

Minutes for NWNMMEA Fall Meeting
August 24, 2011 Newcomb Middle School, Shiprock, NM

I. **Call to Order** – Time (_2:01_____)

- Thanks to Kayla Mohlman and Tse Bit Ai 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: Jessica B. Aztec, David Schwartz, Band, Kirtland, Tom Britanyk, Kirtland, Kayla Mohlman, TBA,

Missing Members:

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

- Minutes from Spring 2011
- Motion by: Daniel Fear Second by: George Schrader passed.

IV. **President's Report**

- Renew your info for MENC at <http://www.menc.org/members/login>
- Executive Director's Updates and Reminders
 - I. MENC is changing to NAFME (National Associate for Music Education)
 - II. All-State Conference Jan 4-7, 2012 Presented at UNM and Pope Joy Hall
- Northwest District Honorees
 - I. 2012 Hall of Fame: Janet Isham
- Encourage students to audition for All-State
 - I. Register at www.nmmea.com Dates for HS auditions online
 - II. No late registrations after the late registration date
- Section Reports to general membership
 - I. Band: no meeting yet
 - II. Choir:
 - III. Orchestra: Biggest change, Honor Orchestra, 5 groups. At civic center and Sacred Heart Parrish, will also like to add symphony. HS groups auditioned
- How is the current budget forecast affecting your programs? (District seems to holding strong, choir numbers up. Kids like the relief of going to a music class after having all those math classes)
 - I. All-State/District travel?
 - 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?
-----(Growth problem with schools "flunking" beginning groups high one year, then really small next. How do we avoid extra classes like academic lab, pull-outs, etc. How do we serve the kids that need music most?
Gallup teachers have to teach RTI classes, losing "Bubble kids" that have to take an extra class. Newcomb HS kids are in 2 intervention classes. Juniors are in a "how to take the test" class. TBA every student has an extra math class around lunch for 30 minutes)
- The NMMEA President and Executive Director are supporting the MENC Honor Groups. They want to encourage you to involve your students in these ensembles.
 - I. New Mexico was not represented last year (difficult to convince kid to pay \$50 to try, then if they make it they have to come up with \$1000 to attend. Easier for kids from affluent areas to try. District is encouraged to look at the audition and have some kids try out. Leave the money situation up to the parents. Attach link in minutes)
 - II. Any high school student may audition
 - III. <http://www.nafme.org/events/view/2012-all-national-honor-ensembles>
- Mentorship in the NW

- I. Mentorship Representative? (Responsible for reporting to Ron Lipka) Janet Isham was asked, agreed and put in contact w/Ron.
- 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

- State Advocate
- Check out MENC Groundswell at <http://advocacy.nafme.org/>

VI. Treasurer's Report

- **Band: 2788.00**
- **Choir: 3800.00**
- **Orchestra: 5127.07**

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. New Business

- Criteria for NMMEA Awards
- Nominations for NMMEA Awards held at the end of the year
 - Nominate Hall of Fame:
 - Nominate Administrator of the Year:
 - Nominate Music Educator of the Year:
 - Dr. John Batchellar-Elementary Teacher:
 - Emeritus Teacher:
 - New and Emmerging:

IX. Announcements

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

X. Adjournment of General Meeting – Time (__2:43pm__)

Jessica, Dave