

San Juan Music Educator's Association

Fall Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 8, 2011

Bellingham High School Choir Room

1. Current President Christopher Bianco (WWU Bands) welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Many people were enjoying the delicious food provided by Trisha Norman (Bellingham Elementary Music/President-Elect) and as we ate, Christopher went over the agenda and had everyone introduce themselves. He then talked about a meeting he attended about advocacy and then introduced Neal Porter who gave an advocacy report from the State. Neal gave us a position paper that can be found on the WMEA website along with forms about the new "Music Matters" license plates that will be available in January.

2. Agendas and minutes from the spring meeting were available.

3. Members also provided contact information. If you are new or know someone who is new, please send updated information to Doug Sutton (Mt. Baker Bands) who maintains our current membership list.

Breakout Sessions were then held for elementary, instrumental, and vocal music teachers.

4. Mitch DeGrace,(Meridian Bands) gave his treasurer's report. Mitch will send this out to everyone.

As you can see, we lost approximately \$3,000 last year. If you are hosting an event, please try to be aware of all costs and try to keep them down if possible.

5. There was then a quick discussion about lowering the number of judges for Large Group Contest to 2 judges listening to the performance while a third judge works with the previous group. This would save money. Christopher is going to ask for feedback from the membership about this issue.

6. The members also discussed repeating some of the music selections from previous years to save the expense of buying new music for the Honor Festivals.

7. Christopher will send out information for nominations for two Regional Awards -

A. The first is for Outstanding Music Educator for 2012-2014.

B. The second is for Friend of Music for 2012 -2014.

After he receives the nominations, he will send out ballots for us to vote.

8. Christopher also reminded members to utilize the YME Fund for any students who are selected for All-State who cannot afford to participate because of cost.

10. Please inform your families they can join WMEA for \$10.00. This will support music education and give families better opportunities to advocate for their children's music education.

11. Next he asked us to submit our opinion of the proposed rule change for Senior Solo/Ensemble. To do that please email Bruce Guttgesell directly.

12. Our web site is not working and it needs a host. Lynden cannot host the site anymore. If you would be able to host the web site, please contact Christopher Bianco.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Short
SJMEA Secretary