

Minutes for NWNMMEA Spring Meeting
August 26, 2009 Tse Bit Ai Middle School, Shiprock, NM

I. Call to Order – Time (2:01pm)

- Thanks to Paul Magnuson and Tse Bit Ai for hosting our meeting

II. Roll and Introductions

- Please add or confirm (with your initials) your information on the directory as it is passed around.
- Members in attendance: Mark Allen, Chris Argotsinger, Keith Cochrane, David Collard, Daniel Fear, Janet Isham, Shawn Kidd, Monica Leaming, Bonnie Lee, Petra Lyon, Paul Magnuson, Kayla Mohlman, Paul Montanari, Bryce Mullen, Jessica Mullen, Virginia Nickels-Hircock, Alison Peacock, Richard Ramey, Scott Ryan, Buffy Tolstedt, Sharon Wilkins, Rich Worcester
- New Members: Demaree Brown, Choir - Heights/Tibbetts Middle School
Laura Cowell, Choir - Koogler Middle School
Gina Eldred, Choir - Mesa Alta Jr. High
Sarah Robb, Beg. Band - Ojo Amarillo Elementary
George Schrader, Band - Bloomfield HS/Mesa Alta Jr. High

III. Approval of minutes of the last meeting

- Motion by: Janet Isham Second by: Kayla Mohlman Motion passes.

IV. Ethics Statement

- READING OF THE ETHICS STATEMENT

V. President's Report

- Renew your info for MENC at <https://www.mencnet.org/web/> whenever needed
- Marletta, Buffy, and Monica: send me minutes of the section meeting as soon as possible
- Executive Director's Updates and Reminders
- Encourage more students to audition for All-State
- New All-State Commitment form
- Summary of NMMEA Handbook updates
 - I. A "Sliding Mileage Reimbursement Scale" which would reimburse mileage based on the price of gasoline was approved.
 - II. It was approved to add "in the continental U.S." to the **Guest Conductor/Elementary Guest Clinician** airline tickets section.
- Board of Directors approved online state elections utilizing *Voting on Demand*
- A committee was appointed to clean and make consistent the nomination information for Individual Achievement Awards. The committee is Chuck Gerheart, Neill Swapp, and Pam Towery.
- Thoughts on continuing education credit for All-State requested by Dustin Seifert
 - I. Thoughts from NW district: wouldn't really use it, don't need it
- Horror Stories-Share your experiences about NCLB (now Elementary and Secondary Education Act) and it's affects to you and your program-good or bad.
 - I. Janet mentioned that students do not have to take PE. Only have to take PE 1 year between 4-8th grades if it causes a conflict, can move to music program. Consult with Janet for more information regarding RTI rules.
- Where are our guitar programs and how do we grow/include them in the NW District
 - I. Bonnie Lee, Pat Neff, David Collard all have guitar programs
 - II. Most area guitar classes contain rock and country not enough classical training. Changes in curriculum? Not sure if students will benefit if they learn rock and country.
- Section Reports to general membership
 - I. Band: clinicians lined up, account good,
 - II. Choir: met in morning, everything looks good
 - III. Orchestra: have not met yet

VI. Advocacy Report – Buffy Tolstedt – NW Representative

- Advocacy needs to start with you, your program, your administration, school, and your community.
- Over 124,000 signatures for “Equal Access to Music Ed.” Petition, 5,000 from the state of New Mexico (4%)
- Music Advocacy met over the summer at the State Meeting. There will be more of a presence at All State. Pooling information between all of us. If you need information, I can get it.
- Music Advocacy pamphlet for everyone. Meant for administration/central office. Use as you see fit.
- Recording of Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan’s SupportMusic Coalition conference call. I have it as a MP3, or you can find it on Support Music.com. (Summary)

VII. Treasurer’s Report

- **The NW District has a Balance of \$7,727.02 among three accounts.**
 - **Band: \$2427.45**
 - **Choir: \$1461.71**
 - **Orchestra: \$ 3837.86**

VIII. Unfinished Business

IX. New Business

- Comparison of Award Packets from around the state - Monica Leaming
Know what they are applying for, Streamline auditions so there is a more even playing field. Monica volunteered to help members in district put together a nice packet.
- Nominations for NMMEA Awards
 - Motion to do nominations in the fall instead of spring: Monica Leaming, 2nd by Paul Magnuson
 - Vote: for -10/ opposed- 5/ 4 -abstain, motion passed.
 - Nominate Hall of Fame: Janet Isham: Keith Cochrane, 2nd by Kayla Mohlman
 - Nominate Administrator of the Year: Janel Ryan: Monica Leaming, 2nd by Gina Eldred
 - Nominate Music Educator of the Year: tabled until spring
 - Elementary Teacher: tabled until spring
 - Emeritus Teacher: Nominate Les Leach: Monica Leaming, 2nd by Janet Isham
 - New and Immerging: Kayla Mohlman: Monica Leaming, 2nd by Laura Cowell
 - John Batcheller: Linda Parker, Aztec, Janet Isham, 2nd by Keith Cochrane
 - Motion to close nominations: Janet Isham, 2nd by Paul Montanari
- Sliding Mileage chart for Mileage Reimbursement (Clinician/Adjudicator Contract)
 - Motion to accept sliding mileage and add to contracts: Paul Montanari, 2nd by Monica Leaming

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment of General Meeting – Time (2:57pm)