

**NDACDA Summer Board Meeting  
Jamestown High School**

**In attendance**

- Cheryl McIntyre, Rebecca Raber, Dean Jilek, Sheldon Weltz, Lauren Brandenburg, Samantha Steffan, Lacey Hanson, Vicky Boechler, Sara Lichtblau, Chris Redfearn, Brady Gudgel, Connie Stordalen

**Absent**

- Tom Porter, Melanie Popejoy, Mike Seil, Brian Saylor, Phillip Voeller, Brent Rogers

**Introductions**

**Passing of Minutes:**

- Chris Redfearn moved
- Rebecca Raber 2<sup>nd</sup>

Thank you to Michael Weber for his many years of service to NDACDA.

**Past President – Rebecca Raber (in place of Michael Weber)**

- Membership recruiting
  - 10 memberships to give away
  - Not all are ever given away
  - Give to first year teachers by November 15
- Website
  - Keeping things updated
    - board members
    - send pictures to Rebecca
    - send pdf and triple check your announcement
    - update repertoire list
    - State convention
      - presentations to present promote via list serve – triple check everything before you want it posted – place in PDF and send it to Brady
      - Make it a pop up balloon, etc.;
    - honor choirs and directors
    - IMC Scholarship information
  - Social help needed
    - More pictures from teachers and their teaching experience
    - Send to Rebecca Raber or Brady Gudgel

**President- Cheryl McIntyre**

- Regional conference March 4-7, 2010 in Madison, WI
- Encourage students to audition
- Sing up (student membership) project
  - 10 free memberships
  - Contracts for conductors are sent out after the meeting

**President Elect – Dean Jilek**

- State Convention will be held at Red River High School in Grand Forks on Feb. 7 & 8. Dean will be organizing.
- Fees? Are staying the same

**Treasurer- Sheldon Weltz**

- **Registration**
  - 6480.78 should be 6280.78
  - Numbers were down in the NDACDA
- **Budget**
  - **Last year**
    - 44,762 – came a little bit under budget
    - \$0 income from advertising (\$700) budget
    - Lodging and music is more expensive
    - Rehearsal aids went up
  - **This year**
    - 46900
- **Zooms**
  - Give out 1 or 2 a year.
  - Keep a couple to send out to those who need a quality recording (teacher will return)

- Stay with the 8 we have or purchase more
  - Vicky suggested to order 2 – 5 more for replacement and more for giving away and loaning out.
- We will order 6 zooms – Cheryl will talk to Brian to order them
- Brian’s video presentation?
- Promote through festival audition announcements
- Draw for additional Zoom giveaways. Funds were from Special Projects. R & S Chairs may allocate these funds for special projects (ex. Show Choir clinician or other projects)
  - Ryan Bary (Wing Public Schools)
  - Kathie Hay (Oaks Public Schools)
  - Donna Helfrich (Berthold Clark)
  - John Bisbee (Williston)
- **Promoting convention attendance**
  - First year teacher, church musicians, and elementary teachers
  - 2331 – 2562?
- **Checking account –**
  - \$62000

#### **Women's Choirs- Lauren Brandenburg**

- Canadian director- Carrie Tennant
- Auditions for men is for pitch matching
- Women- don’t have to worry about pitch matching
- Need Historical data for how to do things as part of the women’s choir chair

#### **MS Choirs- Samantha Steffan & Lacey Hanson**

- Positive reviews and experience
- 725 auditions
  - 250 kids selected
  - 66 schools represented
  - 10 schools who auditioned were not represented
- Brady: Create a help video of how to make a quality recording
- MP3 players given as prizes to help record
- Lacey: Possible change to google forms
  - Put it in the same format for understanding
  - Teachers may have to be google members in order to fill out forms.
    - May deter teachers from auditioning students
- **Treble Choir Conductor**
  - Laura Farnel
  - Health problems – working with her to find a replacement if she cannot conduct the festival
- **Mixed Choir Director**
  - Jeff Stone
- **Audition Dates** Friday, October 11
  - Results November 15
  - Registration Friday, December 6
- **Small School Participation**
  - Vicky Boechler – Brought to the table which Tom Porter voiced –
    - Allowing students from small schools to participate if they can match pitch.
  - Vicky makes a motion to have MS Chairs to be allowed the flexibility to include more students to help this situation.
  - Connie voiced to send out a document to help teachers understand how to prepare students for the audition including repertoire to sing, etc.
  - Rebecca suggested to create a 2 minute video on social media to help with auditioning
  - Cheryl – include document in the Chorister
  - **Judges**
    - One separate judge for each part, which are not part of the middle school circle
    - Judges from out of state
- **Church Choirs- Vicky Boechler & Sara Lichtblau**  
Sara Lichtblau
  - Rebecca – church music workshop/session

