

Minutes for NWNMMEA Spring Meeting

May 4, 2011 2:00 PM

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I. Call to Order

- Time: 2:03
- Thanks to Paul Magnuson for hosting

II. Roll

Executive Committee: Paul Magnuson, Band VP; Monica Leaming, Orchestra VP; Petra Lyon, Choir VP; Buffy Tolstedt, Band Secretary/Treasurer; Marletta Newman, Choir Secretary/Treasurer

Members: Chris Argotsinger, Doug Brown, Kurt Chrisman, Lindsay Clark, Keith Cochrane, David Collard, Laura Cowell, Joe Denham III, Jake Gassau, Shawn Kidd, Siromani Leath, Bonnie Lee, Bryce Mullen, Alison Peacock, Scott Ryan, George Schrader, Jessica Todd, Sharon Wilkins, Rich Worcester, Kevin Zwiers

III. Approval of minutes of the last meeting

- Motion – Buffy; Second- George Motion passed

IV. President's Report

- Review your info at MENC (<http://www.menc.org>) for accuracy whenever needed.
- Executive Director's [Updates and Reminders](#).
- All-State Conference: January 4-7, 2012 Presented at UNM and Pope Joy Hall.
 - VP's work very hard for our all-state, thank them and be available to help. Thank you Monica Leaming for taking your turn! Our constructive feedback to them is helpful and appreciated.
- What amount of interest is there in producing a DVD of the All-State concerts? Not interested in pinheads! Please zoom in on all the kids. Need a high quality production. Monica said we are interested in a DVD.
- Please make sure you encourage your students to audition for All State.
- All registrations go through the website
- Must have three signatures to audition for All State
- Please notify me if you will not be returning or will be changing positions in our district for 2011-2012.
- Jessica Todd is interested in creating a District-Wide calendar of ALL performance dates. Yea Jessica! Jessica said it is important that we all support each other and see what the other departments are doing. Her email address is on the band director web page.
- NMMEA Music Scholarship - its located on nmmea.com – not sure of the deadline
- Officer Elections-Band and Choir Vice President (In sectionals). Petra Lyon is the Choir Vice President.
- Section Reports to general membership:
 - Band: Festival was highly attended. The festival attracts bands from Colorado and Grants. Adjudicators were pleased with what the District is doing. Thank you to all the directors for pitching in and helping out.
 - Choir: Next year is set for dates. Scheduled Festival not to conflict with Orchestra. Last years Festival was best attended in a long time

and all Festivals will be held at local schools, which is great for the community.

- Orchestra: Had a fantastic year and grew with both solo and ensemble festival and Honor Orchestra. Almost filled the entire auditorium at the Civic Center. Next year the 7th/8th will have to be split up creating a festival of 5 orchestras. Has lots of money in the bank and the calendar is set.

V. Advocacy Report-Buffy Tolstedt – NW Representative - looking at a 1.4% cut next year. If you need information to advocate for your programs please contact Buffy and she can help you out with that. If you need articles to support what you are trying to say Buffy will send you a link from the MENC website to help with that.

VI. Treasurer's Report

- Band: \$2017.42; \$1075.00 Outstanding
- Choir: \$3525.66; \$270 Outstanding
- Orchestra: \$7142 and all bills paid.

VII. Unfinished Business

- **Handbook Revision and Acceptance** – Everything good. Changed his/her to their. Need to be members of NMMEA for kids to participate. Each item in table of contents will be a link to the specific page. Alison moved to accept handbook changes and was 2nd by Laura. Thank you to the committee that helped out.

VIII. New Business

• **Awards Nominations and Criteria**

- [Music Educator of the Year](#) Current member of NMMEA, etc.,
Nominations: Paul Magnuson and he declined
- [Administrator's Award](#) None
- [Dr. John M. Batcheller Award](#) None
- [Hall of Fame](#) None
- [Emeritus Teacher Award](#) None
- [New and Emerging Music Educator of the Year](#) Chris Argotsinger, cares about students, about other groups, teaches students to be good musicians. Doug Brown, standard of expectations, turned program around, kids excited again, good work ethic. Chris Argotsinger, nominated
- [Award of Distinction](#)

• **Meeting Dates and Hosts for 2011-2012**

- Interest in Saturday Meetings: Aug. 20th and May 5th? No!
- Proposed Date: August 24th, 2:00 PM Hosted by: Paul Magnuson
Jessica moves 2nd by Kurt - voted in for the date! Place: Shiprock
- Proposed Date: May 2nd, 2:00 PM Hosted by: Mark Allen
Motion by Bryce 2nd by Monica. Two opposed. Everyone voted for Newcomb.

- **NW District President Election:** Nominations: David Collard, Chris Argotsinger, Daniel Fear (Declines) – Chris won.

IX. Announcements

• **Congratulations:**

- Congratulations to the Piedra Vista Choirs for winning the State 4A Choir Competition for the 4th consecutive year.
- Congratulations to the Piedra Vista High School and Kirtland Central High School Bands for achieving the NWNMMEA Sweepstakes Award.

X. Adjournment of General Meeting – Time: 2:53pm Motion to adjourn: Buffy,
George 2nd, motion passed