

The meeting of the Louisiana Music Educators Association Board of Directors was called to order at 9:30 a.m., October 1, 2016 with the following present: Fran Hebert, Carol Lupton, Sharon McNamara-Horne, Bruce Lambert, Greg Oden, Karl Carpenter (for Johnny Walker), Brett Babineaux, Richard Bresowar, Sharon Stephenson, Guy Wood, Jim Trant, Neal Naquin, Joseph Nassar, Michael Townsend, Lee Hicks, Michele White, Ed McClellan, Carolyn Herrington, James Hearne, Tom Wafer, Mary Wilkinson, B.J. McGibney, Gina Anthon and Michelle Wilkinson-Nelson.

Moved by Sharon Stephenson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michele White to approve the agenda. PASSED

Moved by Jim Trant and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Neal Naquin to approve the minutes. PASSED

Moved by Carolyn Herrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Townsend to approve the financial report and budget. PASSED

Fran Hebert attended the NAFME Southern Division meeting in Atlanta.

Sharon McNamara-Horne reported that NAFME has changed its web host. LMEA is still working with CogentPath, but there are more difficulties since NAFME no longer uses CogentPath. Sharon is working to have online registration for the 2016 LMEA Conference. If possible, directors will be able to use credit cards for online registration and registration at the conference. LMEA has set up a PayPal account to handle credit cards.

Carol Lupton told the board she is excited about being back on the LMEA Board of Directors. She has secured monitors for the Band 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Auditions on October 8.

**District 1** – Greg Oden reported District 1 is fine and dandy.

**District 2** – Karl Carpenter, sitting in for Johnny Walker, reported Pineville High School and District 2 are prepared for 2<sup>nd</sup> Round auditions at Pineville High on October 8. District 2 is rocking and rolling.

**District 3** – Brett Babineaux reported District 3 was fine and dandy.

**District 4** – Richard Bresowar stated all was good in District 4. Richard has set up Dropbox for LMEA. Contact Richard for more information.

**District 5** – Sharon Stephenson reported District 5 was doing great. Two new Elementary music programs have opened in Calcasieu parish this fall.

**District 6** – Guy Wood reported all was fine in district 6. He told the board that Sister Mary Hillary, a strong school music supporter in New Orleans, has passed away.

**District 7** – Jim Trant reported all was fine in District 7.

**District 8** – Carol Lupton, reporting for Mark Minton, stated District 8 was hunky dory.

**District 9** – Neal Naquin reported that several band programs from District 9 are donating money to the District 4 band programs that were affected by the flooding. Neal's Covington High Band is donating money to the St. Amant High Bands.

**Band Division** – Joey Nassar reported the registration times for 2<sup>nd</sup> round on October 8 as follows: District 1,2,8 – 7:45-8:15, Districts 3,4,5 – 9:00-9:30, Districts 6,7,9 – 12:00-12:30. Students must register during their district’s allotted time. Students who do not register in their designated window, will be disqualified from auditioning. In the event of an emergency on the morning of the auditions, district directors should contact Joey at 225-622-3287. The audition schedule will be finalized today at the conclusion of today’s meeting. No changes can be made afterward. Please remind band directors of your districts that only students listed on the official schedule may audition. No substitutions may be made for students who drop out. Joey stated that Mohamad Schuman, band director at Ocean Springs High, Mississippi, will conduct the 2016 All State Concert Band. Anthony Maiello from George Mason University will conduct the 2016 All State Symphonic Band. Richard Bresowar is coordinating percussion needs.

Brett Babineaux asked if the LMEA Board had passed a motion several years ago allowing any district that had all the allotment for an instrument filled and all made the Louisiana All State Band or Orchestra, that district could add a spot to that instrument allotment the following year. No one remembered that occurring. Bruce Lambert will review the last 6 or 7 years of board minutes to see if this had been discussed and/or passed.

Several board members discussed selection of the alternates to Band 2<sup>nd</sup> round. LMEA has nothing in writing. Over the years, band division chairs have tried their best to make this fair. Joey will bring this up at the Band Division meeting in November and will come back to the board with a suggestion on how to select alternates in the future.