Credit cards – don’t spend it for money you do not have
 - Toward the end of the year submit a copy of credit card bill to Executive Director
 - Everyone handling/approving money and spending needs to be bonded
 - Discussion about bonding, President will send out a policy regarding bonding and who/how
 - Discussion about “SCMEA” on accounts: IRS is attempting to “streamline” accounts for more accurate evaluation of the association
 - It is legal to have reserves as a Not For Profit up to double the annual budget
 - Honorariums have to be reported (in a 1099) when they exceed \$600 per year – this has not been done by all in the past

- Discussion – will a W9 suffice? Yes
- Discussion – this includes if a person has been brought out on more than one occasion and the total for the year is \$600 or more
- No individual has privilege to spend without consent from others (i.e., board approval)

Treasurer's Report:

- Distributed
- Discussion: handbook (report distributed) big cuts with the production of the SC Musician, can possibly remove from budget (no motion was given)
- Motion to approve treasurer's report – second, approved

Division/Committee Reports:

- Band – report coming electronically
- Choral – report already submitted, introduced new President
- Elementary – report already submitted, three large events planned for year
- Higher Ed. – report already submitted, goal to include more institutions to participate
- Orchestra – report already submitted?, welcomed Marcia Gross, working on website
- Piano – report submitted
- Administrative Representative: report submitted
 - 4% budget cuts will be coming from the state – this trend will continue for the next 5 years
 - PASS results will come in November – a bit late to use for evaluation
 - VPA Standards are being re-written and revised – draft review will begin in November - all are encouraged to read and give feedback – will include new Media Arts standards
 - Standards will be written for each grade level
- Awards – report submitted?, adding awards to recognize achievements outside of education
- Collegiate Membership – report submitted?, statewide collegiate conference in November
- Educational Associate – none present
- Historian – report submitted?, adding another person
- Government Relations – none present
- In-Service – void, still trying to recruit someone
- Membership – report submitted?, contact change for President
- MIOSM – report submitted?, looking for legislative help
- Multi-Cultural – no report
- Music Industry – no report
- Public Relations – no report
- Research – no report
- Retired Members – report submitted?
 - Pass along names of retirees so they can be contacted
 - Committee is working on ways to get the membership more involved – distributed a survey
- SC Musician – report distributed, special on Mr. Copenhaver to come

- Special Learners – opening
 - President suggested that the growing number of student in musical classrooms warrant a profession in this position
- Teacher Education – no report
- Technology – report submitted
- Tri-M – report submitted?
 - Encouraged to support Tri-M at the MS and HS levels
 - Potentially looking to begin a student blog to connect to other Tri-M groups in the state
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Washington trip was discussed

Break

Project Book and New Business:

- board was encouraged to make project teams (i.e., generate a “who” list for people to help work w/ you and your project) – do not wait until February to do something
- contact information was distributed via project book as well as email
- quick read through the Project Book headings/bullets
- Mentor project – discussion regarding lack of involvement and how to make this initiative more relevant and helpful
- President discussed the planning of a video to be produced with SCETV
- President discussed the need to look into the development and adoption of a new SCMEA logo and slogan – motion to give President authority to develop logo and slogan and send out to board via email was made, with a second
 - Discussion: logo/ slogan will not be generated by President – an outside company working “gratis” will design the logo
 - Helen Culp should be allowed opportunity to develop a new logo as well
 - Voting members of the board voted, motion passed unanimously
- SCETV – discussed again:
 - Budget of 20k to work with SCETV and develop a promotional video centered around theme: South Carolina Celebrates Music
 - Goal is to create a movie that highlights music education and music in SC, could lead to some spin-offs and possible a “Carolina Camera” episode
 - Footage will be taken during convention and at other venues prior to convention
 - Video to include groups “outside” traditional music education (e.g., bluegrass groups, barber shop quartets, etc.)
 - President discussed the several meetings he has had with the SCETV folks about music, content, etc.
 - SCMEA will own the rights to the video
 - Concern about the costs were mentioned – President stated that an anonymous donor would cover any money need to produce video, so the association will not be risking money if we move forward
 - President also introduced a plan to generate funds: 100% club
 - Logo is needed for 100% club – President stated that a logo would be ready for the 100% initiative in 3-5 days
 - Motion was made for President to proceed with both the SCETV and 100% initiatives, second, motion passed

Old Business – none

Announcements:

- Division Presidents were asked to promote awards at September meetings, including the administrative award(s)

Motion to adjourn, second – motion passed

Respectfully Submitted,
Douglas Presley