

NW KMEA CHOIR DIRECTOR'S MEETING
December 11, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Jessica Hakoda-chair called the meeting to order.

- I. Assistant-Alex Underwood-Hays High
- II. Clinician-Julie Yu-Kansas State University
- III. Accompanist-Pam McGowne-FHSU
- IV. High School Honor Choir results-
 - A. Auditions were held November 6, 2021
 - B. Registered to audition-193
 - C. Actual Audition-157
 - D. Selected for choir-135
 - E. Schools represented -23
 - F. Followed the new policy of 25 per section provided they earned A score over 20; a student was added to the roster as the exception to the max 25 rule to allow each school one representative in the choir.
S1=26
S2=24
A1=25
A2=12
T1=4
T2=13
B1=20
B2=11
 - G. Actual attendance: 122

III. Feedback from Audition

- A. Thank you to all that helped with auditions. Jessica stated Need more help to make the event run efficiently?
- B. Judges need to bring music and know the part they are judging.
- C. 5 rooms works really well-shorter day for all and easier for teachers with Junior High students.
- D. Challenges were handled quickly. Jessica gave ideas to Joey on how to make things better in the future. (Some people did not show up to judge that had stated they would)

- E. To have a better balanced choir it would be helpful to have more students audition.

IV. Today

- A. Some students showed up to the convention rehearsal Without music
- B. Over the Rainbow run through is a closed rehearsal.
- C. Choir will have reserved seats in the balcony and should not sit in any other seats.
- D. Cards-New this year!! **At the end of the concert students must turn in their cards that were given to them to either Jessica or Alex.** This is to replace the stickers they had to turn in previously. The cards hopefully will be much easier to handle.
- E. Please remind students to be respectful audience members during the concert by not talking/playing on their phones, etc.
- F. It was suggested that with information sent regarding the convention a map of FHSU be included.

V. JUNIOR HIGH CHOIR

- A. Discussion was held regarding how many students can sent from each school. Because of COVID, the numbers are way down. So it was suggested that the same qualifications remain. 15 per cent of choir. In some cases where more gentlemen are needed it will be up to the chair to make that decision.

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

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Reishus
District Manager