

**Minutes for NWNMMEA Spring Meeting  
May 6, 2009 Kirtland, BIPAC**

- **Call to Order**

Time: 2:00 pm. Thanks to Kirtland staff for hosting.

- **Roll**

Executive Committee in attendance includes Virginia Nickels-Hircock, President, Monica Leaming, Orchestra VP, and Marletta Newman, Choral VP.

**Members:**

Mark Allen, Chris Argotsinger, Kurt Chrisman, Lindsay Clark, David Collard, Daniel Fear, Louis Hewett, Shawn Kidd, Les Leach, Bonnie Lee, Paul Magnuson, Kayla Mohlman, Paul Montanari, Melissa Peretti, Richard Ramey, Scott Ryan, Buffy Tolstedt, Kevin Zwiers

- **Approval of minutes of the last meeting**

Motion - Buffy Tolstedt, Second, Daniel Fear, Motion carried

- **President's Report**

- a. Reminder to look on NMMEA website frequently
- b. Discuss advocacy and communication
  - Our Advocacy representative, Buffy Tolstedt, spoke on the subject
  - Advocacy materials – email Buffy if interested in advocacy articles
  - Les did a pamphlet for 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Farmington. Buffy passed out samples of the pamphlet.
  - Petra Lyon compiled a report on how electives support core classes in Hermosa MS and tracked assignments. She also showed how electives support standards and benchmarks.
  - Buffy encouraged stepping up to be on the leadership committees at school.
  - Monica Leaming requested information from the state and asked that Buffy forward information from the state to the membership.
  - Buffy spoke of the petition from the Department of Education for 1 million signatures for equal access to music education.
- c. Comment on All State recordings
  - All educators present were satisfied with the quality and timeliness of recording production and delivery
- d. Honor ensembles
  - CD audition recordings are due June 1 to your respective Vice-President
- e. Awards nominations
  - Due July 1
  - Suggestions were made: that each section donate funds to provide a more professional presentation packet; to make sure nominations have several copies; Email recollections of each nominee/testimonials to person compiling the nomination packet.
  - **Music Educator of the Year:** Janet Isham - Nominated by Paul Montanari, Second from Daniel Fear
  - **John M. Batcheller Award:** Carrie Glass - Nominated by Les Leach, Second from Buffy Tolstedt
  - **Hall of Fame:** Barbara Specht – Nominated by Monica Leaming, Second by Daniel Fear

- **Administrator Award:** Janel Ryan – Nominated by Buffy Tolstedt, Second by Kayla Mohlman
- **Distinguished Teacher Award:** Les Leach – Nominated by Monica Leaming, Second by Kurt Chrisman
- **New and Emerging Music Educator of the Year Award:** Kayla Mohlman – Nominated by Les Leach, Second by Buffy Tolstedt; Chris Argotsinger – Nominated by Monica Leaming, Second by Richard Ramey
- Daniel Fear, Kurt Chrisman, and Buffy Tolstedt will serve on Kayla Mohlman's committee; Monica Leaming, Les Leach, Daniel Fear will serve on Chris Argotsinger's committee
- f. Summary of handbook revisions
  - All-State Guitar audition information on the website
  - Schools with a population of over 1,201 students may not be considered for Small School All-State Band
- g. Reminder of proper use of commitment form
- h. Judges should not talk about the quality of audition to teachers or students outside the audition room at any time.
  - Bass clarinet auditions - etude is outside the approved range
  - Students auditioning on Tuba were asked to play non-excerpt sections
  - Discussion on how to audition by recording – information needs to be clarified
- i. All-State audition dates and fees
- j. All-State Convention dates: January 6-9, 2010
- k. Section VP reports
  - The Choir VP stated that the choral section meeting was moved to the morning, and it was productive! District festival was held at BHS; the section is working on making positive changes.
  - The Orchestra VP stated that Solo and Ensemble had fewer kids participating; Honor Orchestra was held in Farmington; the section is financially sound; the section brought in Steve McNeel from CSU who did a fantastic job with hard music at Honor Orchestra

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Northwest Financial Report: The district has a Balance of \$6,049.75 amongst three accounts. There is \$2,600 in outstanding fees due to the Band division and \$150 for outstanding invoices to be paid out by the Choir division.
  - Band: \$574.13; \$2600 outstanding; \$4174.13 when finished with outstanding fines and fees
  - Choir: There is \$1631.34 in the bank and we're waiting on an invoice from Paul Bara for \$150 to pay for Festival Piano Tuning
  - Orchestra: In the Wells Fargo Account as of May 5, 2009 = \$3844.28 with nothing outstanding.

- **Unfinished Business**

- **New Business**

- a. Election of officers for 2009
  - Nomination for President – Daniel Fear – Nominated by Buffy Tolstedt, Second by Marletta Newman
- b. Monica moves that each section pay an equal amount for the professional binding of the award packets (2<sup>nd</sup> Daniel Fear). Motion passes.
  - Les recommends garrison graphics

- c. Fall meeting August 26 at Tse Bit Ai 2:00 PM  
Spring meeting BIPAC May 5 at 2 PM
  - o Les suggests when setting dates: young artists recital wants to avoid conflicts; may move into fall
- d. Monica wants to know about effects of hiring and firing/\$\$\$
  - o Central hiring freeze – not filling spots
  - o Mesa Alta has a mandatory reading class so cutting an elective
  - o Some schools are making shorter class periods and adding a period; can be good for numbers; 8 period day gives more kids the music option
  - o Why is PE required in NM? PE is NOT defined as Core in NCLB! Music is Federally defined as a core subject area. State dept. question. Send letter.
  - o Gallup private school – Kevin – schedule doesn't allow both band or choir and language.

**Choir dates**

H.S. Solo and Ensemble	October 8-9, 2009
M.S. Solo and Ensemble	December 11, 2009
Large Group	March 16-17, 2010

**Orchestra dates**

Solo & Ensemble	November 7, 2009
Honor Orchestra	March 15-16, 2010

**Band dates**

NW Marching Festival	October 21, 2009
H.S. H.B. Aud.	November 9, 2009
M.S. H.B. Aud.	November 16, 2009
H.B. Festival	January 29, 2010
S/E South	February 20, 2010
S/E North	February 27, 2010
Large Group	April 28-29, 2010

PV/FHS bands Leave March 17, 2010 after school for Chicago

- **Announcements**
- **Adjournment of general meeting**  
Time 3:39
- **Section meetings**