

Choral Sectional Meeting May 2020

- **Members attending:**

Marletta Newman-Mesa View MS, Siromani Leath-Heights MS, Laura Argotsinger-Farmington HS, James Golden-Piedra Vista HS, Shera Piper-Tibbetts MS, Katie Patton-Hermosa MS, Megan Quintana-Bloomfield HS, Paul Cranfill-Aztec HS & KooglerMS, Virginia Nickels-Hircock-San Juan College, David Collard-Kirtland HS

- **Financial Report**

- There is \$140 in the choir account (because of Covid have not received checks from Mesa Alta (\$300), Kirtland Middle School (\$326), Miyamura High School (\$163), Farmington H.S. (\$260), Farmington Municipal Schools (\$2445.00) – a total of \$3494. Once all checks are received we will have \$3134 in the choir account (it would be \$3634 but we have to pay the band \$500 who rescued us from bouncing).

- **Election Of New Officers (every two years; next election May 2022)**

- Secretary/Treasurer
Nominees: Siromani Leath,
New Secretary/Treasurer: Siromani Leath
- Vice President
Nominees: Laura Argotsinger,
New Choir VP: Laura Argotsinger

Laura moved to put both Secretary/Treasurer and Choral VP on the NWNMMEA Choral bank account.

Motion passed.

- **Handbook**

- The handbook is a mess and needs updating. Who will be on the committee to bring it up to date?
Committee names: FMS choral teachers and Megan Quintana

- **High School & Middle School Solo and Ensemble (Plan A)**

- When? Was Monday, October 7th last year
 - ♣ Options: October 5th or 12th (both early-release Mondays)
 - ♣ Monday, October 12, 2020 starting at 1:00 pm will be the date
- Location?
 - ♣ Laura volunteered to hold it at FHS again.
- Who will get the judges? (They need to make sure the judges fill out a clinician contract and W9 form and it is given to the choir secretary)
 - ♣ Laura will contact judges.
 - ♣ Suggestions for judges:
 - Melissa Mortensen, Holly Hook, Cathy Pope, Brenna Price, Petra Lyon, Aaron Bishop, Paul Stewart, Margaret Claire, Cecil Garrison, Sarah Liese, Wesley Dunnagan,
- Registration September 14, 2020. Please register on the nmmea website (Choral Secretary will need to invoice everyone once registration is completed)
- Fee last year was \$15. Do we keep it the same?
At \$15 per kid we took in \$1545 (there were 115 kids that participated)

The judges cost \$802.50

Profit of \$742.50

If we lower it to \$10 a kid we would have brought in \$1150 with \$347.50 left over

\$8 per kid would have brought in \$920 with \$117.50 left over

One thing to keep in mind that in the future we will have to purchase medals or ribbons to give to students who get a Superior rating. We need to make sure there is money left over to do that.

- ♣ Laura A. motioned to lower cost of Solo/Ensemble to \$10/student. James G. seconds.

- ♣ Motion passed.

- This event is great for All State solo practice
- May use a track as accompaniment? Handbook doesn't specify
 - ♣ Shera P. moved that accompaniment tracks are allowed in solo/ensemble. Siromani L. seconds. Motion passed.
- What type of songs? Continue allowing Pop, Broadway, Jazz, etc.?
 - ♣ Laura A. moved to include Jazz and Broadway in the allowed repertoire for Solo/Ensemble. James G. seconds. Motion passed.
 - ♣ Laura A. moved to remove Pop and Country as an allowed repertoire category for Solo/Ensemble. Siromani L. seconds. Motion passed.
- Please be sure and bring a legal copy of the music for the judges. Students please stay true to the printed page of music
- Students need to be prepared with their accompaniment track on CD, flash drive or phone (if using an Apple phone students must bring their own dongle). Handbook needs to specify.

