

NWKMEA CHOIR DIRECTOR'S MEETING
December 2, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Janet Seehafer-chair called the meeting to order.

- I. Assistant-Jessica Hakoda-Ellsworth
- II. Clinician-Dr. Terry Crull-Fort Hays State University
- III. Accompanist-Pam McGowne-FHSU
- IV. High School Honor Choir results-
 - A. Auditions were held November 4, 2017
 - B. Registered to audition-271
 - C. Actual Audition-232
 - D. Selected for choir-198
 - E. In attendance today-185 (13 cancellations)
 - F. Schools represented -30
- V. Janet stated she would like to thank all who helped with the audition process. She appreciated everyone's willingness to help out. More students auditioned than in previous years so had to add extra rooms. Auditions went smoothly because of the excellent helpers.
- VI. Janell would also like to thank Johnny Matlock at Hays Highs School for providing great facilities and efficient helpers who also played a big part in making the day run smoothly.
- VII. Over 80 men auditioned this year. Overall, all sections were very well prepared according to judges and scores were high.
- VIII. It was suggested to the directors to make sure they have the website for the Northwest District bookmarked: 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.
- IX. 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.

- X. Janet read the list of four year participants and asked if any additions.
- XI. Janet went over concert attire at the concerts.
 - Men-Ties/Dress clothes
 - Women-Dress clothes (dresses and skirts finger tips long)
- XII. There will be changes coming for the State Choirs in the future
 - There will now be a two State Choirs-SATB and Treble Clef
- KIII. The Site Coordinator has a concern for our numbers in the High School and Elementary Choir.
- XIV Needed today for concert: Ushers, People to take tickets, People to sit in the Balcony when the choir is up there, people to help take down risers to make way for Instrumental groups, people to collect name tags.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Reishus
District Manager