

# Choral Sectional Meeting August 8-17 (Marletta, Laura, Virginia, Robert, Victoria, Sherra, Petra, Siromani, David, Shawn, Katrina in attendance)

- **Financial Report**
  - There is \$3183.84 in the choir account
- **FLC Honor Choir, Thursday November 9, 2017**
  - \* Invited High Schools Only
  - \* Contact Shawna Blaylock, FLC for music list
  - \* [ftlewis.edu](http://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
  - \* Up to date info should be posted by the end of May
- **High School & Middle School “Unofficial” Solo and Ensemble**
  - Monday, October 2, 2017 starting at 4pm
  - Location Farmington High School hosted by Laura Argotsinger
  - Registration is due September 18, 2017 to Laura
  - There will be a \$10 fee
- **Youth All-State, NMSU, Las Cruces Convention Center, date not posted probably will be January 25-27, 2018**
  - Must register as an ACDA member to participate
  - Petra Lyon main coordinator and contact for Farmington
  - Website is [nmacda.com](http://nmacda.com) for more information
  - Audition Deadline is usually October 1st
  - Registration Deadline is not posted yet
  - Farmington will be affected by less funding
  - Shera will email the audition pieces
- **Music Performance Assessment  
March 14 & 15, 2018 (Wednesday & Thursday)**
  - Marletta Newman, Festival Coordinator
  - Where: Bloomfield High School
  - Site Chair: Middle School Day – Shawn Kidd & Virginia Nickels  
High School Day – Marletta Newman & Siromani Leath
  - Deadline for online registration is February 13, 2018
  - Discussed raising the \$125 Festival Fee to \$150  
Virginia made a motion that the fee be raised to \$150 and Siromani seconded it—the motion passed
  - Marletta will provide lunches
  - Virginia will get the judges. Please email suggestions for judges to her please.
  - 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.
  - Thank you Virginia for the formal welcome letter to the judges. It was great!
  - The new judging sheets were discussed—unanimously the group does NOT like the new judging sheets. Virginia suggested that in the Fall meeting we revamp the judging sheet. Virginia and Siromani both like the judging sheet that is used at the state contest. Petra made a motion that we consider using the state judging form. Siromani seconded it and the motion passed. Marletta also made a motion that we use the old judging form for sightreading whereby the judge just assigns a I, II or III. This was seconded by Siromani and the motion passed.

- Gas reimbursement for the judges was discussed. Virginia made a motion that we change our judging contract to say that the judge will be paid fourteen cents a mile as per the IRS recommended charitable guidelines. This was seconded by Petra and the motion passed.
- Judges pay was discussed. Virginia made a motion that we raise the judges pay by \$25 to \$200 per day. This was seconded by Petra and the motion passed.
- Shawn will compose the 2018 Sight-singing. Thank you Shawn!
- The website needs to be changed to say "5 minutes" to work the sightreading music. We voted on this in 2013.
- Virginia developed an MPA suggestion list. Marletta will send it to all the directors. Thank you Virginia!
- Uniformity was discussed. Some of the directors feel it is important for all the students to look the same when they perform and that colored hair (bright pink, red, green, purple, blue, etc.) and that face piercings are unacceptable.
- Marletta suggested that we purchase recorders for the judges to use. It was agreed that she will purchase them along with SD cards. Shawn will see to it that the performances are uploaded on the website.

- **Other Business**

- **State Choir Festival.** The board meeting for this is not until the summer. It will probably be April 19-21, 2018. Use nmact.org for more information
- **High School All State** will be Jan 10-13, 2018 and High School All State auditions will be Oct. 17-19. Registration deadline is September 16, 2017. Audition piece is The Singing Heart Bob Chilcott (b. 1955), SATB (Choir 1) & SATB (Choir II), Oxford University Press (BC39) OU.9780193433076 Check website for more information
- **ENMU Man Sing.** Farmington will probably not be taking a bus this year.
- **ENMU All State Prep Summer Camp** is June 11-15. Laura is taking a van and it is full!