

# Minutes

NMMEA Central District VI  
Saturday, May 10, 2014  
Los Lunas High School

President Bill Austell called meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Bill welcomed everyone and introduction of members followed. Bill gave a short summary of the committee meeting regarding EoCs. He went through the proposed suggestions that the committee came up with to present to the state board. Bill would like for these suggestions to be finalized by the end of the school year to get them to the board of directors.

## Secretary's Report

Cathy Danner gave the Secretary's Report. Mike Hinds moved to approve the minutes as is, seconded by Chandra Blackston. The motion passed. Cathy also asked that members get updated information to her so the roster can be up to date.

## Treasurer's Report

Jadira Flamm gave the Treasurer's Report. There was a bit of concern about the Guitar Honor group loss due to paying for patches. Discussion followed. Becky Talbott moved to continue to provide the patches for Guitar Honor group at no cost to the student, seconded by Henry Estrada. The motion passed.

Jadira reminded everyone that on the Fees and Policies sheet for the General Music festival, clinicians would be paid \$100 if they were from out of district and \$50 if they were in district.

Jadira asked site hosts to please include her in emails concerning events going on. That way, she is kept inside the loop and it serves as a reminder for her to get invoices out. Cathy Danner moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Kurt Schmidt. The motion passed.

## Band VP Report

Matt Casarez gave the Band VP Report. Matt said that band had a great year. The clinicians at Honor Band were John Sanks for the high school, and Betsy Van Dyke for the middle school. At MPA, with the new sheets, there was a bit of confusion by the judges at first, but they figured them out and the festival ran smoothly. Solo and Ensemble participation was down 25% from last year. This might be due to it being earlier than normal. Overall, the band division had a good year.

## Choir VP Report

Becky Talbott gave the Choir VP Report. Becky said that the choir had a great year. Honor Choir had a fantastic group. They ended up splitting the Solo and Ensemble festival in half. The high school and some middle school groups had one in the fall, with the rest of the middle schools having it in the spring. There were good comments overall from everyone. MPA had a few bumps due to the new PED guidelines.

## Orchestra VP Report

Chandra Blackston gave the Orchestra VP Report. Chandra reported that orchestra had a good year. The fourth year Honor Orchestra has become quite large. They are considering expanding to high school next year. Solo and Ensemble was hosted by Cherokee Randolph, but the timing was a bit odd due to coming right off of MPA.

## Guitar VP Report

Justin McMurdo gave the Guitar VP Report. Justin reported that MPA was in Moriarty this year and it ran very smoothly.

## General Music VP Report

Amy Anderson gave the General Music VP Report. Amy reported that the General Music Festival had 213 students from 5 school districts register, with 184 students actually participating. The participation was higher than last year due to more schools being prepared to register early. There were a wide variety of activities for the students to participate in. T-shirts were sold once again and the registration process went smoothly. An area of concern is the

NMPED Elementary Music EOC. Their concerns would be discussed in the section meeting. Amy also mentioned that there were many general music openings in District VI due to retirements, so she encouraged us to spread the word.

**Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business**

Jadira asked to be reimbursed for mileage due to having to drive to various events to drop items off that were needed. Henry Estrada moved to reimburse Jadira for the mileage, seconded by Robert Barrette. Motion passed.

Chandra asked the members to let her know of any names of string students that might not be in a formal string program so she can get information to them regarding events next year so they are not excluded from participating.

Bill brought our attention to the Updates and Reminders page from Don Gerhardt. Audition information for All-State is up on the website. There was also information regarding registrations for students who are home schooled or schools without music programs. The NMMEA website will be changing soon, hopefully over the summer. The site will be run by the same company that does the NAFME site.

*Calendar Dates* were updated to reflect the upcoming year.

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

Music Educator of the Year	Donna Schmidt (nominated by Kurt Schmidt, seconded by Chandra Blackston)
John Batcheller Award	Jan Delgado - APS (nominated by Cathy Estrada, seconded by Amy Anderson) **only if District VII hasn't nominated her
Hall of Fame	Debbie Fleming (nominated by Amy Anderson, seconded by Kurt Schmidt) Virginia Hinds (nominated by Bill Griner, seconded by Brad Neely)
Administrator of the Year	Alton Autrey - Grants HS (nominated by Gay Simpkins, seconded by Bill Griner)
Emeritus Teacher	Mark Scholz (nominated by Justin McMurdo, seconded by Cherokee Randolph)
New and Emerging Teacher	Jordan Sayre (nominated by Anthony Baca, seconded by Matt Casarez)
District of the Year	No nominations
Election of Officers were voted on.	
President	Kurt Schmidt (nominated by Matt Casarez, seconded by Becky Talbott) Bill Griner (nominated by Gay Simpkins, seconded by Johanna Friedrich) Anthony Baca (nominated by Brad Neely) **Voting followed with Kurt being elected. Kurt accepted.
Treasurer	Jadira Flamm (nominated by Kurt Schmidt, seconded by Amy Anderson); Jadira accepted
Secretary	Cathy Danner (nominated by Virginia Hinds, seconded by Cherokee Randolph); Cathy accepted
Orchestra	Cherokee Randolph (nominated by Chandra Blackston, seconded by Karen Ginther); Cherokee

VP	accepted
Band VP	Anthony Baca (nominated by Henry Estrada, seconded by Matt Casarez) Bill Griner (nominated by Gay Simpkins, seconded by Johanna Friedrich) **Voting followed with Anthony being elected. Anthony accepted.
General Music VP	Cathy Estrada (nominated by Amy Anderson, seconded by Virginia Hinds)
Choir VP	Becky Talbott (nominated by Janice Needham, seconded by Amy Anderson)
Guitar VP	Justin McMurdo (nominated by Brad Neely, seconded by Janice Needham)

Adjourned to Section meetings at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine Danner