



District 4 - North Central Meeting

May 1st, 2021 - 10:00 AM

Via Zoom

Minutes

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions** -Steve Illiff Need to add in attendance
 - [Attendance](#)
 - Introductions and welcome new teachers to the district!
 - i. No one new!
 - District Vacancies
 - i. Pojoaque Valley High School - HS Choir and 6th grade choir.
 - ii. SFPS .7 Orchestra and .3 for Gonzales Community School
 - iii. SFPS Capital HS Choir
 - iv. SFPS Kearny Elementary Music
 - v. Los Alamos - Elementary School

2. Ethics Statement - Read by Steve Illiff

"All NMMEA meetings, as well as reports and recommendations, are open to review by all members of NMMEA. We trust the judgment and the conduct of our members and anyone else in attendance to be ethically discreet at all times when discussing personalities and issues. NMMEA strongly encourages

*members to be positive and discreet when discussing our organization, its events and festivals, as well as fellow teachers. The very nature of music education embodies a broad spectrum of expressions exploring different paths to arrive at artistic and educational goals. Members are encouraged to recognize and remain open to varied approaches and to celebrate both our differences and our similarities. **While guests are welcome only members of NMMEA/NAfME are eligible to vote and take part in discussions.***

District 4 Mission Statement (Adopted August 2020)

Mission:

We serve students by providing high quality music learning and performing experiences.

Vision:

To encourage higher levels of musical achievement through participation and collaboration in a quality professional setting.

3. Additional Zoom ethics and procedures

- Use raise hand function
- Keep chat on topic
- Mute when not talking
- Have camera on when possible
- Stay on topic and be conscious of talking time-we have a lot to get through
- Be patient!

4. Approval of [Minutes from the August Meeting \(linked\)](#)

- **Motion: Marilyn approve minutes**
- **Laura Seconds**
- **Minutes are approved**

5. NMMEA State-Level Announcements:

- Vote on Band and Choir NMACT advisory counselors
 - i. Marilyn nominates Carmen Florez-Mansi (Choir)
 - 1. Accepted and received by acclamation.
 - ii. Pam nominates Laura (Band)
 - 1. Accepted and received by acclamation.
- Spring Announcements
- [Summer Music Educators Workshop](#) - July 17, 2021
- Registration ([link](#))
- [Membership Renewals](#)

- i. Check when it expires! You can't register for events if it expires.
- Encourage members to renew early
- Easiest to do directly with NAFME
- Encourage members to review [handbook](#) (new changes)
 - i. Need to update link
 - ii. It is always on the NMMEA website under North Central
- Encourage members to nominate potential judges for the state choir and band contest ([submission form](#))
- Updates on All-state 2022 and beyond can be found at <https://www.nmmea.com/all-state/>

6. Officer and Committee Reports (Concerns/discussions will be tabled until new business/section meetings)

- President's Report
 - i. [Registration/Enrollment Report](#)
 - ii. Instrumental Solo and Ensemble
 - 1. Went well. Done virtually.
 - 2. Each teacher played a recording for judge with student in the room.
 - iii. Plan for "normal" next year.
 - 1. Due to possibly adding of days to the school year, the calendar might change. If that's the case we will look at it in the August meeting.
- [Treasurer's Report - Sharla Stearn](#)
 - i. Income/expenses
 - ii. Outstanding balances (with PO)
 - iii. Outstanding balances (missing PO)
 - iv. Questions?
 - v. Motion to approve reports:
 - 1. Valerie Moves
 - 2. Kat seconds
 - 3. Motion passes.
- Orch VP Report - *Gabe Tafoya*
 - i. S&E Participation was low, only two schools participated.
 - ii. Considered spring event, but interest was lost.

