

NMMEA District VII Fall Meeting
August 9, 2018
Del Norte High School
Minutes

CHORAL DIVISION MEETING

Call to Order at 4:00 p.m.

Welcome

1. Thank you to Katherine Green for hosting.
2. Introduction of Directors. Present – Keri Steplowski, Farris Collins, Shelly Andes, Deanna Amend, Katherine Green, Ryan Hatch, Angelynn Gomez, Colton Hardy, Pat Jones, Elena Maietta, Will Gonzalez, Molly Chavez, Jose Carrillo, Esther Berg, Evan Stoor, Garrett Keith, Bethany Vielman, Joe Mitchell, Ken Miller, Marilyn Bernard, Jolynn Alarid
3. Thank you to those directors who let us know you would be absent. We missed all of you!
4. Be sure to register for Remind notifications as this will be a primary communication source. Text **@nmme** to **81010**.

Note: It was so encouraging to see such a large group of directors at the meeting letting your voice be heard! Please let Angelynn and I know your thoughts about having the meeting at a different time than the general meeting. This was the greatest participation that we have had in memory.

Welcome and Introduction of new directors! We are so pleased that you are sharing your talents and knowledge in our community. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your colleagues!

Katherine Green passed around sympathy cards to sign for Nina Hobbs.

Brief Presentation: NMYSC with Marilyn Bernard

Brief Presentation – Evan Stoor – Announcement of show/a cappella choir invitational – flyers with more information will be e-mailed

Brief Presentation – Pat Jones via Katherine Green -- MPAF – Provide assistance to ensure safety for students walking on and off the risers, teach students to enter and exit stage with confidence, and encourage middle schoolers to wear flats instead of heels. Directors should take time to choose modest and professional attire to wear to festival.

Website: Please be sure to regularly visit your favorite website, nmmea.com. © All of the NMMEA 7 Choral documents can be found there.

ALL STATE:

2019 All State Information:

- January 9-12, 2019
- University of New Mexico, Albuquerque

Audition Registration Deadlines:

September 16 September 17 – 23 (late registrations) No registrations accepted after the 23rd

Audition Costs:

On time registration – \$14.00 per audition (students auditioning on more than one instrument must pay for additional auditions)

Late Registration – \$27 per audition during the late registration window. No registrations will be accepted after the close of the late registration window.

Audition Dates: October 16-18 @ UNM's CFA

Audition Information:

- Solo: worthwhile educational value, no more than 2 minutes in length, memorized
- **All-State Mixed Choral Audition Piece – I Carry Your Heart – Connor Koppin**
- E.C. Schirmer Music Co. – Publisher ID: 1.3374, SSAATTBB.
- Sight-reading

HS Choral Solo and Ensemble: October 6, 2018

1. DEADLINE for registration: September 14, 2018
2. Location: Del Norte
3. Site Host: Katherine Green
4. When filling out PO's for registration fees, please be mindful of listing vendor appropriately (NMMEA 7).
5. Adjudicator Recommendations: David Edmonds, Ditlow, Umphrey, Giebelhausen, Kathleen Clawson, Jonathan Gonzales, Travis Sherwood, Lisa Mast, Marilyn Barnes, Becky Talbott, Penny Voss, Darcy Balken, Jean Grelish (7 judges last year)
6. COST: \$7 per solo and \$5 per person, per ensemble with a maximum cost not to exceed \$40 per ensemble.
7. S/E — Please, no more than 20 students using the same accompanist.
8. Musical theatre: Musical theatre/Broadway repertoire is officially adopted as part of the solo and ensemble festival so that students who are planning on majoring in theatre and musical theatre can have adjudicated festivals as part of their high school careers.
9. If your students plan to use CD accompaniment, please bring your own playback equipment. A CD player will NOT be available for borrowing.

Middle School Solo and Ensemble:

1. Recommended that graduate vocal students work with students in voice lessons
2. DATE: April 27, 2019
3. LOCATION: Confirming Tres Volcanes K-8
4. HOST: Joe Mitchell
5. ADJUDICATORS
6. Request of high school students and parents to assist.

