

## SJMEA Fall Meeting – Sept. 2, 2015

Our web site address: [www.sjmea.org](http://www.sjmea.org)

Meeting called to order by President, Steve Menefee (Ferndale High School Bands) at 6:33. Steve brought food and water for everyone. Introductions followed by everyone present.

Steve brought the following to us from WMEA.

1. Legislative change to include Music as a core subject in National Language.
2. Yakima Conference will be Feb. 12 – 14.
3. Awards for Music Educator of the Year and Friend of Music.
  - a. Please send your suggestions to Steve by the end of September!
4. Music Matters License Plates support our programs in addition to State programs.
5. Voice Magazine is the publication that comes out from the State about Music Education.
  - a. Regional News in that publication needs information from us so we can publish what we are doing in our programs. Please send Steve your information.

Linda Short, Secretary, (Choir Director at Bellingham HS and Whatcom and Kulshan Middle Schools) drew attention to the minutes from last spring which were available in print form. She also mentioned that the communications position could be consolidated with the secretary job for one position. If so, she would be glad to relinquish the secretary position. Steve said we would talk about that later at the Executive Board Meeting.

Mitch DeGrace, Treasurer, (Meridian High School Band and Choir Director) talked about a problem with giving stipends to people who are not considered employees. As always Mitch is continuing to deal with this issue with his great attention to detail and very thorough work. Mitch also mentioned the concern about Jr. Honor Festival on-line registration. He suggested that this be discussed at the Junior Break-out session. **Some schools still owe money from last year.**

Poul Brask, (Sedro Woolley H.S. Choir) asked if the fines mentioned at the Spring Meeting were paid. Mitch said they were not.

Kirstin Doud, (Sehome H.S. Orchestra director led us in applause for Mitch and all the great work he does.

Jessica Schlichting, (Sehome H.S and Fairhaven Middle School Choir Director) asked about a difference listed in the Senior Honor Festival. Mitch explained that the difference was because of the addition of the payment made at the gate compared to those schools who had not paid their correct fees yet.

### New Business –

Nancy Sheng, (Lummi School Music) gave a promotion for Whatcom Symphony Orchestra's Music in the Schools program given free to 4 elementary schools during the year.

Chuck Perry, (Ferndale Middle School Bands) asked if the communications position should be listed as an official position for SJMEA. This will also be discussed at the Executive Board Meeting.

Tim Fitzpatrick, (WWU Choral Director) corrected the date for the Men's and Women's Festivals to be held at WWU this year. They are: Women's – Fri., Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> and Men's - Fri., Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>

Kirstin Doud pointed out that the dates on the purple sheet were correct (part of the minutes) while the dates on the blue sheet were not so we will follow the purple sheet.

**Steve then had us move to our Break-out sessions.**

Thank you for cleaning up those areas at BHS you used!

Each Events Coordinator – Kirstin Doud (Senior), Jared Norman (Junior), and Char Sutton (Elementary) will post the corrected dates, places, and coordinators for all of our SJMEA events on our web site this year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Short  
SJMEA Secretary

Following are the correct dates for all SJMEA events in 2015-16.

**SJMEA EVENTS 2015 – 16**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Site Hosts</b>	<b>Coordinator(s)</b>
Sept. 2, 2015	Fall Gen. Meeting	Bellingham HS	Bellingham Music Department	Steve Menefee
Fri., Oct. 30, 2015	Women’s Choral Fest.	WWU	Tim Fitzpatrick	Tim Fitzpatrick
Mon., Nov. 2, 2015	H.S. Honor Fest. Rehearsal Band & Choir	Mt. Vernon H.S.	Jacob Scherr	Kay Reilly - Band Kevin Alen-Schmid – Choir
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Mon., Nov. 2, 2015	H.S. Honor Fest. Rehearsal Orchestra	Sehome HS	Kirstin Doud	Pamela Wright
Weds., Nov. 11, 2015	High School Honor Festival	WWU	Chris Bianco	Kay Reilly – Band; Kevin Alen-Schmid – Choir; Pamela Wright – Orchestra
Sat., Jan. 30, 2016	Senior Solo/Ensemble	Bellingham HS	BHS Music Department	Allison George
Fri., Feb. 5, 2016	Men’s Choral Fest.	WWU	Tim Fitzpatrick	Tim Fitzpatrick
Sat., Feb. 6, 2016	Junior Solo/Ensemble	Kulshan MS	Penny Rosen	J.J. Cully
Feb. 12-14, 2016	WMEA Conference	Yakima, WA		
Tues., March 1, 2016	Senior Jazz Festival	McIntyre Hall	Diane Johnson	Poul Brask
Mon., March 21, 2016	Sen. Lg. Group Orch.	WWU	WWU	Kirstin Doud
Tues/Weds, March 22/23, 2016	Sen. Lg. Group Band	WWU	WWU	Brad Hendry & Clark Colby
Thurs/Fri, March 24/25, 2016	Sen. Lg. Group Choirs	WWU	WWU	Linda Moore & Jessica Schlichting
Sat., March 26, 2016	Elementary Choir Fest.	TBD	TBD	Charlene Sutton
TBA	Jr. Large Group Orch	Whatcom MS	Kathy Diaz	Kathy Diaz

