

**CCMEA MINUTES February 3, 2007
Barnstable High School**

Attendance:

Steve Edwards, Joseph Studley, Vickie Vieira, Jane Sitarz, Megan Anthony, Alex Pendleton, Stephanie Riley, Patrick Riley, Marcia Wyrwal, Norma Kelley, Lisa Fournier-Donley, Erik Wendelken, Deborah Bradley, George Scharr, Mariellen Sears, Robert Frazier, Berj Hagopian, Margo Nothnagel, Allison Beavan, Sarah Fachada, Tom Farias, Stacy Farias, Tom Borning, Rose Richards, Fred Johnson, Kerry Wynn, Sean Landers, Mike Smith, Patti Anderson, Chris Roberts

Welcome:

Chris Roberts welcomed everyone and introduced Lisa Hergenrother from The Arts Foundation of Cape Cod. Lisa handed out information about the Arts Education Task Force that will be collaborating with the AFCC to improve art instruction for learners of all ages and interests. The goal of the task force is to support quality arts education on Cape Cod. Lisa would like to begin a dialogue with CCMEA members to find out how best to achieve that goal with music students on Cap Cod. Lisa will be at the June meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes were submitted and approved from the September 2006 meeting. MSP

Treasurer's Report:

Norma Kelley reported that there are still some festival fees due. Please make sure that payment is on the way. MSP

Auditions: Joe Studley

Joe Studley thanked everyone for registering early and thanked John New for hosting auditions at Mattacheese Middle School.

Deborah Bradley would like to have more adjudicators for violin next November because there was a back up. Berj Hagopian made the suggestion that there be two violin rooms, one for the piece and one for scales and sight-reading. If possible, two judges should be in each room. Alex Pendleton, the 2008 orchestra manager said he would try to make the change in November.

There was another back up because one school had to change their audition time. Joe asks that everyone check their audition time in advance so that changes can be made.

Steve Edwards asked if there could be a list posted for each room so that you would know if there were a delay or if you could get into the audition room earlier than scheduled.

Chris would like to revisit these issues at the June meeting.

Auditions will be held November 14, 2007 at Mattacheese Middle School.

Auditions: John New

John thanked everyone for their cooperation. He promised to have coffee next year. Also he hopes to have the gym and the cafeteria available for warm-ups.

Accommodations for students:

Eric Wendelken thanked everyone for getting students to provide housing for the students from Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard.

Chris would like to discuss housing at the June meeting so that it's in place earlier.

Festival Report:

Mike Smith reported that all was going well. He thanked Sean Landers for all he has done. Reporters from the Cape Cod Times have been at the festival twice during rehearsal and the festival will be on-line with sound clips. There should also be a spread in the Cape Cod Times on Sunday. Cape week included the concert in their Best Bet section.

Barnstable High School will be hosting Senior District next year and Bourne High School will host the All-Cape High School Festival January 31st, February 1st and 2nd. Lisa Fournier-Donley will host.

Manager's Reports:

Band- Tom Borning reported that all was going well. Tom Farias will be band manager next year.

Orchestra- Alex Pendleton, the assistant orchestra manager, reported that the orchestra was wonderful. An assistant manager is need for next year.

Chorus- Rose Richards reported that there were no problems. Fred Johnson will be the manager next year and Marcia Wyrwal will be assistant manager.

Jazz Band- Alex Pendleton reports that the festival auditions will be held on February 28th at Dennis-Yarmouth High School. The festival is April 11th and 12th at Harwich High School. Rose Richards will once again host the event. The information is on the CCMEA web site. Audition music has been mailed. Bruce Abbott will be the conductor. If you have a jazz band that would like to perform please email Alex.

Middle School Workshops:

Band- Mariellen Sears will host the workshop at Nauset Middle School on February 14th. John New will host the band workshop at Mattacheese Middle School in '08.

Orchestra- Berj Hagopian will host the String Jamboree at Nauset Middle School on March 6th.

Chorus-Janice Hannah will host the choral workshop on April 11th at Barnstable High School in the Knights Auditorium.

Old Business:

There are questions concerning the wording on adjudication forms for percussion. After some discussion Chris proposes that this be a major part of the June meeting. Band directors will get together before the June meeting to look at all the forms and make a recommendation to the membership.

George Scharr thanked everyone for participating in the One Cape One Symphony program. It was a great success. George asked if the membership would like to have the program again and the response was affirmative.

New Business:

George Scharr reported that the Cape Cod Symphony education committee is considering changing the process that has been in place for the last six years. In the past school districts have been invited to bring third and fourth graders to the symphony on a rotating basis. It is possible that all schools will be invited each year but that either grade three or four would be invited, not both. George asked for a show of hands to determine which grade teachers would like to be invited. Most preferred grade four.

The Scholarship Competition and Concerto Competition held by the Cape Cod Symphony will both be held on March 18th. Students may participate in both. Last year only nine students auditioned. Please pass this information onto your students. Joe Studley will link the symphony's web site to allcapemusic.org.

Also, the symphony is working with a private donor to provide tickets to students and their parents. If you have students who would like tickets please email Amie the box office manager at capesympphony.org with your request.

Chris thanked George and asked that he express our thanks to the education committee at the Cape Cod Symphony.

Joe Studley asks that everyone check the web site and let him know what need to be updated including teacher information.

Lisa Fournier-Donley asked about what people's thoughts are about changing the high school festival time on Thursday evening from 3:00-8:00pm to 3:00-7:00pm.

After some discussion a motion was made by Vickie Vieira to change the time on the Thursday evening of the All Cape High School Festival from 3:00-8:00pm to 3:00-7:00pm. Alex Pendleton seconded the motion. MSP

John New mentioned that the workshop that is provided by the Collaborative on the January workshop day falls on the Friday of Senior Southeast District next year. John would like to know how many teachers think that they will be able to attend the workshop. Please let him know by the end of February. It was suggested that the workshop could take place at Barnstable High School during the festival. John will talk to Mike Smith about the possibilities.

Robert Frazier expressed concern that Southeast District is using audition fees to fund the festival.

Lisa Fournier-Donley asked if there has been any consideration about offering a CCMEA Scholarship. Chris said that it has been discussed but no action has been taken.

Date for the June Meeting:

June 7, 2007 Location TBA

Adjournment:
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