

NW KMEA CHOIR DIRECTOR'S MEETING
December 8, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Janet Seehafer-chair called the meeting to order.

- I. Assistant-Jessica Hakoda-Ellsworth
- II. Clinician-Dr. Mark Lucas-Bethany College, Lindsborg, Ks
- III. Accompanist-Pam McGowne-FHSU
- IV. High School Honor Choir results-
 - A. Auditions were held November 3, 2018
 - B. Registered to audition-269
 - C. Actual Audition-216
 - D. Selected for choir-199
 - E. In attendance today-183
 - F. Schools represented -29
- V. Janet stated she would like to thank all who helped with the audition process. She appreciated everyone's willingness to help out. There were 12 teachers judging and 4 tabulators, as well 2 teachers who helped with registration. Auditions went smoothly because of the excellent helpers.
- VI. Important details to note: Overall, all sections were very well prepared according to the judges, and scores were high. Janet also stated a concern over the large number of cancellations this year. She stated once students are registered cancellations need to be cut down as it is a nightmare for the people putting the audition schedule together. This year there were 53 cancellations. Also, the late entries, although allowed made it difficult to make an accurate audition schedule.

*****SPECIAL NOTE: Late audition fees must be paid before student will be allowed to audition.**

VII. There was discussion on people changing voice parts after registering students.

*****MOTION: Barb Albrecht made the motion that voicing
On parts can not be changed after state deadline.
Shawn Shipley seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

VIII. Janet stated needed ushers, people to take tickets, people to sit in the balcony, people to take down risers, people to collect name tags at the end of the concert.

IX. Janet read the list of four year participants and asked if any additions.

X. Bill Schick talked about new teachers, mentors and music Advocacy. He explained that the State Advocacy chair, Kelly Knedler from Dodge City High School has put a video on the internet that can be played for your audience before a concert.

XI. It was suggested to the directors to make sure they have the website for the Northwest District bookmarked: <http://nwkmea.org/>. 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.

XII. From page 19 in the handbook: “Students will participate in all rehearsals and the entire duration of the concerts for the District mini-conventions. Failure to attend will result in disqualification from participation in all-state groups” There is no fee for audition, only for those selected for the honor choir. This \$10 fee is to be paid even if the student does not participate. Students are to audition only for one of the honor groups.

XIII. Janet went over concert attire at the concerts.

Men-Ties/Dress clothes

Women-Dress clothes (dresses and skirts finger tips long)

XIV. Discussion was held regarding the New State Honor Choirs. Janet explained the new numbers for the All State Choir that Northwest District now gets.

Mixed choir-16

Treble Choir-12

She commented that the amount of students that Northwest District gets in the All-State is figured on how many students audition for District Honor choir.

XV. Terry Crull is the Northwest representative to KCDA and is not going to do it anymore. If anyone is interested in serving as the new representative please contact Terry.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Reishus
District Manager