

WBDI Winter General Membership Meeting
Thursday, December 21st, 11:30-1:30 PM
Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, Adler ABC
Minutes-DRAFT

Members Present: Bethann Adams, Julia Baumanis, Marilyn Bennett, Christi Blahnik, Mikayla Bohner, Brittan Braddock, Catharine Bushman, Meijun Chen, Mike Coling, Emilie Cook, Heather Dobbins, Jennifer Gordon, Anoa Green, Ashley Hawk, Lauren Helmber, Erin Keeton-Howard, Pam Klena, Jill Koeerwitz, Barbara Lambrecht, Erin Lilliefors, Brittney Lynn, Andrea Mack, Heather Massey, Darla McBryde, Kim Mieder, Haley Mitchell, Shemeka Nash, Jenny Neff, Carol Nendza, Lucy Pascasio, Ruth Petersen, Merita Petrie, Chris Prentice, Sydney Reeves, Wendy Bauer Reeves, Ann Reinhard, M.J. Robinson, Nicole Rubis, Nicole Stanford, Shannon Shaker, Fran Shelton, Ashley Shoupe, Natalie Smith, Shayna Stahl, Roxanne Stevenson, Linda Thompson, Steve Trull, Melanie Watson, Braeden Weyrich, Krystal Williams, Gladys Wright, Audrey Yosai, Lisa Zemlock, Rachel Zephir, Chelsea Zuniga

- I. Call to order - Bethann called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM
- II. Attendance
- III. Reports
 - A. Committee Reports
 - A. Awards/certificates - Courtney Snyder - Oh behalf of Courtney, Bethann reported that we will celebrate this year's award winners at the luncheon.
 - B. Composition Competition - Shayna Stahl - Shayna reports that she and Courtney have met to discuss future projects and will meet again in January to prepare for this year's composition contest.
 - C. DEI committee - Shemeka Nash
 - D. Foundation Report - Sue Creasap - On behalf of Sue, Bethann reports that the foundation is in great shape and thanked Gladys Wright for her \$200,000 donation.
 - E. History - MJ Robinson - MJ reports that we are working to clarify the description and responsibilities of this committee.
 - F. Professional Development - Laura Johnson
 - G. Corporate Membership - Bethann Adams - Bethann reports that we have been working to find additional ways to promote our corporate members and invites the membership to continue to help us connect with potential corporate members.
 - H. Mentoring - Julia Baumanus/Brittan Braddock - On behalf of Julia and Brittan, Shannon Shaker reports that the committee is in search of elementary/middle/high school mentors, as well as mentors from the West Coast, Pacific Northwest, and the Midwest. Interested mentors can contact Julia Baumanis.
 - I. Midwest Booth - MJ Robinson - MJ reports that the booth has seen a lot of traffic and encourages everyone to stop by and visit the booth or sign up to work a 30-minute shift. She thanked Ruth and Shemeka for their design and innovation. Jennifer Miller and Holly Bates were the winners of the Newland Baton raffle.
 - J. Scholarships and Grants - Shannon Shaker - There were a record 153 scholarship applicants this year. Each applicant will receive a free student

membership for this year. Shannon spoke about this year's winners and details can be found in her report below.

- K. Social Media - Tara Cappelletti - Bethann reported that she would like to see more frequent advertising of our corporate members.
- L. State Chairs - Linda Thompson - Linda reported that there are openings for state chairs in AK, AZ, ME, MS, ND, RI, TN, WV, and WY and highlighted some news from the various state chair reports found below. Linda also reported that the Executive Board discussed ways to help states get a booth at state conventions and will be sending out guidance as well as printing an additional banner that can be sent around.
- M. Technology - Theresa Hoover
- N. The Woman Conductor Journal - Kathy Cox, Melanie Watson, and Catharine Bushman - Melanie reports that Catharine Bushman has stepped up as the design editor and introduced a digital flipbook for the latest edition. There are openings for a middle school, college, and community band editors so please reach out if you are interested in those positions.
- O. Website - Ruth Petersen - Ruth reports that the new site is nearly completed and invites anyone who has ideas or information for the website to reach out as it should serve as a reflection of WBDI.

B. Executive Board Reports

- A. Treasurer Report - Ruth Petersen - Ruth thanked Robyn Bell for her impeccable record keeping and reports that all the money has officially been moved to North Carolina. She talked through a few one-time expenses for the booth and summarized the report linked below.
- B. Membership - Ruth Petersen - Ruth reports that we currently have 421 members and 61 members at the luncheon. Membership renewal emails will be going out shortly.
- C. Past President - Courtney Snyder
- D. President Elect - Pam Klana - Pam thanked Bethann for her leadership and commitment to our organization. She also thanked the members of the Executive Board. Her full report can be found below.
- E. President - Bethann Adams - Bethann talked about how special WBDI has been to her over the years and about the connections she has made across the country. She thanked the constitution committee for their work in updating this document which will be found on the website. She encourages people to nominate award winners and to get involved in committees, and thanked Ruth for her work on the website. Bethann announced that Hall of Fame winner Noreen Linderman's portrait is being created and will be placed in the Hall of Fame at Mars Hill University. She thanked the North Carolina chapter for their work putting together our Summer Conference. If you are interested in hosting a summer conference, please reach out to Pam Klana. Bethann reported that there is a committee working on the organization's 501C3 status. Lastly, Bethann thanked the Past Presidents, Executive Board, and Gladys Stone Wright for their support during her presidency.

IV. Items for Discussion/New Business

- A. Summer Conference 2024 - Shannon reports that she is excited to host the Summer Conference at Grand Rapids Community College in Grand Rapids, Michigan from June 19th-22nd. There is an open call for members to apply to

present at the conference. Shannon summarized the highlights of the schedule and announced that registration should open around February 1st and should cost about \$50

V. Matters Arising

VI. Call to Adjourn - Bethann Adams adjourned the meeting at 12:18 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tara Cappelletti

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