

O.C.M.E.A. Meeting Agenda
Saturday, April 6, 2019
All-County Chorus Festival, Hannibal HS
Hannibal, NY, 9:30am

I. Call to Order by Kevin Upcraft, OCMEA Vice President, 9:37am (approx.)

In Attendance:

APW: MaryAnn House

Central Square: Cheryl Lindsay

Fulton: Stephanie Almeter, Tom Nami

Hannibal: Denise Ellis, Cynsy Plant, Jeff Sawyer

Mexico: Rebecca Smith, Kevin Upcraft, Laura Washburn

Oswego: Paul Brewster, Brian McIlroy

Phoenix: Brian Logee

Pulaski: Aimee Mumford

Sandy Creek: Sandy Kinney

Trinity:

II. Treasurer's Report - Brian McIlroy

A. Budget Status:

Savings: \$18,004.50

Checking: \$6,270.16

Total: \$24,274.74

B. Mileage .58 cents per mile

C. Take care of dues and invoices please. Dues are \$10.00.

D. Scholarship money has been sent.

E. 501(c)(3) status hopefully by fall 2019

Denise Ellis makes a motion to accept Treasurer Report. Seconded by Laura Washburn. Motion passes unanimously.

III. Accept minutes from March meeting

A. Webmaster/Directory Report

- a. Be sure to fill out directory properly. Kevin suggests one point person per district updates their share of the directory in the fall.

Brian McIlroy makes a motion to accept Secretary Report. Seconded by Stephanie Almeter. Motion passes unanimously.

IV. Old Business

- A. End-of-year meeting June 10th, Tavern on the Lock, Fulton.
 - a. 4:00pm Elementary Band Selections
 - b. 4:30pm General Membership Meeting

V. New Business

- A. All-County Chorus Festival at APW (date conflict)
 - a. Suggested date of March 27/28, 2020.
 - i. It was confirmed that this proposed date will be in conflict with ELA testing.
 - ii. Another option was suggested: have it the week after spring break, April 17/18, 2020. Choral teachers overwhelmingly prefer this weekend as opposed to March 27/28, 2020.
 - iii. Must hear back from APW to confirm. APW administration willing to make it work for OCMEA, if this festival happens to fall on testing week.
- B. Solo Fest
 - a. Find avenues to use your district or boosters for funding. Be cautious using personal checks.
- C. Solo Chair
 - a. Solo Chair will be shutting down after fall 2019 Area-All State Festivals.
 - b. Another platform used to register NYSSMA students is www.gdoig.com. This platform is used in Albany. Kevin Upcraft has reached out to gdoig.com, but no response yet.
- D. Help with Concert
- E. Library Accuracy
 - a. Library catalog is not accurate, although any updates to the library are visible on the OCMEA website as updates are made in real time.
- F. September Meeting in Oswego, not Pulaski.
- G. Schedule Rotations
 - a. Area All-State Fall 2019, Oneida County is hosting.
- H. All County Treble Chorus
 - a. We must consider the long term financial stability of the association. Having a third ensemble with a low number of singers means the association will take a loss.
 - b. Choral teachers agree that a third ensemble can be formed if there are enough singers to sustain it. There was discussion regarding how many extra singers would it take to not financially hurt too much. Brian McIlroy said at least 40-50 extra singers but it still could be at a financial

loss with those numbers due to extra conductor, accompanist and music.

- c. A suggestion of Junior High Chorus ranging from grades 7 through 9 was made.
 - d. Ellis asked why quartet auditions are not applied at the middle school level; numbers will dwindle as middle school students are already apprehensive about auditioning.
- I. Clarification of Junior High Roster Percentages
 - a. Junior High Mixed Chorus Roster should stem from how many students are in each teacher's ensemble. Rosters should be given to festival host in the fall of every school year.

VI. Brian McIlroy makes a motion to adjourn meeting, Stephanie Almeter seconds at 10:21am (approx.)

Respectfully submitted by Denise Ellis Tuesday, Apr. 9, 2019