

# **Minutes for NWNMMEA Fall Meeting**

## **August 27, 2008 Shiprock; Tse Bit Ai Middle School**

### **I. Call to Order**

- Time (1:39 pm)
- Thanks to Paul Magnuson and Tse Bit Ai Staff for hosting our meeting

### **II. Roll**

#### **Executive Committee:**

Monica Leaming, President and Orchestra VP

Bryce Mullen, Band Vice-President

Marletta Newman, Choral Vice-President

**Members:** Mark Allen, Chris Argotsinger, Leah Cargile, Kurt Chrisman, Keith Cochrane, David Collard, Daniel Fear, Lewis Hewitt, Janet Isham, Shawn Kidd, Bonnie Lee, Paul Magnuson, Kayla Mohlman, Paul Montanari, Melissa Mortensen, Jessica Mullen, Virginia Nickels-Hircock, Allison Peacock, Sandra Pixley, Rich Raimey, Scott Ryan, Buffy Tolstedt, Sharon Wilkins, Rich Worcester

### **III. Approval of minutes of the last meeting**

- Motion – Janet Isham, Second – Kurt Chrisman, Motion carried

### **IV. President's Report**

- Updated email directory together
- Please let your section VP's know about any directory changes that need to happen in our NW directories
- Got onto MENC website together to see how easy updating is. Must have your MENC number to get into the information.
  - Shawn Kidd asked if there was a way to "mask" the information from even other members seeing it. Monica will check with Don Gerheart.
- Voted on viewing New Mexico Musician minutes of the State meetings online only to help save the Editor money when printing the magazine. No one opposed.
- The dates of the Dallas Symposium are June 13-15, 2009.
- Look at "Updates and Reminders" from Don Gerheart
  - Read through and follow instructions as posted.
  - Review the new Handbook Section II, E, 2. \*Be sure that all students fill out commitment for All-State. It will be posted on the web. The link is under new and very important on the NMMEA website
  - Money from Rollie Heltman scholarship is almost out and when it does there will only be a general NMMEA Music Educators Fund rather than trying to keep up with a variety of scholarships to honor each colleague who has passed.
  - 2009 Award Recipients were announced. The NW will resubmit Jessica Mullen and Barbara Specht in 2009. Bryce and Virginia will beef up both applications throughout the year.
- Reminder to look on our website for All-State information, calendar dates, changes to the handbook and by-laws, and check the bulletin board often throughout the year.
- Advocacy: Monica reported to the state Petra Lyon's frustration about not being asked to do more. Nicole Glass (now Kemp) responded stating the committee completed the largest amount of work after January, when the NW no longer had a representative. The report that Nicole gave the state was sent to all NW members. The amount of work is obvious.

- Buffy Tolstedt will now serve on the State Advocacy Committee representing the NW.
- All members were also sent a program insert that Nicole suggested we all use which is basically a call to action for all supporters when they attend. We all have made a commitment to this small task.
- Marching band directors were encouraged to write a small “blurb” that can be read at football games in order to advocate in that arena as well.
- The SW District of NM has become a leader in their advocacy efforts and all members are encouraged to follow suit. They are really the only district in NM whose numbers are increasing. Their summer music camps brochures were reviewed. Farmington Municipal Schools have already made a commitment to try the program. All school districts will have to take care of the schools they serve. Monica will try to get Neil Swapp to share the files regarding the camps for the whole district.
- Discussion regarding Tohatchi’s band instruments not being made available to the new school that just opened up in Gallup was discussed and advocacy efforts are needed here. Nothing was resolved.
- NW Handbook changes
  - Choral fees updated
  - Honor Choir percentages updated
  - Can be found on NW website
- SBA Testing Window moved
  - Don called State Board and asked if they had asked Gary Tripp about the change prior to making it. The answer was no. Don and Gary are now in touch with the state and are trying to get the state to set testing windows at least two years in advance.
  - Do we need to change our dates? Can we?
  - Discussion ensued, nothing was resolved or changed from the current calendar.
  - Issue tabled until after section meetings and everyone needs to talk with their administration.
- New and Emerging Music Educator of the Year award will begin in 2010.
  - New state award gives new teachers something to be recognized for.
  - Guidelines will be much like other state awards but the recipient must have been a teacher for under 5 years.
- All-State Conference: January 7-10, 2009
- None of the section VP’s had anything to report to the general membership

## V. Treasurer’s Report

- **Band:** \$3145.30
- **Choir:** \$1034.33
- **Orchestra:** \$4224.53
- Treasurer’s will now combine all information into one district report for the year to be reviewed at the spring meeting. This will make it much easier to report to the state as well.

## VI. Unfinished Business

- Nominations for the new District President to finish out Monica’s term
  - Daniel Fear and Virginia Nickels-Hircock
  - Virginia will serve and take over at the state meeting in January 2009.

## **VII. New Business**

- Virginia made announcements regarding Four Corners Idol fundraiser and an adult choir called “Caliente” that she is taking to Ireland in 2009. Contact her for more information.
- Keith Cochrane would love to go out and play solos with band teachers in the spring. He’s also willing to come work with any group. His information is on the band directory.
- Paul Montanari wanted to remind everyone that the NW Jazz Festival is open to all groups; band, choir, and orchestra. Nina Freelon is going to be the guest artist this year and she is a superb jazz vocalist.

## **VIII. Announcements**

- Spring Meeting May 6, 2009. 2:00 pm Kirtland
- Paul Montanari got married!
- Dan and Kayla designed new marching band uniforms for PV. They will march them onto the field next year.

## **IX. Adjournment of General Meeting**

- Time (3:02 pm)

## **X. Section Meetings**