Sat., April 16, 2016	Percussion Clinic	WWU	Pat Roulet	Zach Smith
Tues., April 19, 2016	Jr. Lg. Group Band	Anacortes HS	Ian Simensen	Ian Simensen
Weds., April 20, 2016	Jr. Lg. Group Choir	Anacortes HS	Carole Leander	Carole Leander
Fri.-Sat., April 29-30, 2016	State Solo/Ensemble Contest	CWU		
Sat., May 7, 2016	Jr. Honor Festival	Mt. Baker Mid. Sch. Mt. Vernon	Robert Pitzer	Andrea Brannman
Tues., May 10, 2016	Spring Meeting	Mt. Vernon HS	Jacob Scherr	Steve Menefee

**Kirstin Doud, Senior Event Chair, ran the Senior Meeting.**

Chris Bianco, (WWU Bands) reported back about having Honor Festival at WWU this year.

Kirstin Doud suggested we consider having Bellingham High School host this event. Linda Short reported that the BHS principal would like to continue to have BHS just host Solo/Ensemble. Jessica S. suggested we try to use Ferndale High School, but their auditorium is too small. During this discussion, Kevin Allen-Schmid, (Interim Ferndale H.S, Choral Director) volunteered to run the Choral Portion of Senior Honor Festival. At this point, Jacob Scherr, (Mt. Vernon HS Bands) will check into Mt. Vernon and McIntyre Hall, Linda will check into Bellingham High, and since Chris already told us about WWU, Jacob and Linda will give information about their schools to Kirstin and then a decision will be made and sent out to the membership.

Bellingham HS will host Solo/Ensemble on Sat., Jan. 30, 2015

The Jazz Festival will be hosted by Diane Johnson, (Skagit Valley College Choir Director) and coordinated by Poul Brask. The event will be held at McIntyre Hall on Tues., March 1<sup>st</sup>. Michael Gurele, (Lynden Christian Bands) volunteered to host this event. We will continue as planned in McIntyre and Mt. Vernon High School for this year. Next year, Lynden Christian will host this event.

Jessica Schlichting will help Linda Moore with the running of Senior Large Group Choral Festival this year.

All of the other events will continue as scheduled.

Kirstin suggested we contact her about any questions about any of the Senior Events this year.

**Jarid Norman, Junior Events Chair ran the Junior Meeting**

**I. Solo/Ensemble – Saturday Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Kulshan Middle School Bellingham, WA**

Site Host – Penny Rosen

Event Coordinator – J.J. Cully

In the spring, Kyler proposed adding master classes taught by the adjudicators to the schedule. This was well received by those in attendance. J.J. is also going to see about WindWorks offering door prizes such as pencils, folders, reeds, cleaning supplies, etc... for those students who attend a master class in hopes of further enticing students to participate. Penny will work with J.J. to see about scheduling the master class and providing the space for each to occur i.e. staggering master classes in the gym. We thought it would be great if the adjudicator would start each master class by playing an excerpt of their choice for the kids to hear. Ideas

decided at the meeting include:

1. Music for master classes – Adjudicators will either provide their own music to teach from or teach a concept by rote as determined by what they have been hearing e.g. breath support!
2. How many master classes – It has been decided we will try two master classes, one in the mid-morning and one in the mid-afternoon, built into the schedule. Please encourage your students to stay and attend.

Couple of reminders: piano solos must be memorized and the school music teacher must register students for Solo/Ensemble, NOT the private teacher.

## **II. Large Group –**

1. **Orchestra (Kathy Diaz) – TBD Whatcom Middle School Bellingham, WA**
2. **Band (Ian Simensen) – Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Anacortes High School Anacortes, WA**
3. **Choir (Carole Leander) – Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Anacortes High School Anacortes, WA**

Digital recorders – SJMEA is going to purchase a set of these to use in addition to the comment sheets. The band wants to use these this year! This is something the Executive Committee will have to discuss.

Orchestra – No changes

Choir – No changes

Band – It was decided we should limit it to 2 bands per school and 15 minute time slots in order for there to be less downtime between groups and in the hopes more schools will stay to listen. Ian would appreciate it if everyone used photocopied scores so he doesn't have to mail originals back to you and alternatively can recycle the photocopies.