- **Honor Choir for 7th-9th Grade, November? Was the 22nd last year**

- **Friday, November 20, 2020**

- Venue? PVHS
- Clinician? Who will get the clinician? (Make sure they fill out a clinician contract and a W9 form and given to the choir secretary)
 - ♣ Laura will get the clinician.
 - ♣ Clinician suggestions:
 - Emery Garcia (Edgewood), Tammie Martin (Clovis), Amy Barrett, Mika Proctor (Lincoln MS, Rio Rancho),
- Accompanist? (They need to fill out a contract & W9 form also for the choir secretary's records)
 - James will accompany; doesn't want payment.
- Each school may bring 4 sopranos, 4 altos and 4 basses
 - Yes, with the option for alternates if a school can't fill all 12 slots.
 - Tibbetts, Mesa View Sopranos will sing Sop 2 on split-part songs. FHS and PVHS will split.
- Who will choose repertoire?
 - We will meet to choose rep. Tabled until we can get to our classroom files.
- Who will provide recordings to send out to the students?
 - James (and Shera as needed).
- Registration will be on the nmmea website on October 20, 2021. (Choral Secretary will need to invoice everyone once registration is completed) In the registration comments, write t-shirt sizes needed.
 - ♣ Need to add Honor Choir to the Handbook.
- Who will keep a spreadsheet of the names of the students who will be participating?
 - ♣ Laura

- Fee is \$20 per student?
This last Honor Choir we took in \$2120 between the school fees and the \$220 cash from charging \$1 at the door
Expenses were \$1652.16 (includes t-shirts, teacher lunch, snacks and lunch for kids)
\$467.84 was left over
\$467.84 will not be enough to pay clinician and accompanist plus travel fees and hotel fees. Will need about \$750 for that
 - ♣ Keep fee at \$20 per student.
 - ♣ James G. moved that admission be raised to \$2 at the door. Laura A. seconds.
Motion passed.
- Who will get t-shirts printed?
 - ♣ Katie P.
- Who will get the programs printed?
 - ♣ Laura, through Garrison Graphics.
- Should students bring a sack lunch and a drink or do we provide lunch? If we provide lunch who will arrange for it?
 - ♣ James G. will order school lunches for all students.
- Are we going to provide a snack again? If so the choir secretary will need to get the snacks (granola bar & piece of fruit)
 - ♣ Laura & Siromani will handle snacks.
- Choir secretary will need to order lunch for directors and clinician/accompanist
 - ♣ Siromani will get lunches for directors, clinician and accompanist.
- Who will do the schedule for the day? Are we going to include outside games? If so who will be in charge of those?
 - ♣ Laura will do the schedule
 - ♣ Katie and Megan will plan team-building/outdoor session.
- Who will be in charge of the sectionals and who will accompany the sectionals? Should the clinician run one of the sectionals?
 - ♣ Clinician shouldn't have to run sectionals.
 - ♣ James, Marletta, and Robyn will accompany sectionals
 - ♣ Sectionals: Laura/Marletta - Alto, Shera/Robyn - Soprano, and Paul/James - Baritone
- Rehearsal will start at 9am
- Concert will begin at 6pm
- Who will be in charge of collecting the money at the door?
 - ♣ Pam Prater
- **High School All State – UNM, Albuquerque, Jan 6-9, 2021 (plan A)**
 - Auditions will be Oct. 26-30 (Farmington's specific audition date is not yet posted)
 - ♣ Likely will not be a Farmington site.
 - ♣ Virg has been asked if they could host at SJC again.
 - Registration deadline is September ? (It was the 14th last year)
 - ♣ Usually a month before auditions, so possibly September 20th.
 - Audition piece is Hela Rotan (an original composition by Ken Stevens available free to schools with students auditioning)
 - ♣ Available for download at nmmea.org
 - Please buy an audition track for each student to help keep the fees down.
 - Will there be a NW District High School All State prep day at FHS again?
 - ♣ Possible, but unknown.
 - ♣ Maybe get a bus load of kids to go to UNM for their prep day?
 - ♣ We could host our own All State Prep day; tentatively in September or October.

Virginia NH will make a plan for this.

- o Auditions will be blind and recorded.

- **Youth All-State, Hoffmantown Church in Albuquerque, January ? 2020 (date not posted yet it was the 30th – Feb 1st last year) Assume Jan. 28-30, 2021**

- o Must register as an ACDA member to participate
- o Audition pieces: not posted
- o Shera is Farmington trip coordinator
- o Website is nmacda.com for more information
- o Audition Deadline is October 1st? Not posted but probably the same
- o Clinicians are not posted yet
- o Siromani will host District All State rehearsal in January, and share the date(s).

