

SCMEA Orchestra Division  
September 9, 2006

Sarah Fitzgerald, orchestra division president, brought the meeting to order at 2:00pm at the USC String Project building in Columbia, SC.

New teachers need to put names in for a drawing for a free room at convention!

Sarah Fitzgerald introduced herself as President for one more year. She has a new e-mail address: [sarah\\_fitzgerald@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:sarah_fitzgerald@charleston.k12.sc.us) (please do not use the yahoo address.)

Patti Foy: She welcomes the new teachers and encourages experienced teachers to mentor and support our new teachers. The National Anthem Project: 2/3 of Americans do not know the words to the Star Spangled Banner. On September 14<sup>th</sup> there is a unified singing (or playing) of the Star Spangled Banner; check the web-site at [www.nationalanthemproject.org](http://www.nationalanthemproject.org) for details. South Carolina will host the Southern Division Conference this year which includes 11 states. The conference will begin Thursday morning with performances and clinicians from other states. The Embassy Suites encourages the teachers to stay over Saturday night. We do not have as many rooms this year. There are other hotels on the property that can be utilized. Highlights include the King Singers Friday night. There are a limited number of tickets that can be purchased. The Paris Island Marine Band will also perform that same night. Peter Boonshaft will speak Thursday night. The FSU Philharmonia will also perform. Deadline for the SCMEA awards is December 1<sup>st</sup>. There are many awards that can be found in the SCMEA handbook. The South Carolina Education Economic and Development Act: it has been implemented. We have to create career clusters at the high school level to be put into action next summer. She urges you to be on you school's committee. Only three clusters are required. The bill states that the clusters need to provide for "artistic creativity." There are safety words we can use to our advantage. The bill supports the arts in every cluster. It is our job to make sure we have this happen. Sarah Fitzgerald has a handout with more information for those interested.

Sign the attendance book and make any necessary changes.

Matthew Busse: He is here to support the upcoming symphony orchestra season of USC. Handouts are available for those interested in bringing students. The tickets are only \$5. Contact him at [mabus@matthewbusse.com](mailto:mabus@matthewbusse.com) for more information.

New teachers are introduced. We welcome all new teachers!

Sandy Goldie: Get involved in ASTA! You can e-mail her at [sangoldie@earthlink.net](mailto:sangoldie@earthlink.net). She encourages everyone to attend the National ASTA Convention in Detroit this year. Please nominate teachers for the ASTA Teacher of the Year! Please come to the cello choir next weekend! A question was asked if registration forms can be accepted this weekend. No one was from Bob Jones to answer the question.

Teresa Russ: The Carolina Jazz Orchestra encourages new members in Spartanburg. It is a full orchestra with amplified strings. There are composers and arrangers that write for the group. Handouts are available.

## Officer Reports

- *Approval of Minutes (Amy Strahm)*: Susan Baier approved the minutes from the February 25, 2006 meeting. Dottie seconded.
- *Treasurer's Report (Sharon Doyle)*: There are two financial statements, one went for taxes. The proposed budget does increase some expenses. It is a place to start as there are many new things happening such as All-State. We do have a pad to work with. We are going to have a commissioned work for one of our All-State groups, we are all very excited. If you are a sponsor of an event so not bill your school for an SCMEA even or purchase. You can ship material to anywhere in the state, but the "bill to" must come to Sharon Doyle with the SCMEA Orchestra Division. If you are running Solo and Ensemble or Concert Festival we do not play hours during dining times. Will All-State events we play a per diem. It is \$38 per day to pay for meals. When you send your bills, please send a copy of the schedule that you ran. This is also the year we give \$.50 per child for registrations back to SCMEA. For Region chairs, reports from the blue folder must be sent back with the bills. IF you have a district that want to send a PO it is OK, but the bill will say "pay \_\_\_\_" Freddie 1, Dottie 2
- *Conference (Chris Selby)*: He is excited about the conference. It does start a day earlier. Tell those who are not in attendance at this meeting. Gail Barnes will teach a lab group and go over teaching strategies. She is an incredible clinician from USC. Lexington HS orchestra under Johanna Pollock will perform. After will be the Governor's Chamber Orchestra which just won a national competition. Ginger Greer and Tracy Leeman will do a clinic on Smart Music. Thursday night is the keynote by Peter Boonshaft. Friday morning has Peter Boonshaft for 3 sessions. Furman will do Carmina Burana. Sandra Dackow will do a clinic Saturday night. The last session will be a "favorite music" reading session. Jennifer Diehn is passing a paper around to put down 5 pieces of music that work well with your groups. Please fill it out and return it. Please correct the e-mail address from [diehnjc@spartan6.org](mailto:diehnjc@spartan6.org) to [diehnjc@spart6.org](mailto:diehnjc@spart6.org). Encourage your band teachers to see Peter Boonshaft. Florida State will be performing at the conference as well.
- *Auditions Chair (Paul Buyer)*: The audition for All State on for region has not changed. There will only be two orchestras. The only difference is that there will be no tapes involved. You have to plan All-State auditions for your students. USC will host these auditions in January. There will be over 500 people auditioning for one of three orchestras. The audition will be live. Be aware of transportation issues. Make arrangements now. Plan to be a part of the audition process if you are a sponsor. The students will be auditioned on the music being

performed at All-State. Students are not required to audition for All-State, but those who do must reregister. What you do at the region level will not make a difference to the All-State level. 9<sup>th</sup> graders still have a choice to audition for Senior or Junior region orchestra. Students who make region will receive the All-State music with audition spots marked. If there is a problem with being at All-State for the auditions an application must be made to be excused to the board. The board asks to have parent chaperones come with you. Think about scheduling kids and having the students spread throughout the day for anonymity or having the convenience of having students be able to leave together. Paul will accept region forms today. HE will take “checks in the mail” if there is a problem. If you do not have your MENC card do not panic. Paul double checks the current membership. You can also call and have confirmation of membership by e-mail.

