

NWNMMEA Minutes for Fall Meeting 2007

Held August 29, 2007 at Newcomb High School

- I. Called to order at 3:25 p.m. by President, Monica Leaming. Thanks to NHS staff for hosting the meeting.
- II. Roll:
 - Executive Committee:
 - * Monica Leaming, President and Orchestra VP
 - * Bryce Mullen, Band Vice-President
 - * Angelo Zuniga, Band Secretary/Treasurer
 - * Marletta Newman, Choral Vice-President
 - * Amy Barrett, Choral Secretary/Treasurer
 - Members:
 - Mark Allen, Kurt Chrisman, Keith Cochrane, David Collard, Daniel Fear, Lewis Hewett, Betsy Jones, Shawn Kidd, Bonnie Lee, Petra Lyon, Scott L., Paul Magnuson, Kayla Mohlman, Paul Montanari, Jessica Mullen, Virginia Nickels-Hircock, Allison Peacock, Sandra Pixley, Scott Ryan, Roy Stubbs, Rachel Taulbee (Aztec HS student teacher), Buffy Tolstedt, Sharon Wilkins, Russell Woods, Rich Worcester, Tim Youree, Kevin Zwiers.
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion – A. Barrett, Second – D. Fear. Motion carried (M/S/C)
- IV. President's Report
 - a. M. Leaming pointed out several items in her written report to have membership read
 - i. Don Gerheart stresses once again to keep our personal information current with MENC. You can do this at www.menc.org
 - ii. Time was taken to fill out a questionnaire from Don regarding numbers and difficulties that each program is experiencing over the last three years. They were collected at the end of 5 minutes.
 - iii. Chuck Gerheart asked who would be willing to serve as a NW Advocacy Chair. Keith, Russell, Shawn, and Petra volunteered.
 - iv. NMMEA might be asking us to change our fee schedule to include a higher rate for festivals for those programs who have a non-MENC member directing them. Discussion ensues. Decided that we don't want to make any changes at this time.
 - v. Aaron Fleming is looking for names of people willing to serve on the NM Executive Committee. No one volunteered. State VP's are looking for people willing to help at the All-State conference. Jessica Mullen, band; Virginia Nickles, choir; volunteered.
 - vi. Monica needs the 2007 Vocal Large Group results to let Choral VP know who is eligible to participate in State Choir Contest, which will be held February 29 – March 1st in Albuquerque.
 - vii. Executive committee members were encouraged to make a job description of their district position so that the next member who takes the position does not have to start from scratch.
 - viii. Future music majors may apply for the Rollie V. Heltman Memorial Music Scholarship on our NMMEA website. Deadline is December 1st.

- ix. Ron Lipka is looking for retired teachers to continue as members in order that he can connect them with our new teachers in the mentoring program. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of the program.
- x. Chuck Gerheart is attempting to get a list of good judges together so that each section all over the state can more easily find judges for festivals. He is also trying to design a workshop that NM judges would have to go through in order to get their name on that list.
- xi. The All-State Registration Fee was increased from \$40 to \$50 and late fee from \$45 to \$55. This fee has not been raised for 10 years and New Mexico was among the lowest in the nation.
- xii. The Board of Directors of NMMEA is now paying for each Board Member to receive a National Federation of High School membership. When it is your chance to serve, this membership will be one perk of serving.
- xiii. There will not be a general music honor group because no one applied. Amy wondered if 6th grade choirs could apply. 6th grade bands could also apply. Petra stated a concern of covering your own expenses when you take a group. Monica asked the district to help cover expenses of any NW group that is accepted as an honor group in the future. This issue was tabled for the next meeting, in order to have time to think of how much money the district would like to donate to an accepted group.

V. Treasurer's Report

- a. Band - \$2585.30 with approximately \$1035.00 in outstanding invoices, will be \$3620.30
- b. Choir - \$3027.57, no outstanding invoices
- c. Orchestra - \$5687.92 with \$783.90 in outstanding invoices, will be \$6471.82

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. none

VII. New Business

- a. None

VIII. Announcements

- a. Keith Cochrane handed out the SJC music calendar and encouraged us to get our students involved with their various groups. Also, if we send a student roster to him, he'll make sure our students get in free to any SJC music department concerts.
- b. Monica handed out some advocacy brochures and DVD materials.
- c. Monica congratulated our band section on doing so well at the San Juan Country parade. Several NW bands participated.

VII. Meeting Adjourned at 4:45 p.m. for section meetings