- Band VP Report - *Rick Hernandez*
 - i. S&E Was successful. Online worked out well.
 - 1. Certificates were emailed by Steve.
 - ii. Honor band - registration was extended.
 - 1. Issues with recordings being late. However, there is nothing in the handbook.
- Choir VP Report - *Marilyn Barnes*
 - i. *Solo fest - Done virtually 1st to try it out virtually!*
 - ii. *S&E - Huge event! 3 online and 1 in person.*
 - 1. *Encouraging in person festival*
 - iii. *Honor Choir - May 12th with Dr. George Case. Will be done with Seniors.*
- GPM - *Gwen Marie Lerch*
 - i. *MPA 2020 - Only SF area schools participated, but was very impressed with SF MS*
 - ii. *S&E very few entries and only from guitar and piano.*
 - iii. *Piano judge donated time and Guitar judge was great.*
 - 1. *Judges were able to preview the*
 - iv. *No one showed up for the guitar meeting - Gwen is going to have to make all of the arrangements.*
 - v. *Planning on Guitar Honor Clinic.*
 - vi. *Would like to do another MPA*
 - vii. *Large guitar presence in the all-state solo festival.*
 - viii. *We would like VP of Membership to reach out to the mariachi programs. Same thing with piano programs.*
- General Music- *Valerie Collins*
 - i. *Didn't get many responses on survey for elementary festival.*
 - ii. *Hopefully this year will be good.*
- VP of Membership Report - *Don Higgins*
 - i. *Started working on the Handbook, should be fully updated by January.*
- Co-Secretary 1 & 2 report -*Leah Frisby - Clarissa Riggins*
 - i. *Nothing to report.*

7. Officer Elections

- [Job Descriptions](#)
- Choir VP
 - i. Marilyn nominates Carmen Florez-Mansi - Accepts

- ii. Katherine nominates Russel Fletcher - Declines
 - iii. By acclamation Carmen is now our VP
- Band VP
 - i. Rick nominates Maurice - Accepts
 - ii. By acclamation Maurice is now our VP
- Orchestra VP
 - i. Carla nominates Michelle Rosette - Declines
 - ii. Carla nominates Gabe - Accepts
 - iii. Gabe will continue being VP
- Elementary VP
 - i. Valerie accepts nomination
 - ii. Valerie receives it by acclamation
- VP Membership
 - i. Don receives it by acclamation
- Treasurer
 - i. Valerie nominates Kat Keener - accepts
 - ii. Kat receives it by acclamation

8. NMMEA Awards (voted on in the fall)

- Procedure
 - i. [New and easier procedure!!](#)
- NC Nominations
 - i. Nominations for administrator of the year- Adan Estrada, nominated by Laura Eberhardt
 - ii. Nominations for Award of Distinction- No nominations came forward.
 - iii. Emeritus Teacher Award- Pam Towry Church was nominated by Deb Minyard
 - iv. Hall of Fame- No nominations.
 - v. John Batchelor Award for Elementary Music- Jeong Hong was nominated by Kachina Walker
 - vi. Music Educator of the Year- Dana Winograd nominates Carmen Flores Mansi.
 - vii. New and Emerging Educator- Marilyn Barnes nominates Caleb Heaton.

9. Handbook

- If you find something out of date please let Membership-VP (Don Higgins) know. You will need to reference the minutes where the vote passed.

10. Elementary Festival

- **Did not happen**

11. Honor Clinic

- **Did not happen -**
- **Have clinicians hired over summer**
- **Directors use commitment form with students.**

12. MPA (Comments from last year left in)

- *Judge selection*
 - i. *per the handbook - sections develop a list in the Spring meeting that VP selects from.*
- *Clarification on scoring*
 - i. *Numerical average (Not the matrix)*
- *Sight Reading*
 - i. *have a similar approach*
 1. *every section needs to be doing sight-reading*
 - ii. *voted on in the handbook*
 1. *sight reading for band and orchestra was bought for this year*
 2. *handbook says that we can sell that music back to interested schools, haven't decided on a price for that - decide this in section meetings*
- *Other issues?*
 - i. *a policy on judges working with groups before MPA - do we need to make a policy about judges that are selected to judge MPA can they work ensembles before hand?*
 1. *not appropriate - if you work with an ensemble, you have a preconceived notion about how that senseble sounds and should not judge that ensemble- ACROSS THE BOARD*
 2. *Pam moves that any MPA concert judge may not clinic any performing ensemble on specific MPA music prior to MPA of the current school year*
 - a. *does not include sight-reading*

- 3. *clarifying questions- MPA season? Work on getting judges over the summer and will be posted in the fall*
- ii. *Reminder: Plaque for I's and II's get certificates*
 - 1. *Don please make sure it is there.*

13. Solo and Ensemble

- Discussed during VP reports.

