

MNSOTA Membership Meeting
Friday, August 4, 2006 8:00 am
St. Olaf College – All-Sate Workshop

Information/Overview of Events, 2006-2007

This has been a great year for MNSOTA. We were awarded the 2005 National Award for Best Chapter. We are a support organization!

The 2006-07 Handbook and Directory will be mailed soon. Lorie encouraged us to check the deadlines and to honor a colleague, recognized at the October 19th Fall Clinic and Luncheon.

Check the handbook for details of all our events this year.

First event is the October 19th Fall Clinic and Luncheon. Stella Anderson is the coordinator. Presenters are Ken Freed and Jane Capistran. Susan Scott (who co-coordinated last year with Stella) has detailed notes on the event. You can contact Susan or Stella for more information.

October 27-29 is the Fall String Camp. Lynne Bulger is the coordinator. Contact Lynne via email with any information regarding suggestions for counselors. Counselors need to be over 18 years old and can also include parents. Some college students from Eau Claire are already set will assist with sectionals and activities along with evening supervision. Kirk Moss and David Arnott are compiling a list of college string students. College students do not get paid for counseling, but receive service credits.

New this year is “Pedagogy Talk Sessions”, co-sponsored by SAM. Master teachers will exchange ideas with us. Check handbook for details. Peter Howard is scheduled on January 27, 2007 from 3-5 pm and Mary West on April 28, 2007 from 3-5 pm.

Initiatives

Advisor Program

MNSOTA and MMEA will partner in a mentorship program for new teachers, to empower and provide support and information. This will be for all disciplines - orchestra, choir, band, and general music. Mark Gitch is on the steering committee with Lori Carlson. Money is coming from the Doug Miller memorial fund. This is a great opportunity for all of us to share our strengths/expertise. They are looking for mentors. Call or email Mark, the MMEA office, MNSOTA (Lorie Hippen). An article was in the recent Teaching Music Journal, p. 92.

New String Programs in Minnesota

Grant Wilcox started a partnership with Sauk Rapids. The mission of MNSOTA is to provide outreach throughout the state to start new programs.

South Washington County, a growing district, is starting a new program this fall. The new district superintendent initiated this at their April school board meeting.

Kristi Sullivan will teach along with another teacher at 14 elementary schools with a 4th grade start. Chaska is starting a program, beginning at the high school level to tier down.

Advocacy Program

Contact Deb Sittko for support and she will connect you.

Talent Search and Volunteer Needs

Get involved! Check the handbook for the volunteer form.

Miscellaneous

If you want to reach Lorie, contact her via email at school during the school year.

Door Prizes

Rosin, books and cleaning cloth – Winners: Lynne Bulger, Susan Kinter, Janis Nash, Susan Scott and Alta Thoreson.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Scott, Secretary