North Dakota Music Education Association

March 23, 2017 at 10 AM – Bismarck Event Center – Aspen Room

Call to Order – Brian Saylor (President)

Attending – Jeremiah Johnson, Gwen Hall, Lacey Hanson, Sara Baumann, Brandon Bondley, Lindsey Tafelmeyer, Dana Van Heukelom, Krista Salzer, Darcy Brandenburg, Cheryl McIntyre, Melinda Halverson

January 2017 Minutes – Motion to approve Erin Paulson, 2nd Darcy Brandenburg – Approved

I. Reports

 A. President Report – Brian Saylor

 Welcome to conference and All-State Festival

 B. Financial Report – Lindsey Tafelmeyer

 Bank Balance - $36,641.66

 Financially healthy thanks to Denese Odegaard (Past Executive Director)

 C. Journal Report – Lindsey Tafelmeyer

 Need more articles for May Journal – Submit them to Lindsey Tafelmeyer

 D. Executive Director Report – Lindsey Tafelmeyer

 a. Registration is computerized onsite – All equipment was free through NAfME – NDMEA paid for paper

 b. Conference organization is going well

 E. Website Report – Lindsey Tafelmeyer

 All is going well on the website

 F. Membership Report – Sara Baumann

 Membership is level with years past

 G. All-State Report – Cheryl McIntyre

 a. 2050 total registrations for auditions – Breakdown Reports available on separate document.

 b. 70 Total Auditions in Grand Forks

 c. Registration fee – Raised to $30 for members & $60 for non-members

 d. Conductor fee raised to $2000

 e. Ticket prices $10 Adult & $8 Student

 f. Photo of group will be taken at the end of each performance

 g. Schedule change to include evening rehearsals – goal to get more student at the evening concerts

 h. Sound support will be used during the All-State Concerts – using money saved by being in one facility to pay for this

 i. Looking at possible options for video recording and audio download

 j. Discussion on Box5 Media and PBS held – item under new business

II. Old Business

 A. Strategic Plan – Will be looked at May Meeting

 B. Advocacy Day Report – Darcy Brandenburg

 a. Presentation well received

 b. Legislator gave the idea to present at the Administrator Conventions and School Board Convention

 c. Sheyenne HS Choir and New Gen Jazz performed

 d. Darcy Brandenburg, Brian Saylor and Sara Baumann presented

 e. Levi Andrist (Lobbyist) help line up the presentation times

 f. Kirsten Baesler (Superintendent of Public Instruction) – reported that ND is moving slowly to the ESSA and that Governor Burgum is a supporter of innovative education which includes the arts and technology

 C. ESSA and ND

 a. Moving slowly from STEM to STEAM model to include the arts. Chris Woodside (NAfME) has worked hard to get all the arts organizations working together on ESSA

 b. ND has administrators and NDU representative Chad Oban working on the committee. No teachers are on board yet.

 D. Tim Holton Rough Rider Nomination – resubmitted by Sara Baumann because of the change of governor.

 E. Standards Committee – slow because of the legislative session

 F. East Board Representative Elections – Orchestra - Jeremiah Johnson (Valley MS, Grand Forks; General Music – Krista Salzer (Eagles Elementary, Fargo); Band – Sarah Harlow (Grand Forks Central); Choir – Sara Lichtblau (Fargo South HS)

III. New Business

 A. Awards

 a. Music Educator of the Year 2017 – Trisha Lebahn – LaMoure (Approved)

 b. Distinguished Service – Jeanne Jankowski – Motion Darcy Brandenburg, 2nd Sara Baumann (Approved)

 c. Hall of Fame – Mark Bernston – Motion Cheryl McIntyre, 2nd Lacey Hanson (Approved)

 B. ESSA (Current NAfME work) – Brian Saylor serves on the NAfME Advocacy Committee; NAfME part of confirmation hearings

 C. ESSA & ND – minutes online 12/20/16 – Discussion held about support for the arts

 D. Advocacy Day for ND – Darcy Brandenburg

 a. Contacted Levi Andrist for NDMEA Music Advocacy Day

 b. Presentation for House & Senate Education Committee – Small presenters, small performance, high school student testimonial

 c. Sit Down with Kirsten Baesler

 d. Local meetings with individual area representatives

 e. Brian Saylor, Darcy Brandenburg, Sara Baumann organizing

 E. Tri-M – representative needed – Davies HS in Fargo has a chapter

 F. New Events – Discussion held on Virtual Choir – MS & HS choirs in South Dakota holds these, good revenue, good PR

IV. For the Good of the Order

 A. UND Music Therapy program was cut

 B. Solen HS received and ARTS grant (Turn Arts Around)

 C. NAfME – Grants for low income schools

Next Meeting – March 23, 2017 at 10 AM Aspen Room – Preconference meeting

Motion to Adjourn – Lacey Hanson, 2nd Sara Baumann – Approved

Sincerely Submitted,

Gwen M. Hall, NDMEA Secretary