- *Region Orchestra (Johanna Pollock)*: There is a handbook for region 3. The date is the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> (there is a mistake on the front page.) Check what she said about reimbursement.
  - Region One: Audition: Dorman High School, Susan Baier,
  - Performance: Rock Hill, Marsha Gross (
  - Region Two: Audition: Fine Arts Center, Catherine Crowe,
  - Performance: Jennifer Holliday, Anderson 5  
jenniferholliday@anderson5.net
  - Region Three: Audition: Chris Selby, Paperwork: Johanna Pollock,  
Performance: Andy Preston
  - Region Four: Audition: Florence, Rhonda Lee, Performance: Myrtle  
Beach, Lynn Auman
  
- *All-State Orchestra (Melissa Martin)*: Michael Allen is doing Senior Orchestra...get info from last minutes. Ginger Greer is the local chair. Rehearsals will be at the Greenville Fine Arts Center and the performance will be at Furman University.
  
- *All-State Winds (Chris Corde, Chris Gladman)*: He is on it.
  
- *Concert Festival (Ginger Greer)*: Everyone who was in Region 1 and 3 received a superior. There is a concern in judging. When you hire your judges make sure to set a standard for what is expected. We are talking about making a standardized form for the judges. Make sure to contact the chair of your region if there is concern about a judge. March 29-30. Region 3: Blythwood HS Corde and Selby  
4: ??? 1: Cheri Burger
  
- *Brian Genecarelli and Staci Burnett*: Members at Large: we welcome you!
  
- *Solo and Ensemble (Christine Hallett)*: E-mail is incorrect in the handbook. Please correct to: [challett@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:challett@greenville.k12.sc.us). The dates are May 4-5. This

date may be changed. If your date changes the deadline has to be Jan 12. Print or type legibly on registration forms. Turn in everything on time. Last year chair people; please inform Christine of any extra certificates or medals you have from last year.

Pickens, Oconee, Anderson: Joyce Parvin, Oconee, March 16-17

Charleston: ???

Greenville: Kathy Robinson, Hughes Academy, Greenville, May 4-5

Florence: ???

Lexington 1&2: Johanna Pollock, Lexington, May 4-5

Lexington 5: Colleen Marcou, Irmo HS, May 4-5

Myrtle Beach: Lynn Auman, Myrtle Beach HS, May 4-5

Richland 1&2: Becky Leonard, Kelly Mill Middle School, May 4-5

Spartanburg 2: Tammy Burrows site ?

Spartanburg 5, 6, Rock Hill: Ann Snively at Dorman, May 4-5

Spartanburg 1,7: Brad Stewart Spartanburg HS March 2-3

### **Old Business**

**Sharon Doyle:** the new property bill passed. Districts are divided. What you got last year is what your will get this year, but it comes from sales tax. This means that the money is not guaranteed. Ours is typically the first job to go. A good tax base school will receive the same as last year. Let Senators know if you do not like this bill. NCOB is reauthorized in 2007. There will not be a lot of changes. Many are saying we do not have a problem be held accountable, but we can not have certain iq's be tested at a certain lever. We have to be proponents of a valued added education. Be sure to know and use this language. The membership would like to thank Sharon Doyle for keeping us updated on the trends in education.

Catherine Crowe: We mentioned having a system for an absentee ballot for voting. She read proposed wording for this system. (get wording from Catherine) Can we put on online? Dottie: Are these votes for our bylaw?...Yes. This would be for any handbook change. First Reading:

When a vote will be held at an orchestra division meeting, members in good standing will be allowed to request an absentee ballot, giving all members an opportunity to cast a ballot. The absentee ballot request must be submitted to the division president no later than 3 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting. The completed absentee ballot shall be returned to the division president no later than one week prior to the meeting in order to be counted in the final vote.

### **New Business**

Justification for 5<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra from ??? She wanted to know how many other teachers begin in 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

There are extra handbooks for anyone that needs them.

Next year we will have our September meeting at Irmo High School (thanks Colleen Marcou!)

Tap model. Sharon Laurens and Spartanburg 7 for a [chlewis@richland1.com](mailto:chlewis@richland1.com).

The new bass teacher at USC is doing a “Bass Bash” sept 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Region Master claa, technique maserclass and solo masterclass. The registration fee is \$25. Registration forms are available

Edris Chandler is the winner of the registration and one night for the SCMEA conference

- New e-mail address for Sarah Fitzgerald: [sarah\\_fitzgerald@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:sarah_fitzgerald@charleston.k12.sc.us)
- Paul Buyer motioned to close meeting. Dottie seconded.

Respectfully Submitted:

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