14. Set Locations

- **SY 2021-2022**

- i. Solofest
 - 1. Vocal
 - a. October 2nd, 2021
 - b. Location: Santa Fe HS
 - c. Registration deadline: Sept. 3rd
- ii. Solo & Ensemble
 - 1. Instrumental S&E
 - a. May 7th 2022
 - b. Location: NMSA
 - c. Registration deadline: April 8th
 - 2. Vocal S&E
 - a. March 26th 2022
 - b. location: Nina Otero
 - c. registration deadline: Feb. 25th
- iii. Honor Clinics
 - 1. Choir:
 - a) Nov 4th, 2021
 - b) Location: St. Michael's (Cathedral)
 - c) registration deadline: Oct. 13
 - 2. Band
 - a) November 12-13
 - b) Location: Santa Fe HS
 - c) registration deadline: October 15
 - 3. Orchestra
 - a) Oct 15th 2021
 - b) Location: Los Alamos High School
 - c) registration deadline: Oct
- iv. MPA

1. *State Basketball is 7-12?*
2. Choir
 - a. March 3rd and 4th, 2022
 - b. Location: LAHS
3. Band
 - a. March 1st 2022 (High School) and 2nd 2020 (Middle School)
 - b. LAHS
4. Orchestra
 - a. March 9th & 10th 2022
 - b. Capital High School
5. Guitar
 - a. April 13th 2022
 - b. NMSA
6. MPA Registration Deadline:
 - a. January 14th 2022 (Band, Orchestra, Choir)
 - b. March 4 for Guitar
7. Elementary Festival
 - a. February 26th
 - b. Location: El Camino?
 - c. Back up: Gonzales
 - d. Registration Deadline: January 21st
- v. NCNMMEA Meetings
 1. Dates
 - a. August 7th, 2021
 - b. May 14th, 2022
 - c. Location: SFHS

15. Old Business

- Purchasing Sight-Reading music
 - i. We bought it this year ~\$550 for Band and Orchestra
 1. Says in the handbook to sell to interested schools
 - a. Email president (Steve Currently) if you are interested in purchasing.
 - b. Deb would like the band stuff.
 2. Discussed making a 7 year rotation
 - a. Not making a rotation. We will buy and sell each year.
 - ii. Choral?

- 1. Needs to change. Discuss in section meetings.
- Go back to patches for HC?
 - i. If your kid wants one, let Steve know.
- NAFME membership- Keep track if you have an annual membership (it expires on the calendar day) if there is a lapse you can't register.

16. New Business

- Audit Committee- need 1 additional member to audit the books this Summer for NMMEA
- We have enough!
- Guitar MPA is having a hard time acquiring sightreading. Looking for ideas. One is possibly sight reading factory.
 - i. We will discuss it in August.

17. Move into Section Meetings (20 min)

- **Wrap up from this year**
- **Nominate Judges and Clinicians!**
- **VPs email minutes to the president and co-secretaries.**
 - **Choir:**
 - There was a welcome for our new Vice President Carmen Flórez-Mansi. She asked for teachers to send recommendations for Honor choir 21 and Solofest judges. She said she'd have it narrowed down by end of June so clinicians can choose their rep and the lists can be sent out.
 - Marilyn Barnes spoke about procedures etc. she also clarified the honor choir day May 12 and what was expected and needed from Carmen and Isabel Hudson, the two other schools besides SFHS.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

- **Orchestra:**

- **Everything is TBD at this point considering COVID-19! Please keep dates in your calendar just in case, but revisions will more than likely happen.**
- Important Dates
 - Honor Orchestra Listening Session
 - Date - 9/21/21 & audition deadline 9/17/21
 - Location - Virtual details TBD at August meeting
 - Michelle suggests potential virtual listening session

