

OCMEA Minutes
Saturday March 23, 2019
Fulton High School—OCMEA Orchestra All County
9:30 am meeting

- I. Meeting called to order by Robert Dumas, OCMEA President at 9:32 am.

In Attendance

APW:

Auburn: Victoria Kinney, Adam Carkey

Central Square: Dennis Goettel

Fulton: Kelly Evans, Anna Adele, Leigh Bergman

Hannibal:

Mexico: Brian Carnes

Oswego: R. Dumas, D. Mazurek, L. Serrao, S. Ciesla, B. McIlroy, C. Edele

Phoenix: Liza Grethel, Erica Ylitalo (student teacher)

Pulaski:

Sandy Creek:

Trinity:

- II. **Treasurer's Report-** Brian McIlroy

- Report on current budget status
 - Savings: \$18,002.36
 - Checking: \$4,983.38
 - Total: \$22,985.74
- **Dues are \$10.** Many people haven't paid. Please do so immediately. Cash/Check to Brian McIlroy at Oswego. (Riley Elementary)
- **UNPAID AUDITION FEES-** please take care of this immediately. Brian will send out invoices shortly.
- **Arts and Education-** if you are using Arts and Ed, you have to fill out the paperwork and get approvals at your schools before Brian can generate and invoice. Contact Brian if you are planning to use Arts and Ed.
- Mileage rate for 2019 is .58 cents.
- Accompanist forms need updating. Someone used the wrong form which had an old amount.
- Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Liza Grethel, Phoenix
 - Seconded: Brian Carnes, Mexico
 - Motion passed unanimously

- III. **Secretary's Report-** Anna Edele (absent)-presented by Robert Dumas

- Motion to accept/wave the reading of the minutes from November 2nd by Brian McIlroy, 2nd by Cameron Edele. Motion Passed unanimously.
- **Directory** needs to be more accurate. Only way this can be done is if teachers fill out the form and communicate it to new staff in their district. Let's make a better effort in the fall.

IV. Webmaster-Steve Defren-presented by Robert Dumas

- 2 Revisions need to be done on website. (2nd VP and OCMEA Scholarship winners)
- Website is a great resource.
 - Festival Handbooks are up there
 - Travel forms
 - Accompanist fee forms
 - Calendar
 - Directory info

V. Old Business

- April 5-6: OCMEA All-County Choral Festival—Hannibal
- May 3-4: NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival—Mexico
- May 21-22: NYSSMA Major Festival—Mexico
- June 10: OCMEA End of the year meeting: Tavern on the Lock-Fulton
 - 4:00 pm Elementary Band selections
 - 4:30 pm General Membership meeting
- **Calendar issue for 2019-2020**
 - Choral festival is on Easter Break weekend next year. Solution is to move it back a week so the county will host festivals back to back weekends (Orchestra/Choral)

VI. New Business

- Orchestra teachers discussed changing the grade levels to align All County grade levels with NYSSMA to help with numbers, and be more inclusive of all students and various levels of learning.
- **Motion to change Jr. High Orchestra to grades 7-9. Sr. High Orchestra to grades 10-12 just like NYSSMA does for Area All-State. For a 9th grade student to be considered for the Sr. High Orchestra they must be able to perform at a NYSSMA level 4. (This is just for string students). Motion made by Lindsey Serrao, 2nd by Brian McIlroy, Passed 13-0-2.**
- Trying to improve Orchestra Wind/Percussion player selection. Issue have been lack of winds, especially the top players in the sections. Festival Hosts have had to substantially fill in each year. Goal is to eliminate the last minute selections. Ultimately the goal is to make the ensemble better for everyone.
 - Notify teachers and students right after All County Auditions in December.
 - At January Band Festival, on that Friday confirm with kids who can attend. If there are issues then we can select the next students at the band festival and leave that weekend with a more solid roster.

VII. Motion to adjourn meeting by Adam Carkey. 2nd by Deb Mazurek. Meeting closed at 10:25am.

~ Respectfully Submitted by Scott Ciesla. 3/25/19