

NW KMEA CHOIR DIRECTOR'S MEETING
December 10, 2016
10:00 a.m.

Janelle Antholz- choral chair called the meeting to order.

- I. Assistant-Janet Seehafer-Sylvan Lucas
- II. Clinician-Jason Sickel-Blue Valley North High School and also 2016 Kansas Teacher of the year
- III. Accompanist-Pam McGowne-FHSU
- IV. High School Honor Choir results-
 - A. Auditions were held November 5, 2016
 - B. Registered to audition-244
 - C. Actual Audition-198
 - D. Selected for choir-161 (7 cancelled due to ACT)
 - E. In attendance today-153
 - F. State Entries-24
- V. Janell stated she would like to thank all who helped with the audition process. She appreciated everyone's willingness to help out. Auditions went smoothly because of the excellent helpers.
- VI. Janell would also like to thank Johnny Matlock at Hays High School for providing great facilities and efficient helpers who also played a big part in making the day run smoothly.
- VII. Janell stated as always more guys are needed to balance out the ladies. Especially tenors are needed and she encouraged directors to encourage guys to audition.
- VIII. It was suggested to the directors to make sure they have the website for the Northwest District bookmarked: www.ksmea.org/nw/. There they will find the New Teacher Handbook and the dates and information needed to register for district and state honor choir. It also links you to the state site. Please check the website and your emails often.

- IX. Janell also stated from page 19 of the Handbook. Students will participate in all rehearsals and the entire directions of the concerts for the district mini-conventions. Failure to attend will result in disqualification in participation in all-state groups. Exception: Any absence due to an emergency conflict that will affect the rehearsals or performance at the district mini-convention must be approved by the District Chairperson and District President. (Note: SAT and ACT tests are not regarded as an emergency conflict; however, a student may be excused for the SAT English Competency Test upon prior notification of the District Chair person and the District President.
- X. Janell read the list of four year participants and asked if any additions.
- XI. Janell introduced Bill Schick the advocacy and mentor chair. Bill asked if there were any new teachers that were not assigned and mentor and also explained about the dinner at the beginning of the year for new teachers and mentors.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Reishus
District Manager