

**North Dakota National Band Association
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, March 22, 2012
4:30 pm Linden Room
Bismarck Civic Center**

The annual meeting of the North Dakota National Band Association was called to order at 4:30 pm on Thursday, March 22, 2012, in the Linden Room of the Bismarck Civic Center, Bismarck, North Dakota, by president, John Darling.

The minutes of the 2011 general membership meeting were reviewed and several corrections to the spelling of some names were made: under New Business #5 – it should read Tom, not Tim O’Neil. Under New Business #3 – spelling was corrected to Frank Wicks, David Vandewalker, Michael Haithcock, and Cheryl Floyd. Rebecca Warren moved to approve the minutes with the corrections, and Beanie Stotts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial report was given by Beanie Stotts – checkbook balance of \$2,830.22, with \$872.03 in outstanding checks. There are also some outstanding bills from the Junior High All-State Band. Festival. A \$100 donation was received from Phi Beta Mu. We received a \$73.00 reimbursement of dues from the NBA.

Membership report is 47 members, and we will receive a kick-back of \$2.00 per member from the national organization.

Old Business:

1. Beanie Stotts and Sara Baumann reported on the 2012 ND Junior High All-State Band event. 520 students auditioned from 41 schools. 416 were from Class A schools; 104 were from Class B schools. 90 students were selected for the band.
Next year’s Junior High All-State Band will be held in Mandan on March 15-16, 2013. Sean O’Loughlin will be the guest director. Audition material will be available on September 1.
2. Chairman Chris Harvey reported on this year’s high school All-State Band. Tom O’Neill, director, is very positive about the experience so far. Conductor for 2013 will be Jerry King; 2014 director will be Russel Mikkelson.
3. Randy Hall gave brief comments on the name change of the music educators’ organization to NDNAfME, and reported that Denese Odegard is the regional chairman. The meeting will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday morning. Peter Boonshaft will also be speaking.

New Business:

1. NDNBA award recipients for 2011-12 are: Allegro Award – Charmaine Martian; Citation of Excellence – Rochelle Feldner and Susan German; Jazz Educator – Chris Harvey; Distinguished Service Award – Linda Schmidt.
2. NDNBA constitution revisions – change MENC to NAFME throughout the document in addition to the other deletions and additions presented to the membership on the printed copy. Ben Schneider moved to make these revisions; Brady Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Dates for 2013 conference are March 21, 22, 23, at the Bismarck Civic Center. We are locked into this schedule for ten years. This will conflict with the ND Class “B” Girls Basketball Tournament.
4. John Warren discussed the idea of having a directors’ round-table meeting next year at our conference for input on the All-State event and for better understanding of the festival. President Darling asked John Warren to post this on our NDNBA website to get a conversation going about this idea.
5. The following names were suggested for Band Headliners in the future: Cheryl Floyd, David Vandewalker, Deb Sheldon, Frank Wicks (retired).
6. It was discussed to pay Chris Harvey annually \$151 for maintaining our website, and also a \$10 to 20 domain fee.
7. Ken Aune will chair the nominating committee for 2013.
8. President John Darling will contact some businesses for \$250 corporate sponsorships over the summer.
9. Beanie Stotts suggested the idea of forming a regional band day in Fargo, using director recommendations:
 - Beginners (1st Year)
 - Middle School (grades 6-8)
 - Lower High school (grades 9-10)The idea will be put in the forum section of our website to get input from other directors.
10. Ben Schneider moved to give an increase in pay for our finance manager and auditions manager for Junior High All-State Band from the current \$200 to \$275, using \$25 increment increases per year for the next four years. Warren Olfert seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Sue German
Secretary