

Minutes of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association Meeting Date: December 8, 2016

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association was held at the Natchez Convention Center on December 8, 2016. MBA President Lane Thompson called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. There were approximately 275 regular members in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Financial Report: 1st VP Sharon Laird gave the treasurer's report.

Awards and Recognitions: President Thompson recognized bands that received the 2015-2016 Sweepstakes Award. The 2016 Marching Champions were recognized. Toni Reece presented the A.E. McClain Award to Gavin McAdams from Pass Christian and Paul Morgan from Stone HS. Stephanie McArthur presented the Edythe McArthur award to Mrs. Dale Wiggington. Mr. Mark Laird presented the Phi Beta Mu Hall of Fame Award to Mrs. Rosi Johnson. Mr. Mickey Mangum presented the Phi Beta Mu director of the year award posthumously to Sam Cunningham of Ripley High School. Mr. Thompson recognized Mr. Matt Rowan as Past President of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association.

Clinic Reports:

Member-at-Large Kim Hallmark reported on and recognized all of the judges that served at the 2016 State Band Clinic.

2nd VP Len Killough reported on the exhibit area and vendors.

1st VP Sharon Laird reported on forms and fees.

Housing Chairman for State Clinic Willie Rigdon spoke about the registration process and checkout procedures.

Mr. Jeff Cannon reported on the MS Lion's Band, recognized the 2017 Lion's Band staff, and invited members of the MBA to serve on the camp staff. Mr. Cannon also spoke about the planning process concerning State Concert Evaluation.

President Lane Thompson reported on the marching evaluation site host meeting. He reminded the membership that proposals to serve as a host site for the Region III State Marching Evaluation were being accepted.

2nd VP Len Killough reported on the State Marching Championships Advisory Board Meeting. Mr. Killough reported that a motion was made and passed to change the format of the championship judging sheets to the same format as the South Carolina Marching Band Championship sheets. He also reported that a motion was made and passed to add another site to host championships, bringing the total number of sites to three: Pearl HS, Clinton HS, and Germantown HS.

New Business:

1st VP Sharon Laird made a motion on behalf of the executive board to "approve a Non-Voting Executive Secretary/Treasurer appointed by the MBA Executive Board to serve up to a five-year term with annual review by the MBA Executive Board." The motion requires two votes to pass because a change to the constitution and bylaws will be necessary. The first vote passed, the second vote will take place at the Fall Meeting.

1st VP Laird made a motion on behalf of the executive board that "the Blue Band will be a dedicated band strictly for middle school." The motion was discussed. A motion was made to table the executive board's motion until the Fall Meeting, the motion to table was seconded and passed.

Mrs. Laird announced the 2017 clinic dates as December 6-9, 2017.

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