



New Mexico Music Educators Central District VI

Spring Meeting

Saturday, May 4, 2024, 9:00 AM

Meeting Minutes

President William Austell called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

NMMEA Ethics statement read aloud and displayed by William Austell at 9:01 am

Officer Reports

Secretary Report - 9:03 am

Joshua Dumais stated that members may submit edits to the roster at any point with any needed changes or additions. They will have permission to edit until the end of the week. He'll also be recording general meetings when they are virtual. This is a handy feature when recalling information from previous meetings. Minutes are also posted on the NMMEA website and can be pulled up whenever someone needs them.

Alexander Austell motioned to pass the spring minutes. Ana Maria Dark seconded. The motion passed at 9:04 am

Treasurer Report- 9:06 am

Catherine Danner stated that we still have some outstanding payments, most of them for solo and ensembles, but still a few from MPA's. We didn't need to buy s&e medals this year, but we will next year. Patches will be similar next year. This year, MPA went into the red quite a bit for all 3 sections. The increased cost is in large part due to plaques.

Matthew Casarez asked if the facility use fees would be cheaper if we booked events through the host school rather than NMMEA District 6. He's going to explore this and talk to Kurt Schmidt for more info.

Payments can be sent to:

NMMEA Central District VI
Catherine Danner, Treasurer
1500 Veranda Rd. SE
Rio Rancho, NM 87124

AnaMaria Dark motioned to approve the treasurer report, and Cherokee Randolph seconded.
Motion passed at 9:18 am.

General Music VP - 9:18 am

George (Drew) Wichman said the general music festival they hosted went very well, they had 21 participating schools, and brought in roughly \$800.

Motion to approve general music report by Catherine Danner, seconded by Jonathan Robak

Guitar VP - 9:20 am

Carrie Harper mentioned that her guitar program participated in the Honor Guitar group with APS at Rio Grande and also participated in their solo and ensemble day! Still working to improve participation in guitar within our district.

Motion to approve by Justin McMurdo, seconded by Catherine Danner

Orchestra VP - 9:22 am

Karen Ginther reported that the orchestra section had a successful year. Honor Orchestra quality has continued to increase since covid, and they had 11 orchestra groups participate in their MPA. They also had over 160 students participate in their solo and ensemble.

Motion to approve by Cherokee Randolph, seconded by Brad Dubbs.

Choir VP - 9:24 am

Rebecca Kendall is out but Jadira will give the report. Jadira reports that the choir section also had a good year. They did an all day honor choir, the spring MPA was a 2-day afternoon model that worked well, and everything else should be on the right track.

Motion to approve by Stephanie Wilkerson, seconded by Carrie Harper.

Band VP - 9:26 am

Mariko McWhorter reported that the band section also had a successful and positive year. The honor band audition numbers continue to recover since covid and allowed us to have 3 complete groups! We did another North/South solo and ensemble and it was successful yet again!

Motion to approve by Catherine Danner, seconded by Samantha Rice.

President's report - 9:29 am

William Austell shared the NMMEA Handbook for reference. He also shared Neil's link to the spring reminders for the year. He then reminded folks to check that they are up to date with NAFME registrations. He also shared Don Gerhearts memorial information.

Motion to approve president's report by Jonathan Robak, seconded by Samantha Rice.

Old Business - 9:35 am

Section Meetings at 9:40 am

New Business - 10:00 am

Calendar events discussed at 10:05 am.

Award Nominations discussed at 10:30 am

William Austell shared the document with award descriptions.

District VI Nominations will be as follows:

Educator of the Year - Miguel Jaramillo

New and Emerging Teacher of the Year - Audriana Aragon

Hall of Fame - Brad Dubbs

Award nominations were completed by 10:50 am

Cathy presented proposals to increase MPA fees to \$5 per student for band and choir MPA, increase MPA fees to \$125 per group and \$10 per student for orchestra MPA and increase Solo and Ensemble Fees to \$10 per student for orchestra.

Much discussion followed weighing pros and cons of this system. There is definitely a lot of reservation about increasing these fees, but it seems clear that some of these issues are chronic and that something has to be done to address this.

The first proposal passed 20 to 5 with 1 abstention. The second proposal passed 18 to 1 with 1 abstention. The third proposal passed with 19 to 1 with 1 abstention

Catherine Danner proposed a change to the handbook in the area of judges mileage reimbursement. It should read "mileage according to the current IRS rate".

Joshua Dumais motioned to approve, Karen Ginther seconded.

This motion was rescinded by Joshua Dumais after the district discussed and decided that more research needed to be done in regards to this issue.

Officers were nominated and accepted at 11:50 am.

Officers for the next two years are as follows:

President - William Stivers Austell

Secretary - Joshua Dumais

Treasurer - Catherine Ann Danner

General Music VP - Ana Maria Violeta Dark (replacing Drew Wichman)

Guitar VP - Donovan Richard Perea (replacing Carrie Harper)

Orchestra VP - Brennan Tyler Wright (replacing Karen Ginther)

Choir VP - Miguel Mario Jaramillo (replacing Rebecca Kendall)

Band VP - Samantha Loren Rice (replacing Mariko McWhorter)

State Contest Advisory Board - Jadira Flamm & Daniel Holmes

Meeting was adjourned at 11:51am

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Dumais