

SJMEA Spring Meeting 4.24.2023, on Zoom
Jason Parker, President

Check-in, positives and round-robin shout-outs

- Large Group Festival in person again!
- Musicals!
- Upcoming trips

Approval of Fall minutes

- One stipend amount is corrected from an amount that was determined after the fall meeting

Calendar (to talk in more detail during breakouts)

Treasurer Report (Jessica Schlichting)

- Event coordinator trainings are needed, with help on forms, etc.
- Honor Festival- need to contact conductors early, order music, etc.
- Jessica can come to events and be on-site to write checks. Let her know times for her to be there
- Events going over budget. If a judge, piece of music, etc., looks a larger-billed thing, please check in with the board to make sure
- Event Coordinators and Site Hosts: waiting for payments to come in from schools, so last rounds of checks sent out today

Senior Honor Festival

- We need a lot of support for this one
- Some choir festivals at WWU divided the ability to participate. Communicate with WWU to not put events so close together.

Cancellation policy

We should have a registration deadline and cancellation cut-off deadline

Mitch, budget report:

- Budgets for each event
- Possible fee changes / raises / stipend changes (we'll talk at a different time, recognizing that many districts are having significant budget changes coming up)
- We are in financial recovery mode
- A lot in the red...
- We just need to be careful

McKenzie Clark, WMEA update:

- He is on a committee to help the WMEA Board decide what to do / change about All-State
- Do we need to change audition material? Yes...
- Do we need to change the whole structure of All-State? Yes...
- Since audition materials likely won't change anytime soon, they've decided to focus on structure
- Housing is off the table, and WMEA most likely won't change their stance on that
- Move All-State (majority of ensembles) away from conference time. Maybe Junior and Jazz Band to remain during Yakima weekend, and then add an All-State- specific weekend in Tacoma during Memorial Day, for example (not for sure- committee is brainstorming ideas)

Breakout Session:

- Calendar
- 10/30 Honor Rehearsal in Mt. Vernon for Band & Choir, Sehome for Orchestra
- Coordinator for Choir? Let Kirstin Doud know if you're interested
- 1/27 or 2/3 Senior Honor Festival
- Large Ensemble Festival Week of 3/27: Monday-Tuesday Band, Wednesday Orchestra, Thursday-Friday Choir
- When finding adjudicators / guest conductors, try to find WA-based people. If something looks like an extreme cost, talk with Kirstin
- Having a meeting in the fall with coordinators and someone from WWU (like Tim Fitzpatrick) about all SJMEA events hosted at WWU
 - o Ask early
 - o Involve CWMEA
 - o Involve WWU conductors / professors
- Jazz Festival at MVHS? (Dasiy & Jake)
 - o 3/2/24 or 3/9
 - o Ask about WWU Band conflict
 - o Coordinator: Brandon Nelson
- MS Large Group
 - o So many bands this year, didn't fit into one day this year, unsure what to do for future
 - o 2 options for dates, 3/11 week or the week before that, but then back-to-back with Senior Large Fest. Or, 4/15
 - o Schedules not lining up with various schools for spring break
 - o Possibility to make a cap, or plan for two days
- Informal survey for fall for participation
- Everyone needs to carefully read what is sent out for details
 - o Site-specific expectations and information
- Poul & Kyler to host Junior Solo & Ensemble
 - o 1st Saturday of February @ Cascade
- We shouldn't change dates before talking with Allison George!
- Junior Honor Festival
 - o Andrea Brannman volunteered to host, 5/4/24
- 4/20/24 Tentative Day of Percussion
 - o Kay will ask Dr. Roulet
- Poul will update calendar with tentative and proposed dates for 2023-24, and we will revisit during fall meeting
- Good luck to Jason, and welcome on board to Dan Thayer!