- Looking to include church directors
- Resource table
- Sharing ideas
- Sophomores to help with church choir workshop choir (Rebecca)
- **Looking for ways to include Sophomores.**
  - Chamber choirs
    - Chris Redfearn: Chamber Choir competition
  - Ad hoc committee to figure out something for Sophomores
    - Brady – Chris – Cheryl

#### Collegiate- Chris Redfearn

- Honor choirs are being taken care of itself
- Melanie Popejoy student activity
- Rebecca – requests for Chris to find the new teachers

#### Vicky Boechler

- International Music Camp scholarships
- Gave scholarships away at conference, but weren't always used
- Promote scholarships in several ways:
- Website (forms are attached) – under forms
- Place QR code in the program
  - Teachers could have an 8.5 x 11 sheet with a QR code attached for students to download the form
- Vicky creating poster to send to parents
- \$1200 in the scholarship fund

#### Student Activities- Melanie Popejoy

- Not in attendance

#### Children's Choirs (SSIS)- Brady Gudgel

- Most places have shared performance places and accompanists
- Nothing from Dickinson
- Brady designed post card
- Need mailing information and names
- Changed labels i.e.: 5 & 6<sup>th</sup> grade music teacher
- Registrations are set up
- If links need to be fixed let Rebecca/Brady know

#### Show Choirs- Connie Stordalen

- Show choir is non-competitive and would like to find more ways to promote the festival
- Send to Rebecca/Brady for promotion
- Monday, March 16: 6:00 pm. in Valley City

#### Miscellaneous

- Contracts for conductors are sent after summer meeting so that it reflects any changes decided upon at the board meeting.
  - Thank you and well wishes to Jacy Walker.
    - Brady Gudgel will replace her as organizing chair for Surround the State in Song.
    - **Surround the State in Song**
      - Adding a 7<sup>th</sup> location this year.
      - Online registration
- Minot- Brian Saylor  
 Jamestown- John Dahl  
 Dickinson-  
 Grand Forks-  
 Bismarck-  
 Fargo- James Wolter  
 Williston- Tara Hoggarth

#### Commission Project

- Money has been set aside for this project.
  - \$7000 set aside

- Traditional form of picking composer
  - Committee chooses three composers and send it to the executive committee.
  - 2 projects for 4 years \$3500 per project. Rebuild budget
  - Rebecca motions to form a committee
    - Sara 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Vicky nominates Rebecca to lead the committee
    - Vicky is on committee with Rebecca
    - Commission for Surround the State with Song 2020
    - 2 pt to optional descant
    - ND teachers reproduce freely
    - Victor Johnson, Joseph Martin, Andrea Ramsey, Jocelyn Hagen, Tim Takach
    - Composer choose own text – give idea for a theme – songs about music, empathy and kindness, self-confidence, dreaming
    - Ask composer to provide an example
  - Motion Carried

#### **Awards process**

- Can we keep nominations on file to be considered the following year?
  - Chris motions to amend awards process to keep name on the file for 3 years
  - Samantha 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Motion carried

#### **Continuation of the list serve.**

- How do we transfer?
- Yes to continue list serve – Brady and Cheryl

#### **Meeting at All State/NDMEA Conference**

- Promote teachers to come to the meeting
- Give away a recorder
- Vicky will help/Social coordinator
- Call it “Choir Teacher Meet and Greet – Meet the Board Members”
  - As an ACDA member this is what we have for you...
- Rebecca is getting swag –will find something and get it approved

#### **Adjustments to budget**

- Promotional Budget for swag.
- Rebecca will find cost of swag and communicate with board.
- Cheryl motioned for Sheldon to use money in Checking account to balance the budget for the 2019-20 year.
  - Rebecca 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Motion carried

#### **Other**

- Guidelines to becoming a National Anthem Performance School
- Posting in Chorister
- Be welcoming and forthcoming on information for new teachers, etc...
- New teacher of first 5 years welcome to come to NDHSA

#### **Dean motions to adjourn**

- Vicky 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Motion carries

Meeting Adjourned