

Choral Sectional Meeting Minutes 5-16

- **Financial Report**
 - There is \$2617.33 in the choir account
- **FLC Honor Choir, Next years date? Possibly Nov 10**
 - * Invited High Schools Only
 - * Contact Shawna Blaylock, FLC for music list
 - * ftlewis.edu for more information
 - * Each individual students must audition this year (Sing America the Beautiful & send in a recording) Is this still the same for next year? Info is not available yet
- **High School & Middle School "Unofficial" Solo and Ensemble**
 - Monday, October 3rd, 2016
 - Location Farmington High School hosted by Laura Argotsinger
 - Registration is due September 26th, 2016 to Laura
- **Youth All-State, NMSU, Las Cruces Convention Center, January 26-28, 2017**
 - Must register as an ACDA member to participate
 - Audition pieces are not posted yet
 - Youth Choir: Clinician Dr. Carolyn Cruse of Texas Tech

 - Elementary Choir: Clinician Paul Carey, Choral Composer

 - Petra Lyon main coordinator and contact for Farmington
 - Website is nmacda.com for more information
 - Audition Deadline Not posted yet
 - Registration Deadline is not posted yet
- **Music Performance Assessment
March 15 & 16, 2017**
 - Marletta Newman, Festival Coordinator
 - Where: Bloomfield High School
 - When: Middle School – Wednesday, March 15, 2017
Thursday, March 16, 2017
 - Site Chair: Middle School Day – Shawn Kidd & Virginia Nickels
High School Day – Marletta Newman & Siromani Leath
 - Deadline for online registration is February 15, 2017
 - \$135 Fee (this includes the \$10 photo fee)
 - Marletta will provide lunches
 - Virginia will get the judges
 - Marletta will do the schedule
 - Elementary choirs are welcome to attend and remember they may perform their Honor Choir music if they wish since their rehearsal time is extremely limited.
 - An MPA choral judge from last year suggested the district do a formal welcome letter for any future judges. Virginia Nickels will formulate the letter which will include information about our district which includes a variety of schools and cultures; information about the type of musical selections we expect and will also ask the judges to make sure that they are supportive with their judging comments and that any criticism is constructive.

- The following was discussed: Should judges collaborate and use each other's comments in the clinic? It was decided that no, judges should not collaborate, and that the clinic should be based on the individual clinician's opinions only.

- **Other Business**

- State Choir Festival possibly April 21-22—date not posted yet. Use nmact.org for more information
- High School All State will be Jan 4-7, 2017 and High School All State auditions will be Oct. 18-20, Registration deadline is 9-17-16, Audition piece is Across The Vast Eternal Sky – Gjeilo (Published by Walton # HL 00117661 – SSAATTBB)
- Jason Paulk of ENMU in Portales will be hosting a Man Sing for Middle school/High school September 12th. Changed voices only. Farmington will take a bus down on the 11th, stay overnight and drive back on the 12th after the early afternoon concert. Bloomfield, Kirtland, etc. are welcome to ride with Farmington.
- The choral portion of the Handbook was updated and revised to reflect current policies of the district.
- Reminder to call Paul Bara and Cobrun Sells for piano tuning.
- San Juan College High School students—is it true that they cannot participate in District and All State events? It was determined at the Band meeting, per the Handbook of NMMEA, that since there is not a music program offered through their school then the students need to be sponsored by a current NMMEA member. There will be more information forthcoming.
- Virginia Nickels recommended Sing For Sight as a good sight-reading curriculum.
- Laura is taking a suburban to choir camp and she has room for 3. The camp is for 9th-12th grade students and will be held at ENMU June 5-9. The cost is \$285. For more information please contact Laura.
- Laura is organizing a Four Corners Women's Sing with Dr. Ornellas from ENMU. Middle school and high school girls are welcome to attend. She is thinking early October and will get us more information as it becomes available.