

PHI BETA MU – ETA CHAPTER

MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2024

GAYLORD OPRYLAND HOTEL

The ETA Chapter of Phi Beta Mu was called to order by President Brother Joel Denton.

A moment of silence was held for departed Brothers David Hale and Wayne Tipps.

2023 Minutes were approved as emailed; motion by Brother Gary Wilkes, second by Brother Rick Murphy.

2023 Financial Report was approved as emailed; motion Brother Wilkes, second by Brother Chris Piecuch.

OLD BUSINESS

Vice President Brother Lafe Cook gave a Membership Committee's report. There were eight nominations with completed paperwork, Jason Campos was tabled as he is not currently teaching, and seven will be inducted on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Our new brothers are Patrick Bolton, Rodney Brown, Thomas Richardson, Michael Rosson, John Schnettler, Chris Seger, and Frank Zimmerer.

Brother Cook reminded members of the criteria for nominating new candidates. Nominations for 2025 candidates will be taken at Friday's meeting. Membership Committee Forms for nominating will be available Friday.

Brother J.R. Baker reported on the All State Band Conductors for 2025 and 2026:

2025 – 9/10 Band – Robert Herrings
11/12 Band – Don Schofield

2026 – 9/10 Band – Darren Davis
11/12 Band – Jerry Junkin

Some discussion about 2027 conductors. There will be no vote this year as the dates for the 2027 Conference are not confirmed.

Sister Debbie Burton discussed the new chapter website and the updates being made.

Brother Denton stressed to go on the International website (phibetamu.org) and especially take a look at the awards that are available.

Sister Susan Waters briefly discussed the Mentor Project and Awards available. She will have more on this at the Friday meeting.

Brother Denton discussed providing opportunities for awarding young teachers and getting them more involved. His discussion of his vision and plans for TMEA as he takes over as President is as follows:

“Beginning in the summer of 2024 and moving forward, one of the main objectives of TMEA will be to partner with regional associations and other associations in our state, like PBM, to create opportunities for professional development and teacher retention throughout our state. We will also be working to improve Teacher membership and participation in TMEA to heighten student eligibility. We will be working on ways to lighten the teacher financial burden for membership so they and their students can participate.

We will also be creating a young teacher leadership Academy that will help prepare our younger members for leadership roles in their regional and state organization in the coming years.

In addition and specifically for PBM, we will begin recognizing the outstanding bandmaster and young bandmaster of each year.

Since we have already established a Tennessee Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame will not be creating a PBM Hall of Fame at this date.”

Brother Denton discussed the Attendance Policy we will begin following in 2025 for our annual meeting. This is in line with the International Constitution and By Laws. You can find the policy on page 10 of the Constitution and By Laws on the International website. We will be adjusting the policy to meet our needs.

Please update your email and mailing address with Sister Jo Ann Hood. You need to go to the International Website and update your profile and email.

NEW BUSINESS

Brother Denton congratulated one of our conference performing groups The University of Tennessee Wind Ensemble, Brother John Zastoupil, Conductor. They were amazing!

Brother Denton announced that Brother Greg Wolyneec will be leaving us. He will be Orchestra Director at the University of Southern Mississippi. Good Luck and we will miss you!

Congratulations to Brother Ron Rogers and Sister Nola Jones on their induction into The Tennessee Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame Class of 2024.

If anyone has an article or info for the International Spring Report, please let Sister Hood know.

Nomination and election of our 2024-2026 officers was held. Elected by acclamation, motion Brother Ollie Liddell, second Brother David Aydelott:

Vice President/President Elect – Brother Justin Scott

Executive Secretary/Treasurer – Sister Debbie Burton

Board Members – Sisters Susan Waters and Lisa Burden

Sister Hood presented past membership certificates.

Welcome to our Indiana guest Brother John Phillips. He will present a session Friday morning, don't miss it. Brother Phillips commented the Concert were fabulous!

Meeting recessed until Friday at 6:00 pm.

MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2024

Brother Denton reconvened the meeting and asked everyone to check in with the QR Code. Trying this for checking roll.

Induction of our new members was held complete with circle and the renewing of our pledge to the Fraternity. New members were introduced and pinned. Welcome to Brother Patrick Bolton, Brother Rodney Brown, Brother Thomas Richardson, Brother Michael Rosson, Brother John Schnettler, Brother Chris Seger, and Brother Frank Zimmerer.

