

Minutes

NMMEA Central District VI

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Los Lunas High School

President Bill Griner called meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. Bill welcomed everyone and introduction of members followed. Cathy Danner moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Will Bos. Bill also referred to the Secretary minutes from the Fall meeting. Cherokee moved to approve the Secretary's Report, seconded by Brad Neely. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jadira Flamm gave the Treasurer's Report. Checked payments on the report have been received. If no check appears by the name, those payments must be in by the end of June.

No late fees were assigned to Grants district because of paperwork issues and some confusion about what fees were owed. Jadira moved to call the amount that was stated on the report for Grants district good. Seconded by Melissa Mercogliano. We will get one check from Grants for all monies that are owed.

We are now reporting our district accounts to the IRS. Districts will send individual reports to the state, and the state will report directly to the IRS.

Melissa moved that we approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Cherokee Randolph. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report

Cathy Danner gave the Secretary's Report. Because the minutes from the last meeting were already approved, she asked that members update their contact info for an accurate database. Anyone with changes (or new to the district) should see her after the general meeting is finished.

Band VP Report

Anthony Baca gave the Band VP Report. Honor Band was held at Cleveland HS and went very well. We tried split MPA weekends this year at Los Lunas HS, which seemed to work. Solo and Ensemble was held at LLHS as well. There is a lot of movement with directors this year. There are several retirements, as well as colleagues that are moving out of district/state. We were also made aware of an opening at SODA with Brad focusing his time on the home school band.

Choir VP Report

Becky Talbott gave the Choir VP Report. Choir had a great year. They held two busy Solo and Ensemble festivals, a very successful Honor Choir, and a successful MPA. There was high attendance at all three of these events. Becky also congratulated Robert Barrett and Lisa Chouinard on their retirements.

General Music VP Report

Cathy Estrada gave the General Music VP Report. The General Music Festival was held at Los Lunas HS this year. 15 schools from 5 communities participated. There were lots of good stations throughout the day, and 86% of the students that signed up showed up for the festival. A new t-shirt vendor was used this year, with great results. They are highly recommended to use again. The revenue brought in by the festival covered the expenses, as well as left a surplus. This means that we can sustain our recent raise in stipend for station teachers and custodian.

Guitar VP Report

Justin McMurdo gave the Guitar VP Report. All festivals are doing well. Our district is outperforming and acting more professional than other districts. He is working on guitar festival guidelines to add to the handbook in the fall.

Orchestra VP Report

Cherokee Randolph gave the Orchestra VP Report. Eric Walters retired in March. Directors would like to combine Honor Orchestra, both HS and MS, with the North Central District. They would split the costs. Solo and Ensemble registration had trouble with the website. Some teachers would register, but an email was never populated to Jadira. This problem was fixed eventually. There are some personnel changes, but can't be brought up yet until it is figured out. There has been talk about collaborating MPA with Farmington, but not sure if that will work because of the distance. District VII festival is getting too big, and so there is also talk of doing our own MPA.

New Business

Calendar Dates - worked on to reflect the dates for the upcoming year. Choir dates will be discussed in section meeting and reported back. Honor Orchestra will be discussed in section meeting. Band MPA sites as well as Solo and Ensemble will be discussed in section meeting and reported back. Justin will send guitar dates/sites to Cathy. Becky will send choir dates/sites to Cathy as well.

License numbers – Teacher licensure numbers need to be sent to the state for accuracy in reporting. Some numbers couldn't be matched up with the correct data due to wrong numbers/name changes. Please make sure to get that in to the president.

Awarding plaques – Which point ranges do we use for plaque awards? Choir used the old system (90-100), band used the new system (95-100). Discussion followed. Melissa moved to put a committee together to look at the issue of plaque scores, but no one seconded. Anthony moved that a Superior plaque will be awarded based on the data on the judging sheet at MPA. We will put a committee together to get the wording correct to change the handbook and get rid of the matrix. Brad seconded, and the motion passed.

Officer resigning mid-term – Matt Casarez moved to change the constitution (bylaws) to read “When an officer resigns mid-term, he or she shall be replaced by a vote of the general membership at the next district meeting. The replacement officer will complete the term until the next spring meeting in an even numbered year.” Seconded by Becky, and the motion passed.

Signature Card – Deb Fleming moved that VPs should be included as signatories on the district account. Jadira seconded, followed by discussion. The motion passed.

Plaques for festivals out-of-district – Jeff Jolly mentioned that if a group goes out of district for a festival, such as Guitar MPA, plaques have to be purchased from our district because those are not included in the fees due at the festival. Discussion followed as to whether this is viable or not. Justin said that they would discuss the issue in their section meeting. Deb moved that regardless of what district MPA we go to, plaques should be provided for our students. Jeff seconded, with discussion following. Motion died. Virginia amended the motion to extended circumstances. Jeff seconded, with the motion dying.

State Nominations were discussed. Bill reminded us of responsibilities of filling out the nomination packet. You must do the work if you nominate someone.

Administrator of the Year	Sue Passell (nominated by Becky Talbott, seconded by Deb Fleming)
Award of Distinction	no nominations
Emeritus Teacher	no nominations
Hall of Fame	Virginia Hinds (nominated by Bill Griner, seconded by Brad Neely)
John Batchellor	Johanna Friedrich (nominated by Bill Griner, seconded by Laura Arrasmith)
Music Educator of the Year	Becky Talbott (nominated by Lisa Chouinard, seconded by Melissa Mercogliano)
New and Emerging Teacher	Justin McMurdo (nominated by Susan Valdez, seconded by Lisa Chouinard) Will Bos (nominated by Melissa Mercogliano, seconded by Jonathan Robak) Laura Arrasmith (nominated by Bill Griner, seconded by Johanna Friedrich) *motion by Cathy to submit all three nominations, Virginia Hinds seconded; motion passed

Election of Officers were voted on.

President	Becky Talbott (nominated by Melissa Mercogliano, seconded by Karen Ginther) Anthony Baca (nominated by Henry Estrada, seconded by Rena Sedillo) **voting followed, with Anthony being elected; Anthony accepted
Secretary	Cathy Danner (nominated by Bill Griner after asking if she was willing to serve again); Cathy accepted
Treasurer	Bill Griner (nominated by Henry Estrada, seconded by Cherokee Randolph after volunteering to take the position); Bill accepted
Band VP	Jonathan Robak (nominated by Matt Casarez, seconded by Will Bos); Jonathan accepted

Choir VP Mika Proctor (nominated by Melissa Mercogliano, seconded by Becky Talbott); Mika accepted

General Music VP Johanna Friedrich (nominated by Deb Fleming, seconded by Tracy White); Johanna accepted

Guitar VP Justin McMurdo (nominated by Jeff Jolly); declined nomination
Miguel Jaramillo (nominated by Justin McMurdo, seconded by Jeff Jolly); Miguel accepted

Orchestra VP Les Ginther (nominated by Cherokee Randolph, seconded by Deb Fleming); Les accepted

Bill reminded everyone to look at the updates from NMMEA.

Cathy moved to adjourn to section meetings. Motion seconded and approved. Adjourned to section meetings at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Danner