

Orchestra Section Meeting Minutes – August 24, 2016

Attendance Monica Leaming – FHS/TMS, Allison Carson – PVHS/MVMS and Stephanie Opsal - Heights

Financial Report presented

In the Wells Fargo Account as of August 24, 2016 = \$11,303.58 with 2 checks outstanding

All-State String Auditions, Volcano Vista HS, Friday, Oct. 21, 2016, 7 am departure from PVHS

- Allison make sure you give Monica a roster of PV students!

Pick Honor Orchestra music at FMS District Prof day

- Allison and I will choose high school music on September 22, 2016, during our PLC
- Everyone will choose middle school music on September 26, 2016, 4 PM

Solo & Ensemble, November 12, 2016, Tibbetts MS, 8:00 am - approx. 4:00 **THIS IS A CHANGE!!!!**

Scheduling, Invoices and set-up: Monica Leaming

Pencils and Coffee: Allison Carson

Water Bottles, Jolly Ranchers, and Lunch: Buffy Tolstedt

Adjudicators: Teun Fetz, Clarissa Clark, Ashley Markle (8-noon)

Schedule Buffy in the morning so she can go get lunch

Try to get kids to do ensembles. Look at Samuel Applebaum books.

Let Monica know earlier if you're going to have a lot of solos.

Remember to use the official NMMEA registration. Your kids will not be scheduled any other way.

Dates to Remember: **Oct 17** complete online registration (this number is the number that you will be invoiced for regardless if they actually perform or not)

Oct 21 Monica will confirm numbers by email

Oct 31 Fill out your judging sheets

Nov 7 schedule goes out

MS Honor Orchestra Chair Placements, Feb 27 – Feb 28, 2017, Heights

HS Honor Orchestra Chair Placements, Feb 27 – Mar 2, 2017, FHS Schedule to be released later in year

Create rubric for all of us to use for auditions.

Beginning Honor Orchestra, March 10, 2017, SJC HH

- Invite more staff to play at the "recital"
- Continue to be careful when selecting rep (.5 – 1 for this group)
- Monica will stay at the college when everyone else goes home to get dressed
- Consider using color name tags and leaving them on stands for the concert
 - Monica will send name tag document, each director will print on school color & send back to Monica for her then to put in chair placement order prior to the event.

Honor Orchestra, March 13-14, 2017, Civic Center

- NWNMMEA commission a piece from Brian Balmages for either 8th graders or Elite so that same kids don't get a commissioned piece again next year. Suggested that we let him know our date for March 12-13, 2018
- Clinicians will be Lisa Donald, Dee Ann Cason, Cindy Cabada and Kasia Sokol
- Publish middle school audition spots for auditions the day before so that it can be posted for first few kids
- Audition no shows will not be allowed to attend. If the kid knows of a conflict ahead of time, they can record a video of the audition. The iMovie recording must be presented by the director prior to auditions and will be viewed during a regularly scheduled audition time.
- Honor Orchestra Contracts in January similar to All-State, signatures from student, parent, and director
- Preparedness of kids; **still** an issue. We are going to create a rubric that the HS kids have to complete a cutscore in order to actually participate. Directors still have the option of leaving kids at home if they feel the kid is not ready.
- Request brown chairs for Elite in Lobby because folding are too low
- Signs for instrument rooms in back SPLIT the MS and HS!
- NMMEA will purchase all Honor Orchestra music for each school next year
- Split the group where they come out of the back. (Apprentice and Intermediate through the audience exit) (Elite and Advanced through back door)
- Transporting stands to Civic Center
 - Reserve Board Room for Friday to drop off stuff
 - If so, then have maintenance move it
 - Definitely have maintenance move everything on Wednesday
 - Stephanie have one 20 stands stand rack ready to be picked up on Friday, March 10 from maintenance.
 - Allison and Monica bring two podiums

NWNMMEA MPA, March 28, 2017, SJC HH

- PV Symphony and FHS Chamber will perform... who else? Contact Cherokee
- Needed to choose easier sight reading and make copies of scores for judges of whatever we choose
 - MS needs to be one key, 4/4 time, straight ahead rhythms
 - HS needs to be one key, 4/4 or 3/4 time, easy syncopations
- Need to request the sound cloud
- Didn't charge any of the groups but paid judges for their services.
- Could easily handle 4 more groups without changing anything about how we ran the festival. We went with one set up and fit the other groups into it. More than 4 more groups would mean that we have to also reserve 9012 as a sight reading room.
- Maybe add more time so that clinic can be longer

NMAA State Orchestra Contest, April 1, 2017, VVHS in Albuquerque

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