

KMEA District 7
Winter Meeting
4:30 PM – Thursday, Feb. 18 – Virtual

The meeting is being held via zoom, as part of the 2021 Virtual KMEA Clinic.

Meeting called to order by President April Kite at 4:30 PM

Virtual meeting protocols were reviewed, including engagement & motions during the course of the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda: Johnnie Bishop / Dee Mason-Walker – Approved with no objection

Approval of the fall meeting minutes: Glen Flanigan / Robin Barker – Approved with no objection

Congrats to the following District 7 groups for representing our district by performing at the clinic!

- East Jessamine Middle School Concert Choir- William Mason-Walker
- Franklin Co. High School Treble Chorale- Raye Hurley
- UK Choristers- Elizabeth Wilson
- UK Symphony Band- George Boulden
- Leestown M. S. Orchestra- Nathan Wilson
- Frederick Douglass High School Orchestra- Sarah Payne
- University of Kentucky Horn Choir- Dr. Margaret Tung
- The Nomad Collective- Joseph Dunn
- Lafayette High School Percussion Ensemble- Aaron Jones

Congrats to the following District 7 members who are presenting during this year's clinic! Thank you for sharing your expertise!

- Elizabeth Wilson
- Michael Baker
- Don Hicks
- Jeffrey LaBarbara
- Jeremy Howard
- Martina Vasil
- Chris McDowell
- Michael Hudson & Elizabeth Packard Arnold
- Margaret Tung
- Sam Coleman
- Lois Wiggins
- Don Hicks
- Stephen Keys

Report from KMEA:

- George Boulden, President of KMEA:
 - Remember to vote for state officers – we will be adopting this for future conferences. It frees up a lot of personnel resources! Please consider running for state level office.
 - I want to compliment Dr. Stroube and Melissa Skaggs for making this virtual conference run so well. They have worked very hard to make this work
 - We hope that you will take advantage of the Virtual Assessment opportunities that we are offering.
 - THANK YOU for all you are doing for everything you are doing for your schools and your students. I know this can be discouraging, but you are all doing a great job and keep up the good work!

Officer Reports:

- April Kite – Winter Board Meeting:
 - President-Elect M. Payne attended the meeting and will present the report:

2021 Virtual All-State

- Students have two weeks to video record themselves playing their parts from the programmed selections and submit the recordings. The submissions will be edited together as virtual ensembles, and when they are ready to view, the students, conductors, and sectional coaches will be invited to a watch party.

2021 Virtual conference

- Monday, Feb. 15–Thursday, Feb. 18
- 4:30–9:00 pm each day
- After study and comparison, Melissa selected Pheedloop as the virtual conference platform that fit us best, given its features and its pricing structure.
- 64 Clinics, 20 performances

KMEA's financial picture, Jan. 31

- 1/31/21 bank \$39,109.28
- 1/31/20 bank \$273,830.68
- 1/31/21 investments approx. \$1,350,505.19
- 1/31/20 investments \$1,207,270.89
- 1/31/21 total approx. \$1,389,614.47
 - Incl. \$75,990 in 2020 assessment fees (404 programs. We refunded \$22,137 to 113 programs.)
- 1/31/20 total \$1,481,101.57

Virtual assessment (and the chance of some in-person assessments)

- Collabra for solos and ensembles (\$7 for solos and \$12 for ensembles)
- Competition Suite for large ensembles (\$75 per group)

Secretary / Treasurer Report – John Merz

- See attachment, reported as submitted
- **Note the following:**
 - It was decided that no motions would be necessary to simply move money to and from the Savings Account / Checking Account since no money is actually being spent
 - Also – John Bowmer is the Fayette County Middle School Band Chair, and will not be running the overall District 7 Middle School Honor Band Clinic. That will continue to be Travis Bond from Scott County Middle School

The following officers were elected at the fall district meeting:

- Choral Chair- Dee Walker
- **Fayette County** Middle School Band Chair- John Bowmer
- Orchestra Chair- Michelle Hudson
- General Music Chair- Mark Fields
- District Mentor Chair- Debbie Shelton and Lois Wiggins

The following were nominated from District 7 for State Office at the fall meeting:

- State Choral Chair – Dee Walker
- MS Band Chair – Robin Barker
- KMEA State Officer Voting is online this year! You have until 10 PM on Thursday, 2/18/21 to vote!
- Voting link: <https://www.balloteer.com/bp/nph-bstart?&eid=86706305189603765421>

The following awards, which were voted on at the fall meeting were presented. Congratulations to these fine educators!