- Don mentions that we still need 2 people listening to each section
 - Can we know who we're working with ahead of time
 - Yes, will be determined in advance at August meeting
- Honor Orchestra - 10/15/21
 - Registration deadline 10/1/21 potentially @ LAHS
 - LAHS confirmed location already booked
- All-State Auditions for Orchestra - 10/25 - 10/29
 - Not sure on All-State audition process for this year or whether the festival will be in-person or online. Any feedback on the online all-state festival from this year?
 - Confirmed: NMMEA wants us to plan for a regular year. All-state is planned in person.
 - Confirmed: Auditions will take place online through Opus Events
 - All-State - January 5 - 8, 2022
 - Note: All-State audition dates through 2030 are now posted on NMMEA Website
 - Choir MPA - 3/3/22 & 3/4/22
 - Band MPA - 3/1/22 & 3/2/22
 - Orchestra MPA - 3/9/22 & 3/10/22
 - Capital High School potential location
 - Registration deadline January 14
 - Guitar MPA - 4/13
 - NC District Meeting - 8/7/21 & 5/14/22
 - Instrumental Solo & Ensemble - 5/7/22
 - Registration deadline - 4/8/22
- Orchestra VP Election
 - May be discussed in general meeting. I'm fine with remaining VP unless somebody else wants it.
 - Resolved. Gabe remains Orchestra VP for another 2 year term.
- Honor Orchestra
 - Currently reserved for 10/15/21 at LAHS
 - Michelle - updates on COVID guidelines at LAHS
 - Max of 350 in hall including performers
 - May reduce size of orchestras
 - By audition dates we should have a better idea of ensemble sizes
 - Masks at all times, social distancing when possible
 - We chose conductors for last year's festival. Both are still interested in being clinicians for next year.

- Kathy Hill for high school & Maria Stefanova for middle school
- Check and ensure that all music has been received
- No opposition to handing out music since now
- Ask clinicians to select audition excerpts
- Probably easier for us to choose excerpts
- Gabe will check if all music is received
 - Let's try to plan to have excerpts chosen before the end of the school year
- Thoughts on the festival and likelihood considering pandemic?
 - Will most likely happen with all guidelines
 - Will most likely have to eat outside due to COVID
 - No mingling of students from different schools
 - Our students will have to be contained
- MPA
 - Currently set as a 2 day festival 3/9/22 & 3/10/22
 - Location?
 - Potentially Capital, Gabe will check with Zach
 - Discussion on MPA likelihood and possible changes due to pandemic
 - Potential issues with possible hybrid model continuation into next school year
 - LA is offering online option for next school year. Either all online or all in-person
 - Continue to plan the festival as usual
 - Michelle suggests possibly having judges come to us to avoid issues with transportation and gathering in one central location due to COVID
 - Gabe will bring up this option with executive board when we hear more about transportation guidelines
 - Might have to be standardized judges to keep it fair
 - Potential issues with families of students not wanting them to travel to other schools
 - Suggestions for judges? Festival will most likely happen in some capacity.

- Gabe will send out Google Form/doc suggesting clinicians for MPA
 - Solo & Ensemble
 - Discussion on last year's festival - what worked & what didn't?
 - Severe lack of participation in online festival this year
 - Carla said it was a pain, but it was worthwhile
 - Maybe we can keep an online option for students who can't participate any other way
 - New Business
 - Any new business to discuss?
 - No new business
- **General Music:**
 - Welcome & Introductions - Valerie and Kat were the only attendees
 - Minutes taker? Valerie just kept them
 - Time Keeper? Not necessary...
 - Name, School Dist, years teaching, years @ current District, one thing that helped you get through this year? Not necessary
 - Make sure you sign in w/ email contact!
 - Questions or concerns about anything discussed in the General Meeting?
 - No
 - Anyone want to run for VP - oops, thought we were going to vote after section meetings!
 - 2 year term
 - Attend 2 Executive meetings, Run section meetings at 2 General Meetings, Run Elementary Festival, Chair (?) Guitar MPA,
 - Elementary Festival
 - 2020 was 1st annual and went very well, but we did not hold virtually or in person this year
 - Sent a survey but only got 4 responses
 - Next year's Date - Saturday, Feb 26, tentatively...Set
 - El Camino Real again?
 - Tentatively set - good facility - familiar
 - Eldorado
 - is a bit farther out - good facility
 - Gonzales

