

**Minutes for NWNMMEA Spring Meeting**  
August 25, 2010 Newcomb Middle School, Newcomb, NM

**I. Call to Order – Time ( 2:16pm )**

- Thanks to Mark Allen and Newcomb Middle School for hosting our meeting

**II. Roll and Introductions**

- Please add, change, or confirm (with your initials) your information on the directory as it is passed around. New Members to the Northwest District please fill out the New Member Form as it comes around.

New Members: Doug Brown, PVHS Band, and Mesa View Band

Joe Denham, Chief Manuelito

Jake Gasau, Aztec Band/Choir

Kathleen England, Student Teacher

Jessica Todd, Kirtland Mid

Lindsay Clark, Mesa Alta

Siromani Leath, Heights, Tibbetts Choir

Missing Members: Bryce Mullen, Shawn Kidd

**III. Approval of minutes of the last meeting**

- Minutes from Spring 2010
- Motion by: Buffy Tolsted      Second by: Monica Leaming

**IV. President's Report**

- Renew your info for MENC at <http://www.menc.org/members/login> whenever needed
- Executive Director's Updates and Reminders.... Check website, bulletin board link, audition materials, etc.
- Northwest District Honorees
  - I. Music Educator of the Year-Virginia Nickels-Hircock, Piedra Vista, Farmington
  - II. Dr. John Batchellar Award-Linda Parker, Aztec
  - III. School District Award of Distinction-Farmington Municipal Schools
  - IV. All-State Honor Choir Performance, PVC Pipes, Piedra Vista High School, conductor Virginia Nickels-Hircock
- Encourage students to audition for All-State... Small school too watered down? Encourage more to participate? One Etude per instrument?
- Summary of NMMEA Handbook updates
  - I. Revisions as approved by the Board
    - Conductors not to program more than 1 piece of their own
    - Students not to have disciplinary issues
- Section Reports to general membership
  - I. Band: New people, lots of stuff for the section meeting
  - II. Choir: Met morning of 8/25 mostly to meet new people and get organized
  - III. Orchestra: met in morning of 8/25
- How is the current budget forecast affecting your programs?

Budgets around NW district cut to half or 2/3 of what they were getting a few years ago. No new instruments for a while for a lot of programs.

  - I. All-State/District travel? Some not allowed to go, may be due to school rather than budget.
  - II. Impact and Status of Participation due to budget concerns?
    - Fewer Educators at All-State and In-Service?
    - Fewer Students participating in auditions?
- What are the positives happening in your programs/schools/districts? **Still have a job, numbers are up,**
- Share solutions and ways around obstacles with NW and the State. Person in Clovis who knows how money works in school districts. He could be a resource
- The NMMEA President and Executive Director are supporting the MENC Honor Groups. They want to encourage you to involve your students in these ensembles.

- Mentorship in the NW
  - I. Mentorship Representative? (Responsible for reporting to Ron Lipka) Janet Isham???
- Facebook/Communication
  - I. NMMEA Has a Facebook page-Dustin updates and posts rather regularly here. As a friend of the NMMEA page, you will also be able to post on the wall. It is also a great place to get timely information about things that affect music education.

#### V. Advocacy Report – Buffy Tolstedt – NW Representative

Power point presentation about what principals want from music teachers.

#### VI. Treasurer’s Report

- **Band: \$5261.41**
- **Choir: \$2649.84**
- **Orchestra: \$4574.26**

#### VII. Unfinished Business

- Report from Handbook Committee
  - Mission Statement acceptance motioned by Allison Peacock, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Montanari
  - Reviewed changes to Handbook.
  - Classification section reorganization, motioned by Bonnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Mont.
  - Event requirements (take out All State),
- Take out “**GROUPS PERFORMING FOR COMMENTS ONLY ARE NOT BOUND BY ELIGIBILITY RULES.**”
  - Motioned by Monica 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe, motion passed.
  - “Any group that has an outstanding invoice will not be allowed to enter a future NWNMMEA event until payment is made.” Taken out.
  - Motion to accept Handbook changes made Paul Montanari, 2<sup>nd</sup> Petra Lyon, motion passes

#### VIII. New Business

- Criteria for NMMEA Awards (link, email)
- Nominations for NMMEA Awards Tabled until spring.
  - Nominate Hall of Fame:
  - Nominate Administrator of the Year:
  - Nominate Music Educator of the Year:
  - Dr. John Batchellar-Elementary Teacher:
  - Emeritus Teacher:
  - New and Emerging:

#### IX. Announcements

Spring Meeting will be at 2:00 PM at Newcomb Middle School on May 4, 2011

- X. **Adjournment of General Meeting** – Time (3:37pm) motion: Buffy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Argotsinger