- **Music Performance Assessment, March 9 (middle school) and March 10 (high school).**

- o **James G. moved that we hold MPA on March 9 and 10, 2021. Siromani L. seconds. Motion passed.**

- o Registration deadline February 10th. Please make sure your membership is up to date so you don't have problems registering and please do not register late. (Choral Secretary will need to invoice everyone once registration is completed)
- o Venue and host? (Host will need to make sure that everything is setup for Festival – judges tables; signs posted; risers for stage, sight reading room and warmup room. Will also get high school kids as guides for the choirs, auditorium door monitors, CD recorder, students to deliver/pickup judging packets, sightreading room monitor. On highschool performance day they will need to make sure that no jobs are being neglected because the high school kids are performing)
 - ♣ Megan Q. will host at Bloomfield High School and BHS kids will guide, monitor, etc.
- o Festival Coordinator?
 - ♣ Siromani L. (Marletta will help)
- o Who will do the schedule?
 - ♣ Siromani L.
- o Who will get the judges? (Make sure they fill out judges contracts and W9 forms and the Choir Secretary gets them)
 - ♣ Laura A.
 - ♣ Suggestions for judges:
 - Amy Barrett, Linda Mack, Dr. Chiaravalloti, Wesley Dunnagan, Mika Proctor, Jdira Flamm, see list of clinicians for Solo/Ensemble (above)
 - Remind judges that NW District only pays \$0.14/mile for travel.
- o Site Chair(s): Middle School Day - James G. and Laura A.
High School Day - Shera P., Siromani L., Marletta N., and Katie P.
- o \$163 Fee (this includes the \$13 photo fee)
 - ♣ Discussion to put in handbook to have one clinician be local so as to save cost.
 - ♣ Festival was in the red \$1003.18 this year. We were short seven choirs which caused most of the deficit.
 - ♣ Possibly pay Festival fee per student rather than ensemble.
 - ♣ Laura A moved to charge \$200 per ensemble at MPA. Siromani L. seconds. Motion passed.
- o Marletta will get the photographer again
- o Choral Secretary, Siromani, will need to provide lunches for the judges/directors/accompanists, also will need to get snacks and drinks/ice.

- Do we want to provide coffee for the judges in the morning? If so, who will take care of this?
 - ♣ Siromani
 - Choral Secretary will need to purchase supplies for Festival (pens, pencils, recordable CD's and sleeves, etc.), reserve hotel rooms for judges and pay for them, and order plaques and make sure they are delivered on time to Festival and spell/grammar check plaques.
 - Who will do the sightreading, Who will make sure the sightreading is copied and delivered on time to Festival?
 - ♣ James Golden
 - Are we happy with our sightreading rules?
 - ♣ Possibility of doing leveled sight-reading packets. Maybe purchase packets?
 - ♣ What is the purpose of our sight-reading?
 - Directors should NOT sing with ensembles.
 - Recommendation that directors not do hand signs in the sight-reading room.
 - It is a tool to help students be able to learn their music faster.
 - We like having the sight-reading judge do a mini-clinic in the sight-reading room.
 - Director's need to bring 2-gig SD cards, standard-size (one per judge, per choir please) so that judges can record their comments using the recorders purchased by the district. Secretary will need to bring the Zoom recorders and make sure that they are on time to Festival with fresh batteries.
- **State Choir Festival, ?? April 24 – 25 last year, V. Sue Cleveland High School, Rio Rancho, NM?**
 - NMAA does not require a membership, the only requirement is to go to MPA and get a score of 88 or higher – still true?
 - James will represent us in the State Choir Festival meetings.
 - ♣ Meeting in June.
 - Laura suggested the Farmington folks check with Frank Whalen, Farmington activities director, to see if he can help pay for the trip. Did this happen? Can he help pay?
 - ♣ Pays about \$1000, but you have to ask. There is a budget for State events at FMS schools.
 - The cost is \$225 per choir – still true?
 - Must submit a completed and signed registration form, NMAA Verification of Eligibility form and roster (signed by a school administrator), a signed Music Director's Code of Conduct and check or PO or CCD for \$225 per choir by March ?, 2021 (last year it was the 21st) to Dana Pappas, Deputy Director of NMAA – still true?
 - Use nmaact.org for more information and to see who performs on each day
 - **Other Business**
 - ENMU Men's Choir Festival
 - ♣ All events through July are cancelled. No information yet if ENMU will have the Men's Choir Festival this year.
 - FLC Honor Choir Games
 - ♣ Scheduled for September 19th.
 - Anything else?
 - ♣ If you want your choir photos from MPA text or email your address to Marletta. But not Durango...