- is very central - similar facility to the others
 - Russ is hesitant to host since he hasn't yet participated in the Festival
- Planning committee volunteers?
 - Will send out a survey/request in August 2021
- Suggestions for clinicians? Full Choir person?
 - Marilyn - retiring but interested in helping - Valerie will ask her about considering elementary level
 - Kim for the future (she was one for our first Festival so wait a year?) Kim is also still going to be around and willing to clinic/mentor!
 - The August Survey will include a question for suggestions
- Fees? We charged \$15 and basically broke even w/ lunch and shirts included - only paid one clinician - Pandemonium - but would like to provide at least an honorarium to leaders (1-2 Choir, 6 workshops)
 - each \$1 would increase revenue by ~\$100
 - School Fee \$25 on top of individual fees? We had 13 schools represented in 2020 which would have generated \$325 - not sure if it would have prevented a school from participating?
 - Business Sponsorship?
 - Good way to go - especially maybe for T-shirts?
 - Optional lunch fee? Would be a logistical nightmare in our opinion
- Discussion about this SY
 - Highlights of how it went in your district/school/personally
 - Not the best, but ok
 - We all survived!
 - Lessons learned?
 - Had to be creative, learn new tools.
 - New ideas to keep?
 - Reflection by students

- Tools - Rhythm play-alongs - Google Slides for visuals - embedding audio and video - Google Classroom for resources - Exit Tickets/Surveys - Google Forms for Assessments - Flip Grid/SeeSaw for Assessments
 - Summer Music Educator's Workshop
 - July 17th - \$20 registration on NMMEA Website - Will be virtual...
 - Other business?
 - NMMEA Open House Roundtable - May 10th! Link will be on the website and Neil sent the email last week!
 - Adjourned at 12:32pm
- **Guitar:**
 - **Present: Gwen-Marie Lerch**
 - **Motions:**
 - 1) **Sight Reading will be included for all MPA and Honors events.**
 - **Motion Passed unanimously**
 - 2) **All dates for guitar events as discussed in the main meeting will be used.**
 - **Motion Passed unanimously**
 - 3) **Judges list for all guitar events will include, but is not limited to:**
 - Paul Nielsen, Sandia Prep HS, Albuquerque NM**
 - Genevieve Lautner, Albuquerque Academy, Albuquerque NM**
 - Benjamin Silva, Department of Music, University of New Mexico**
 - Edwardo Truillo, Cibola HS, Albuquerque NM**
 - Dr. Chuck Hulihan, Glendale CC, Phoenix AZ**
 - Dr. Lynn McGrath, Eastman University, Rochester NY (virtual only)**
 - Dr. Martha Masters, Loyola University, Los Angeles CA (virtual only)**
 - 4) **A few select orchestra personnel from North Central District #4, may, if the need arises, be enlisted to supplement "listening events" used to select Honors participants.**

- **Motion Passed unanimously.**
- **Band:**
 - **1. Audition procedures for Honor Band.** Maurice proposes a more anonymous approach taken by the Orchestra people this past year. There will be a committee that meets this summer to discuss the procedure and criteria.
 - **2. Honor Band and MPA commitment forms:**
I suggest a fillable PDF form taken from handbook to make forms more accessible for potential judges to fill out and return. Steve said it has to remain consistent with other divisions.
 - **3. Suggested that Maurice contact Donna Schmidt for MS Honor Band clinician and Nathan Matherne for HS Honor Band clinician for next year.**
 - **4. Suggested judges names for MPA 2022:**
Jordan Sayre
Josephine Gonzales
Mason Yordy
John Sanks
Amy Williams
Bill Austell
TyFrederick
 - **5. State Band contest requirements will meet this summer for final rules and regulations**
 - **Motion to adjourn at 12:54 pm.**
 - **Motion seconded**

18. Report back from section meetings.

19. Announcements

- Mini horn convention will be at hummingbird camp. (Talk to Rick about info)
 - i. <https://www.facebook.com/hornswoggleworkshop/>
- SFPS - 2021 Best Communities for Music Education Award from NAMM

20. Next Meeting

- A. Dates
 - a. August 7th, 2021
 - b. Location: SFHS

21. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn after section meetings.
- Marilyn moves to adjourn
- Todd seconds