Plaques – In the spring, Ian proposed going to banners, like the high school, as they make more of a statement when hung in the music rooms. To cover the costs for banners the fee will increase to \$115 per ensemble.

Lastly, in 2017 Brodniak Hall will be getting renovated, we need someone to step in and host Large Group Band and Choir that year. We are a ways out but be thinking if it would work at your school.

## **III. Honor Festival – Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Mt. Baker Middle School Mount Vernon, WA**

Site Host – Rober Pitzer

Event Coordinator – Andrea Brannman

When nominating students, the student you nominate first is your best student, the second student you nominate is your second best, so on and so forth. Do not list them in score order.

### **Charlene Sutton, Elementary Events Chair, led the Elementary Meeting**

Great discussion occurred about our delightful challenge of so many students/choirs participating in the March elementary choir festival. It is getting to be a challenge to find a venue large enough to host. There are inquires out, looking for this year's Whatcom County venue. Watch for more information!

General Music “support” gatherings will be random this year – watch for an email!

Nooksack general music teacher, Jeannette Perry is serving on the state wide group working on updating our music standards. She shared many encouraging things about the process (with real educators!) as they look at the new national standards, state standards and REAL schools! Thanks for the information Jeannette – we look forward to hearing more as the work progresses!

## Elementary Events

### SJMEA

Elementary Choir Festival – March 26, 2016

Director: Leora Schwitters

Location: Whatcom County

**NAfME:** Music Assessments

<http://www.nafme.org/my-classroom/standards/mcas-information-on-taking-part-in-the-field-testing/>

**WWU** – October 24th workshop: “Busy Bodies, Busy Brains” by Mari Shay

Watch for registration information!!!!

8:30a.m.--12:30pm Saturday,

October 24, 2015

Performing Arts Center, Rm. 16 (LL2)

*Free* for all participants! Washington State Clock Hours (4) available

**EVERGREEN ORFF CHAPTER** <http://www.evergreenorffchapter.com>

**ANDREW ELLINGSEN - SEPTEMBER 19, 2015 - 9AM-4PM**

Carl Sandburg Elementary School, 12801 84th Ave NE, Kirkland, WA 98034 | [MAP](#)

Online registration only for this workshop is through the Northwest Kodály Educators (NKE)

Pre-registration EOC Members \$30 - Pre-registration Non-Members \$70 - Pre-registration Students FREE

Walk-ins EOC Members \$40 - Walk-ins Non-Members \$80 - Walk-ins Students \$5

**Kodály & Orff Schulwerk: Stronger Together**

**CHAPTER SHARING - OCTOBER 24, 2015 - 9AM-3PM**

Maplewood Elementary School, 1110 W Pioneer Ave, Puyallup, WA 98371 | [MAP](#)

Pre-registration EOC Members FREE - Pre-registration Non-Members \$65 - Pre-registration Students FREE

Walk-ins EOC Members FREE - Walk-ins Non-Members \$75 - Walk-ins Students \$5

**AOSA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE - NOV 11-14, 2015**

Town and Country Resort & Convention Center, 500 Hotel Cir N, San Diego, CA 92108

**SUE MUELLER - JANUARY 30, 2016 - 9AM-3PM**

The Bush School, 3400 E Harrison St, Seattle, WA 98390 | [MAP](#)

Pre-registration EOC Members \$25 - Pre-registration Non-Members \$65 - Pre-registration Students FREE

Walk-ins EOC Members \$35 - Walk-ins Non-Members \$75 - Walk-ins Students \$5

**If You Can Talk You Can Sing!**

**RENE BOYER - MARCH 19, 2016 - 9AM-3PM**

Rainier View Elementary School, 3015 S 368th St, Federal Way, WA 98003 | [MAP](#)

Pre-registration EOC Members \$25 - Pre-registration Non-Members \$65 - Pre-registration Students FREE

Walk-ins EOC Members \$35 - Walk-ins Non-Members \$75 - Walk-ins Students \$5

**A Modern Twist on the Schulwerk: Rhyme, Rhythm and Song** –

**Northwest Kodaly Educators** <https://nwkodaly.wordpress.com/>

**September Workshop: “Kodaly & Orff Schulwerk: Stronger Together”**

with Andrew Ellingsen

Date: Saturday, September 19, 2015: 9am-4pm

Location: Carl Sandburg Elementary: 12801 84th Ave NE, Kirkland, WA 98034

Registration: <http://orffandkodaly.brownpapertickets.com>

Clock Hours: 6 clock hours will be available for attendees.