

**NW KMEA CHOIR DIRECTOR'S MEETING**  
**December 3, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Michael Davidson called the meeting to order.

- I. High School Honor Choir
  - A. Assistant-Emily Stephan
  - B. Clinician-Dr. Mark Lucas-Bethany Cole
  - C. Accompanist-Luis Reyes-Hays
- High School Honor Choir results-
  1. Registered to audition-253
  2. Actually auditioned-175
  3. Selected for choir- 149
  4. Schools represented -25
  5. 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
  6. Actual attendance: 142
  7. Michael explained with the new audition fee cancellations did not go down.
  8. There was a new audition procedure used this year called **FESTIVAL AUDITIONS**. New Bluetooth speakers were purchased to help with auditions and Michael felt they were a success. There are still a few glitches that need to be worked out.

Feedback from Audition

1. Thank you to all that helped with auditions. Michael stated could use more help to make the event run efficiently?
2. Judges need to bring music and know the part they are judging.

3. 4 rooms worked really well-shorter day for all and easier for teachers with Junior High students.
4. Students were running the recorders this year. However, Michael felt that adults should be pushing the play button on the recorders in future auditions.
5. Most districts require teachers to participate in auditions.
6. There is still a concern when changing voice parts after students have originally been entered in the system.
7. Suggestions of using scan code to scan for High School QR codes-scanners and technology.
8. Concern that the audition material was extremely difficult this year.
9. Teachers would like the music list earlier if possible.
10. Michael would like to send out a survey to figure out why more schools are not auditioning. (need approval from board.)
11. **It was suggested that at the summer board meeting looking at possibly using different material along with state for district auditions.**
12. John Taylor suggested contact state choir chairs to discuss problems and suggestions with audition.

### Today

1. Please remind students to be respectful to audience members during the concert by not talking/playing on their phones, etc.
2. Cards will be used again and will be collected following the concert.
3. Reserved seats for choir will be on the left and center balcony.

## **II JUNIOR HIGH CHOIR-Kathy Conway**

- A. Assistant-Annie Adams
- B. Clinician-Shana Lander-Manhattan
- C. Accompanist-Maggie McKain
- D. Concert Information
  1. Students registered-170
  2. Students in attendance-152
  3. Schools-26
  4. 4 songs were performed
  5. Concern that there was way too much time for junior high students. It was suggested to possibly consider adding another song.

6. It was also suggested to consider moving the junior choir deadline up a week after the band deadline.
7. **In junior high a student is eligible to try out for band and also sign up for choir. If a student is selected for the band they must do band. If not selected for band they may do choir.**
8. If a student is selected for the choir and does not attend the day of the concert a participation fee must still be paid for that student.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Reishus  
District Manager