3/3/17 Annual Meeting WVSTA/Orchestra Directors

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM.

Tricia Price reported that the 2018 All-State Auditions will be held on 1/6/18 at Bridgeport High

School. Justin Jones and Shelby Genberg will co-chair the 2018 All-State Orchestras.

Rayce Leib and Tricia Price reported that the 2016 String Day held at Bridgeport High School in October went smoothly. The membership was in favor of continuing to offer 2 groups at different performance levels. Rayce selected the music. Arlene Bennett offered to host the 2017 String Day at Mountaineer Middle School in Morgantown. She and Rayce Leib will co-chair the event. Possible days when WVU football games will be away are October 7th or 21st.

The WV Orchestra Festival will be held May 19, 2017 at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Wesley Chapel. The adjudicators will be Andrea Houde and Mikylah McTeer. The categories

can include: High School, Middle School, and Elementary orchestras. If there is a symphony orchestra participating we usually have a separate category for them. Groups that include some other instruments for some or all of the pieces are usually included in the general category for that grade level. It was suggested that the old programs and winners sheets be given to Jeannine Sturm to be archived with WVMEA Historical Items. The Strawberry Festival committee has offered to provide wooden strawberry plaques to be used as trophies if we will provide the metal plates engraved with the information. Ron Caviani moved and Rayce Leib seconded that WVSTA authorized Patty Brock to use up to $150.00 to pay for the trophy plates.

The motion was unanimously carried. This year will be the 30th WV Orchestra Festival.

There was a brief discussion of high school class sizes. There seems to be quite a difference depending on the individual situation.

The membership asked for information on ASTACAP. Jeannine will get more information. ASTACAP is separate from the WV Solo Competition which is held each year chaired by Mary

Wilson. It is usually held in early October.

Jeannine asked for ideas for professional development activities outside of the conference. Some ideas mentioned are Alfred Publishing-Peter Boonshaft, a bass clinic &/or cello clinic/secondary instruments. She also asked us to submit items for the chapter newsletter. She would like to have two newsletters per year.

Treasurer, Patty Brock announced that the balance as of 3-3-17 is $7,044.35. A copy of the treasurer's report was passed around.

WVU will have a Cellobration in Sept. 2017 with Dr. Erin Ellis. Andrea Houde reminded us that WVU will also have a Viola Boot Camp June 19-22, 2017

Jeannine suggested we think about presenting some awards and asked for ideas. These awards could be presented at the Orchestra Festival.

Some members asked about luthiers and it was decided to create a list of those in the area that could be put in the newsletter and/or the website. Several members mentioned Craig Shaffer on Carson St. in Pittsburgh. Also mentioned was Robert Leicht in Boling Springs PA.

The All-State Orchestra report was presented on the back of the agenda. Shelby Genberg-Middle School and Justin Jones-High School. It was suggested that we continue to educate all-state conductors as to the level of the orchestras. The registration fee is $25.00 and it was recommended by the group to raise the audition fee for All-State to $25.00. Rayce Leib moved and Ben Podolski seconded that a modest stipend be provided to the All-State Chairmen if there are funds remaining after all bills are paid. The motion carried.

There was a discussion about finding clinicians for our conference when it conflicts with the National ASTA conference. It was suggested that we draw on the expertize of our members.

2018 WVMEA Conference: March 8-10, 2018, Charleston, WV

2018 ASTA National Conference: March 7-10, 2018, Atlanta, GA

2019 WVMEA Conference: March 7-9, 2019, Charleston, WV

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM so we could attend the Middle School all-State Orchestra concert at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Brock, Secretary/Treasurer