

IGSMA District 3 Meeting

September 24, 2009

Sesser-Valier High School

Jim Childers of Marion Junior High School presiding

Minutes submitted by Dannyel Norrington, Carterville Intermediate School

I. Call to order

II. Introductions of those present

III. Financial Report

- A. Report provided by Jen Schneider of Sparta-Lincoln Middle School
- B. Report was for the 2009 District Solo & Ensemble Contests held at the District 3 East and West sites.
- C. It was reported that District 3 did not accumulate an overall deficit in the running of these contests.
- D. Motion was made by Sue Colonel of Chester Grade School, and Shadi Frick of Carbondale Middle School seconded to approve the report as stated.

IV. New Business

A. 2010 District Contest Sites:

- 1. Volunteers to host were:
 - a. Sue Colonel of Chester: willing to host 2/27, 3/20, or 3/27
 - b. Luke Fleischer of Unity Point (Carbondale): willing to host 2/27, 3/20, 3/27
 - c. Roger Thompson of Carmi: willing to host 3/13 or 3/20
- 2. Jim Childers of Marion was again willing to host Organization Contest on 3/26 & 3/27 (Friday & Saturday).

B. Contest dates and location discussion

- 1. The following dates were recognized as mitigating factors in the group's final decision:
 - a. April 3rd – Easter
 - b. April 24th – State Contest
 - c. Schools' various Spring Breaks
 - d. ISAT testing (some schools are doing it early)

2. There was also clarification on the EAST sites and WEST sites and who should attend these contests.
 - a. All schools WEST of Interstate-57 should attend the WEST site
 - b. All schools EAST of Interstate-57 should attend the EAST site
 - c. It is important that we continue this practice as long as we have two sites. This helps keep the number of contest entries balanced between the two sites and avoid both administrative and financial hardship for either contest host.
 - d. However, it was noted and is understood, that due to school schedules (such as spring break conflicts) a school may need to attend the other site. It is then up to the director of that school to promptly inform both contest hosts of where they will be participating.
 - e. It is **STRONGLY DISCOURAGED** for schools to choose their contest site solely based on convenience of location. There are many schools that have to travel a great distance to contest no matter the contest site.

3. Voting for Solo & Ensemble Contest Sites:

- a. **EAST: Unity Point School in Carbondale (Luke Fleischer, host) on February 27th**
- b. **WEST: Carmi Middle School (Roger Thompson, host) on March 13th**

C. Contest Finances:

1. Jim Childers posed the question of why there is not a bigger profit for Organization Contest and could have something to do with judges' fees?
2. Currently, judges receive \$150 dollars and a meal for their services (one evening and one day of judging).
3. In the past few years, particularly last spring, there were very few choirs at contest. Therefore, choir judges were paid the same for less judging time than band judges.
4. Is there an equitability issue here?
5. There was much discussion on this topic including suggestions for hourly or pro-rated rates.
6. We want to be sure we are paying our judges well, so it was decided that the issue would be tabled for now and see if it continues to be an issue in the future. If so, we will revisit the topic.

D. Contest Entry Deadline:

1. Because of the early contest date this year, the entry deadline must be changed.
2. ALL CONTESTS – East, West, and Organization contest entries will be due FEBRUARY 1st.
3. Motion was made by Shadi Frick of Carbonale and Luke Fleischer of Unity Point seconded to approve the new entry deadline.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Fee Reminder:

1. Solo and Ensemble fees are \$5 per solo and \$5 per member of an ensemble
2. Organization fees are \$3.00 per member

B. Late Fee:

1. There is a \$100 late fee that will be enforced by the contest host
2. There was much discussion about winter weather and enforcement of late fee.
3. A penalty for changing an entry (particularly at the last minute) was discussed.
 - a. Directors are STRONGLY DISCOURAGED to ask a contest host and/or judge to make a last minute change. This is an incredibly unconstructive practice and creates extra, unnecessary work for the contest host.
 - b. It was mentioned that switching a solo of the same instrument is not terrible, but asking to change entries that are completely different and would require a judge and/or comment sheet change are very time consuming (Jon Montgomery stated that it takes 20 minutes to change one entry).
 - c. The idea of a penalty fee in these instances was left for now.

C. State Meeting:

1. Try to attend!
2. Date: November 2nd at the Double Tree Inn in Collinsville

D. IGSMA on the web

1. IGSMA is on Twitter
2. Directors should be checking into the Forum on the IGSMA website for important information.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. A motion was made to adjourn by Marvin Carlton and motion was seconded by Roger Thompson.
- B. Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.