MPAF: March 20-22, 2019

1. Registration is due by November 13, 2018 is \$161 per ensemble due to Caitlynn Camacho
1. Location: possibly La Cueva, Albuquerque Academy, or a local church – discussion of challenges with scheduled times, bus conflicts, and middle school scheduling needs – possibility of extending one day of MPAF into the evening for high school
2. Site Host: TBD hopefully by 8/20/18
3. Adjudicator Recommendations: Please email adjudicator suggestions to Angelynn Gomez and Ryan Hatch by October 5, 2018. Amend suggests adjudicator Susie Parker from Artesia, Mika Proctor from Lincoln Middle School in RRPS or Becky Talbott from RRHS.
Angelica Facio – Can time on stage with clinician be reduced? – Clarissa Clark enough time is needed for judges to write comments – Farris Collins moves that 17min be used for clinic, 3 min. for writing comments
4. Reminder of new budgetary procedures: To avoid raising the fee and be able to utilize 3 performance judges and 1 sight-singing judge
 - a. We will hire one performance judge that covers all of the days of the festival, whether 2 or 3 days in length.
 - b. We will supplement sight-singing judge and two performance judges (one middle school/one high school, preferably) with APS choral directors who uses professional leave for the duty day and are then paid at a rate of \$60/hour outside of the 6.5 hour standard APS duty day. This also provides the ability for PDP development as instructional leaders within the district.
 - c. Fees were increased by \$11 per ensemble to cover the cost of plaques for ensembles who score a superior or excellent rating. New rate is \$161 per ensemble.

NMAA State Choir Contest: V. Sue Cleveland High School, April 5-6, 2019 – ensembles will be grouped by level and placed on specific days, students must remain eligible from semester through the contest. For more information, please speak with your school's activities director and NMAA.

NMMEA 7 MS and HS HONOR CHOIR: Friday, Feb. 15th, 2019

Registration Deadline: November 30, 2018

Location: First United Methodist Church located downtown at 4th and Lead Ave. SW. We have the sanctuary, choir room and parlor reserved all day. Additionally, there are some break-out rooms on the upper floors that are available for our use.

Hosts: Middle School: Angelynn Gomez

High School: Ryan Hatch

Cost: \$18 per person (MS/HS)

Middle School Honor Choir:

Clinician: Deanna Amend

Collaborative Pianist: Daniel Cummings

Note: Due to this being the inaugural year for middle school honor choir, the basic guidelines (aside from repertoire) will be the same as the high school guidelines. We will then edit the high school guidelines and create middle school's own document.

- Every participating school will provide three students (perhaps more, depending on school participation)
- Two rehearsals will be held to assist in preparation.
- Every participating student must attend at least one of the two rehearsals. Teachers must attend both.
- Rehearsal Time: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Dates TBD

Tentative Repertoire:

1. Ye Shall Have A Song (3-pt mixed) by Porterfield
2. Vaya de Fiestas (SAB) Lully/Liebergen
3. Sing to Me by Ramsey
4. Kalinka by Snyder
5. Closing piece TBD

Rehearsal Locations ~

Eastside: Eisenhower

Westside: James Monroe

High School Honor Choir:

Planned Participation: La Cueva (8), Albuquerque High (4), St. Pius (8), Sandia (8), Eldorado (4), Highland (4), Cibola (8), Volcano (4), Del Norte (4), Manzano – Please excuse me if I got your numbers wrong. No worries, this isn't a registration. ☺

Clinician: Jason Paulk

Collaborative Pianist: Kayla Paulk

Cost: \$18 per person

MPAF Locations

The following locations are being investigated:
Ken Miller, LCHS
Ryan Hatch, CHS and Albuquerque Academy
Farris Collins, a church venue
Molly Chavez, SHS

High School Honor Choir Rehearsal Locations:

Needed: East side location week of January 28th
St. Pius the week of February 4th
Exact days and times to be announced!

Looking to the Future: High School Honor Choir Adjustments
Possible SATB choir and a separate Treble Choir
Separate Treble and T/B honor choirs
What's working well and what could use enhancement?

Creating and Sharing an NMMEA 7 Google Calendar – I created a Gmail calendar for us but it isn't giving me permission to allow you all to add and delete events as the account is managed by NMMEA. Neil Swap is going to work on this. It really is necessary for all calendar users to be able to manage it. ☺

Don't forget to attend the NMMEA 7 general meeting at Manzano High School at 3:45 on 8/20. I am hoping we will have MPAF facilities, etc... to announce. Several of the choral directors mentioned going out after the general meeting is over.

Note: Middle school and high school directors broke into sections to discuss their respective levels on S/E and honor choir.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angelynn Gomez
Ryan Hatch