

**ArkMEA Board Meeting**  
**Park Hill Christian Church, NLR, AR**  
**April 21, 2007**

- I. Call to order by Judy Hopper
  - a. Went over board member changes
  - b. Noted absent members who called ahead to say they'd miss the meeting
  
- II. Introductions were made
  - a. New board member Peggy McDaniel of Mayflower Elementary
  - b. Other board members present were Judy Hopper, John Scott, IJ Routen, Judy Rogers, Katy White, Mike White, Janine Eubanks, Deborah Barber, Jaree Hall, Patty Oeste and Karen Stein
  
- III. Reading of minutes by Katy White who remembered to bring them this time!
  - a. Motion to accept by Judy Rogers
  - b. Second by Mike White, etc (but Mary would have done it if she were here)
  
- IV. Treasurer's report by Mike White
  - a. Balance of \$3642.85 currently
  - b. Only outstanding is the mailing of the *May Segue*
  - c. Need to send Judy Hopper to Orlando for convention and the centennial celebration. Part of this cost will be subsidized by the national organization.
  
- V. Chair reports
  - a. Judy Hopper gave a report on *Segue* in Mary Zies' absence. The new issue of *Segue* is online already. Board members are encouraged to write articles for this periodical and check due dates with Mary.
  - b. Deborah Barber reported on C-MENC. There is growth in membership. She wants to go out to visit colleges and department heads to talk about developing new chapters. Mike said we should be able to afford her travel expenses. Board members agreed that this is a good idea for retention of new teachers and to increase ArkMEA membership as well. Deborah also said that ATU does a year-end party for her chapter, and would *like to put the ATU chapter president in a one-year board position of some kind.*
  - c. John Scott gave a Tri-M report. Arkansas has five chapters, but most are inactive. His chapter at Parkview went out to recruit for other chapters at other schools in LR area. He also does a Tri-M recital each year with their 50 members. \*note from *Deb: she volunteered her CMENC kids to adopt or help with John's Tri-M kids.* \*note from Mike: *we have a table available for a booth at All State* A discussion ensued about the fees and requirements involved in beginning a chapter, and utilizing LR and ArkMEA websites for publicity.

- d. Multicultural: IJ Routen. For the next 2 years, IJ will present African music at conference. There will be a session on Afro-Cuban-Caribbean drumming on August 6-10 as part of a grant. Yes, AOSA is still active; *IJ will connect Mike with Cynthia, their tech person.*
- e. MIOSM: Judy Rogers: Capitol concerts went well. There's always one day more crowded than the other. Israel Getzov and Laurence Hamilton were the speakers. *We should get Izzy to be an ArkMEA member!* He has a grant, so he's looking for places to go.
- f. General Music: Patty Oeste: wants to do a session on ideas and what others are doing for intermediate general and fine arts classes, how to incorporate technology, how to teach a particular concept, etc... a share session geared toward MS and HS teachers! Make it into a book like AEMEA used to do with Kaleidoscope. Second idea for session is creative uses of powerpoint and movies in the classroom, self-produced. Her website is rdimusic.com and is powered by Conwaycorp. \*Deb's students also have lesson plans, etc. on the web: If a.atu.edu/music/barber; pass word is guest login; or just email Deb. And then the discussion went to jazz....
- g. Jaree Hall: Webinar (like a seminar!) This is by the national organization...there's streaming live, voting, etc. These are like business meetings, sessions on advocacy....some are archived. Jaree is also presenting at MENC SW division conference, a symposium of rural and urban music: Movement 101 in June in Dallas—there's a link on ArkMEA page.
- h. 11:15-Judy Hopper brought up the info in the notebook John Jarboe gave us in February.
- i. Technology: Karen Stein-we discussed tech needs for professional development...IJ mentioned the standard for composing and arranging and using technology to make it easier for teachers to address this. Other ideas: sequencing for choral directors and elementary music teachers on how to make tracks; Smart Music and Finale instruction, and for assessment and practical classroom use.

## VI. Old and Other Business

- a. We think we can easily fill region chair positions
- b. Ideas for choral chair: Carolyn Foreman (Parkview) or Carrie Taylor (Dover)
- c. Other chair combinations? PR with exhibits, PR with membership?
- d. Discussion of exhibits/vendors. Attendees shop with PO's. \*Peggy gets to be the new exhibits chair! \* *She wants ideas from secondary band and choir teachers, \* Mike, can we offer vendors a table for free or less than the regular \$50?*
- e. Other board positions-*Higher Ed*...Deborah could do it but would like to *get an additional person.* Katy suggests this after the meeting: Greg Ramsdell of UCA (their new music ed instructor) or Jeff Parker of ASU Beebe, or someone from U of A or ASU Jonesboro

- f. *Minutes need to be available to the membership. Publish in Segue? (a concern: dates may not line up for publication deadlines) Post on website? Email to board members first and then out to everyone after the board approves them? Or email everyone a link to the website?*
- g. Summer Meeting: 2-day in July (*July 2-3 overnight*) would be better than 1 day before Reading Clinic in August. Where? *ATU in Russellville?* Katy's concern about babysitting was alleviated by Deb's volunteering her college students ☺

## VII. Fall Conference

- a. Location? Where do art educators go?
- b. One day or two? We could spread out the times of the sessions so they wouldn't overlap and teachers wouldn't have to miss so much. Add time for exhibits perusal.
- c. Need to get grants to fund this event and bring in more/bigger name clinicians and performers. Or a corporate sponsor...Katy gave Judy the name of *Maureen Adkins, elementary music teacher at the Anthony School in LR, who may be able to help find corporate sponsorship.*
- d. Price checking: Jaree will look into Hot Springs and Pine Bluff, Deb will ask ATU, and Monticello and Conway were also mentioned. \*Interjection from Mike: if we look at a two day event, we may have to *restructure/increase fees—raise a couple of dollars* since MENC dues did not go up this year; and our AEMEA check hasn't been cashed yet.

## VIII. Membership Drive

- a. Back to combo of PR/Region chair people. They could go to co-ops for info and teachers in all music positions since school websites are often not updated.
- b. Need a *survey*.
- c. *Get a table at August ACDA reading clinic exhibits hall* for info and signing up for ArkMEA, staffed by a board member, or CMENC person, perhaps.