

## SJMEA Spring Meeting

### Junior Event Items Discussed in Break-out Session

#### I. Event Rotation Schedule

Originally I sent out a schedule that looked like the following:

2012-2014 2014-2016 2016-2018

Solo/Ensemble: Whatcom Island Skagit

Large Group Festival: Skagit Whatcom Island

Honor Festival: Island Skagit Whatcom

We have agreed to combine Skagit, Island, and San Juan counties and have two events hosted down South and one up North or vice versa. We also agreed that if one would like to host an event for more than two years, than they can. In general, it seems everyone liked the idea of spreading out the events so they are not always in one county and everyone is contributing to hosting and coordinating events every couple of years.

#### II. Solo/Ensemble -

We are looking for people to step up and help either coordinate or host solo/ensemble in Whatcom County. Please contact me if you are interested in either job:

[normanj@lynden.wednet.edu](mailto:normanj@lynden.wednet.edu)

We also discussed the idea of piano soloists having their music memorized. The adjudicator, along with those present at the meeting, agreed it would help bring the quality of performances up as well as prepare the students for what is to come in high school if we set the standard now.

**School music teacher must register students for Solo/Ensemble, NOT the private teacher.**

#### III. Large Group – Kathy Diaz (orchestra), Carole Leander (Choir), Ian Simensen (Band)

**The idea was put out there to add descriptors to the large group form, this will be discussed in further detail at the fall meeting. You are encouraged to bring your rubric or descriptors to assist in the discussion.**

Orchestra – Mitch pointed out this is losing money and we have to look at ways to cut expenses or raise fees. Kathy, could you get in touch with Mitch to discuss options? Thank

you.

Choir – No changes

Band – The idea of band on a Saturday was discussed but ultimately we decided it was best to have it during the week as it currently is.

The idea was tossed around to limit the number of bands to 2 per school in order to fit all bands in one day. Please come to the fall meeting to discuss in greater detail as it will be decided upon then.

#### IV. Honor Festival

Mt. Vernon is hosting, please send me the names of people in charge of this event so I can get them in the handbook, website, etc... Thank you, [normanj@lynden.wednet.edu](mailto:normanj@lynden.wednet.edu)

Honor Band Percussion – It will help the event coordinator greatly if we as teachers can specify in detail, when nominating percussion students, their strengths and weaknesses on each of the following percussion instruments: keyboards, snare, and timpani.

#### V. Miscellaneous Items discussed.

Clinician Takeaway Form – The idea was brought up to have a feedback form for clinicians to fill out regarding what they see as strengths and weaknesses in our region compared to other places they have adjudicated in order to gain ideas and improve our events.

Handbook on Google docs – Next year it is my intention to get the handbook on google docs and the new SJMEA website for easier access.