- Elementary School Teacher of the Year – Erin Casmir
- Middle School Teacher of the Year – Michelle Hudson
- High School Teacher of the Year – Greg Marsee
- College/University Teacher of the Year- Elizabeth Wilson
- Outstanding Administrator Award – Lori Bowen
- Friend of Music Award –Dan Cummins Chevrolet
- Citation for Service Award – Kelly Diamond

OLD BUSINESS:

- No old business to discuss

NEW BUSINESS:

- Congrats to the following District 7 Members who received KMEA State Level Awards for 2021!
 - Michelle Hudson – MS Teacher of the Year
 - George Boulden – Citation for Service
 - 25 Years of Service
 - Brett Burton- West Jessamine High School
 - Stephanie Wallace Western Hills High School
 - 30 Years of Service
 - Carla Pleasant - SCAPA
 - Shaun Owens- Bryan Station Middle School
 - Gay Begley- Bates Creek Middle School
 - 35 Years of Service
 - William Parris- Sandersville Elementary School

Congratulations to the SCAPA Band, and their directors, Robin Barker and Aaron Jones!

- The Foundation for Music Education has selected The School for the Creative and Performing Arts Middle School Band as the Kentucky State winner for the 2020 Mark of Excellence National Wind Band Honors Competition. Their director is Robin Barker who is in her 36th year of teaching for Fayette County Public schools. The assistant director is Aaron Jones. The Foundation for Music Education reviews hundreds of recordings each year. Middle School and High School bands from 38 states made submissions this year.
- The Mark of Excellence project seeks to recognize and award outstanding achievement in performance by high school and middle school bands, choirs and orchestras. The project gathers entries from throughout the United States and provides valuable feedback for all entrants. A unique competitive environment is created which allows ensembles to compare their performance quality to other outstanding groups from across the country. The first awards were given in 2008. Since that time, only five Kentucky bands have been chosen to be Mark of Excellence winners. SCAPA Middle School Band is a 3 time State winner and they were National winners in 2012. Congratulations Ms. Barker, Mr. Jones and the SCAPA Middle School Band.

UPCOMING DATES:

Band:

- Virtual large ensemble assessment submissions will be accepted any time from March 1–May 15
- Solo & Ensemble

From Martina Vasil:

- IF summer Orff classes are allowed to be in person, we will run Levels I, II, and III June 21–July 2, 2021 at the University of Kentucky. If not, we will offer online Orff courses (not for certification)
- Dalcroze will be offered online (not for certification) from June 15–August 11, 2021 (8-week asynchronous course)
- We will also offer Modern Band classes online, dates TBA.

ADJOURN TO DIVISION MEETINGS (reminder to appoint someone to take minutes & to forward to John Merz, ASAP)

BAND DIVISION MEETING:

No Fayette Co MS Honor Band this year. (John Bowmer)

S&E (A. Weitkamp) – In person for SOLOS ONLY on April 24th at Lexington Catholic! Email coming soon with detailed information. Virtual option for SOLOR *or* ENSEMBLES will go through the state.

All Large Ensemble events will ONLY be done virtually via the state. Todd Chamberlain in charge of coordinating the MS Ensembles.

State Jazz Assessment – Virtual option. Lindsay Brawner-King is doubtful there is enough interest to have an in-person event.

Dr. Birdwell from UK chatted that he would like to know if anyone is interested in Virtual Windfest at UK. We will move forward (mid-late April) if there is interest.

Consensus at the high school level is that we MAY do auditions and seat the band; however, we probably will not be actually hosting the event.

Marching band has a meeting next weekend. They are trying to do “something.” There are some options being discussed if large (university) stadiums are not available.

ELEMENTARY DIVISION MEETING NOTES:

District 7 Elementary General Music Breakout Session- Winter Meeting 2021 Minutes

Attendees: Mark Fields, Johnnie Bishop, Lisse Lawson, Katie Angel, Molly Almes, Candace James, Megan Gentry, Chris McDowell

Mark Fields congratulated District 7 Music Educators who presented K-5 General Music Sessions for the 2021 KMEA Conference-

- Elementary Improvisation, Jeremy Howard
- Exploring Africa- Songs, Games, and Stories from the Continent, Martina Vasil
- Engaging Refugee Populations in Music, Martina Vasil
- Exploring Musical Challenges Through Dalcroze and Orff, Chris McDowell

Congrats to District 7 Elementary Music Teacher of the Year: Erin Casimir, Northside Elementary, Midway, KY

Congratulations to William Parris, Music Teacher at Sandersville Elementary in Lexington, KY for 35 years of service.

Mark Fields reported on "Music Notes" a quarterly newsletter he's writing for District 7 K-5 General Music Teachers, connecting teachers across school district lines, spotlighting the outstanding elementary music programs in District 7, and announcing appropriate professional learning opportunities and events.

Johnnie Bishop shared information about Fayette County Public Schools' Elementary Honor Chorus which will be presented virtually this spring. Johnnie highlighted the process and costs associated with the technical portion of planning this event.

Chris McDowell informed the group of an upcoming Modern Band PD. He will host at his school, Clays Mill Elementary in Lexington. Though there isn't a firm date set at this time, he's confident this PD will take place on a weekend in August. He will begin advertising in May, as he is still working out the details.

Adjournment