

NW KMEA CHOIR DIRECTOR'S MEETING

December 7, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Annette Kennedy choral chair called the meeting to order.

Tamara Cochran-Assistant chair

- I. Clinician for High School is Dr. Michael Hanawalt-Wichita State University
- II. High School Honor Choir results-
 - A. Auditions were held November 2, 2013
 - B. Registered to audition-260 (2012-233)
 - C. Actual Audition-215 (2012-192)
 - D. Selected for choir-146 (2012-143)
 - E. State Entries-24
- III. District Convention will be held second weekend in 2014-December 13.
- IV. Thank you to Johnny Matlock and Craig Mantueffel and others at Hays High School who had rooms opened, and the room monitors and CD operators lined up for live auditions.
- V. A THANK YOU to the following who helped with the live choir auditions. Johnny Matlock, Craig Mantueffel, Dani Wuest, Sara Goetz, Kristi Reneberg, Emily Blankenship, Michael Brandel, Jillian Korte, Barb Elbracht, Janell Antholz, Adam Schlitz, Portia Harris, and Arlene Edinger served as judges. Alisha DeBey and Susan Nelson for assisting Tamara and me with registration and score tallying. It is a long day, especially when we have junior high students to supervise, but we must all work together and be willing to help to make this process work.
- VI. Annette stated to make sure to have our district website bookmarked: www.ksmea.org/nw. All the information about how to register for honor choir, fee generator, schedules can be found there. There is also a link to the state website. I know the registration process can be confusing from year to year.
 - A. Check this website often for deadlines and also double check your registration before the deadline to be sure all information is entered correctly.
 - B. It's a two step process where you have to register all the names and then go to the audition tab and select each name to audition.

- C. There is a new teacher handbook link on this site that can help Guide new and not so new teacher
- D. Make sure voicing is correct when you register your students.
- VII. General meeting will be at 1:15 today in Malloy.
- VIII. Annette stated help is needed to set up risers for the concert.
- IX. Vesta Jo thanked Annette for all she has done.
 - A. Talked about scheduling for live auditions. Vesta Jo stated if Scheduled at a certain time the student needs to be there early because of cancellations. This is especially true for afternoon auditions.
 - B. There will be six students from each section selected for state.
 - C. All that students need to be in attendance for the whole concert.
- X. Annette introduced State KMEA president Avian Bear.
 - A. The question was asked that after the districts divide will the State redoes the formulas on selecting state choir participants.
 - B. Avian asked everyone present what they thought of a 1-4 state Choir and a 5-6 state choir.
 - 1. Some thought it would identify small schools.
 - 2. More students would be able to participate
 - 3. However, Hays is the only 5A school in Northwest District.
 - 4. Johnny Matlock thought a women's choir would be a better suggestion.
- XI. Bill Schick-Advocacy
 - A. Any problems please contact him
 - B. There is a new survey for every teacher to fill out not just a few from the district. He stated it is very important for this to be filled out.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Reishus
District Manager