Welcome to our 2024 All State Conductors:

Jazz Conductor, Michele Fernandez

9/10 Conductor, Sara McKoin

11/12 Conductor, Alex Kaminsky

Welcome to Scott Sheehan with NAFME and Illinois Brother Scott Casagrande

Procedure for nominating new candidates was reviewed and nominations for 2025 Candidates were as follows:

<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>NOMINATOR</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Kelley Burroughs	Brother David Butler	Sister Jenny D’Andrea Brother Brent Alverson
Evan Burton	Sister Carole Grooms	Brother Mark Kinzer Brother Mark Garey
Vanessa Cobb	Brother Gregory Wolynech	Brother J. R. Baker Sister Jo Ann Hood
Carolyn Hankins	Brother Mark Garey	Sister Carole Grooms Brother Mark Kinzer
Dennis Hawkins, Jr.	Brother Justin Scott	Brother Craig Cornish Sister Stacy Jernigan
Michael Holland	Brother Mark Kinzer	Sister Carole Grooms Brother Randal Box
Carter Noblin	Brother Michael Chester	Sister Jo Ann Hood Brother J. R. Baker
Michael Stewart	Brother Lafe Cook	Sister Stacy Jernigan Sister Megan Christian
Carol Strayer	Brother Scott Miller	Brother John Zastoupil Brother Mark Garey Sister Carole Groom

Brother Cook, Sister Waters, and Sister Burden presented possible awards and some of the criteria for qualifications.

1. Tennessee Emerging Band Director – 5 years or less experience.
2. Tennessee Director of Note – 6 to 16 years of experience.
3. Outstanding Contributor Award – Criteria below.

Outstanding Contributor Award

The Outstanding Contributor Award honors individuals, institutions, organizations, and businesses for exceptional contributions to the support and/or development of bands. Recipients encompass a diverse range of roles such as composers, administrators, business figures, and others who significantly impact our profession. Evidence of contribution may include but is not limited to the following:

1. **Impact on Tennessee Bands**: Demonstrates significant and tangible contributions to the support and development of bands within the state of Tennessee, thereby enhancing the quality of music education and performance opportunities for students.
2. **Innovation and Advancement**: Displays innovative approaches and initiatives that advance the field of band education and performance within the Tennessee community, introducing new methodologies, technologies, or programs that benefit bands and bandmasters.
3. **Collaboration and Partnership**: Has established a proven record of collaboration and partnership with other stakeholders in Tennessee's music education community, fostering the growth and success of bands.
4. **Mentorship and Education**: Demonstrates a commitment to mentorship and education by providing guidance and support to aspiring bandmasters, students, and colleagues in Tennessee through workshops, clinics, or other educational initiatives.
5. **Advocacy for Music Education**: Acts as an advocate for music education in Tennessee, actively promoting the importance of band programs and lobbying for resources and support to ensure their continued success and accessibility to all students.
6. **Philanthropy and Service**: Exhibits a track record of giving back to the community through philanthropic efforts or service activities that directly benefit bands, bandmasters, or music education in general.
7. **Long-Term Dedication**: Demonstrates sustained and long-term dedication to the improvement and growth of band programs in Tennessee, showing consistency and perseverance in their efforts over time.

Congratulations to the Ravenwood High School Honors Chamber Orchestra, Brother Gary Wilkes, Conductor on their outstanding Conference performance.

Congratulations to Brother John Zastoupil on the birth of his daughter Blair Murphy Zastoupil! Baby Zastoupil was born shortly after her father performed a magnificent concert for our Conference. All are doing great!

Thank you to the Conference Chairs:

Brother Mark Garey – Registration Chair
Brother Michael Chester – TMEA Executive Director
Sister Debbie Burton – Conference Assistant
Brother Joel Denton – TMEA President Elect

Members were reminded about checking in with the QR Code.

Brother Cook presented and pinned Brother Denton with his Past President Pearl Pin. It was very emotional!!!

Meeting Adjourned!!!!

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March 27, 2025

FINANCIAL REPORT April 1, 2024 – March 26, 2025

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance April 1, 2024	\$ 637.75
Deposits April, 2024	2284.05
Deposits May, 2024	2307.87
Deposits June, 2024	<u>135.00</u>
TOTAL	\$5364.67
LESS EXPENSES	<u>\$2150.55</u>
BALANCE March 26, 2025	<u>\$3214.12</u>

EXPENSES

Costco	April 8, 2024	\$ 186.29
Total Wine	April 9, 2024	318.86
Kroger	April 10, 2024	52.13
Kroger	April 11, 2024	133.47
Service Charge	April 22, 2024	12.00
PBMI	June 18, 2024	1050.00
Commission	October 2, 2024	200.00
Postage	October 4, 2024	5.80
Square Space	December 9, 2024	<u>192.00</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$2150.55</u>