

Minutes of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association
Meeting Date: December 11, 2015

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association was held at the Natchez Convention Center on December 11, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by MBA President Matt Rowan. There were approximately 275 regular members in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Financial Report: 1st VP Lane Thompson gave the treasurer's report.

Awards and Recognitions: President Rowan recognized Bands who had received 2014-2015 Sweepstakes Award and 2015 Marching Band Champions were recognized. Toni Reece presented the A.E. McClain award to Mr. Demario Jefferson. Stephanie McArthur presented the Edythe McArthur award to Mrs. Susan Schumann. Artie Adams presented the Phi Beta Mu Hall of Fame Award to Dr. Tomas V. Fraschillo. Ms. Linda Davis presented the Phi Beta Mu Director of the Year awards to Ms. Elva Kaye Lance and Mr. Joe Cacibauda. Mr. Rowan recognized Mr. Sid McNeil as Past President of Mississippi Bandmasters.

Clinic Reports:

Member-at-Large Kim Hallmark gave a report on clinic auditions and thanked those that helped.

2nd VP Sharon Laird reported on the exhibit area and vendors. She also gave a report on the music selection committee and the required music selection process. Mrs. Laird gave a reminder that bands must play music at their grade level.

1st VP Lane Thompson reported about forms and fees and the selection of students for the list.

Mr. Willie Rigdon, housing chairman for State Clinic, spoke about the clinic registration process as well as check out procedures.

Jeff Cannon reported on the MS Lion's Band, recognized the 2014 Lion's Band staff, and revealed that the 2015 Band would travel to Japan. Mr. Cannon also spoke about logistics concerning State Concert Evaluation.

President Rowan reported on the marching evaluation site host meeting. Mr. Rowan spoke about how bands would be scheduled to perform. Mr. Rowan stated that proposals to host MHSAA Marching Evaluation were being accepted. He also stated that a committee was being formed to explore the viability of a show-band evaluation.

President Rowan reported on the State Marching Championships Advisory Board. He discussed that it was decided that one music judge and one visual judge would be moved to the field.

Old Business:

2nd VP Sharon Laird spoke about the Member at Large Position and the possibility of a permanent treasurer position.

President Rowan acknowledged Ruben McDowell's continued collection of MBA minutes and archives.

New Business:

Kim Presley spoke about the introduction of a revised color guard judge's sheet. A motion was made to accept the new color guard sheet. Motion passed.

2nd VP Sharon Laird presented a motion from the music committee that third concert bands will play a required tune from the 1A, 2A, or 3A list. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Clover Lacy to rename the concert bands at State Band Clinic in honor of Phi Beta Mu Hall of Fame members. There was no second to the motion.

Announcements were made, door prizes were distributed and the meeting was adjourned.