

NW KMEA CHOIR DIRECTOR'S MEETING
December 6, 2025
10:00 a.m.

Lisa called the meeting to order.

Lisa had everyone introduce themselves and explain where they taught,

I. High School Honor Choir

A. Assistant-Sonya Pearson

B. Clinician-Dan Baker-Manhattan

C. Accompanist-Pam McGowen-Hays

High School Honor Choir results-

1. Auditions held November 8, 2025

2. Registered to audition-169

3. Cancellations-26

4. Selected for choir- 141

5. Schools represented -27

6. Actual attendance-127 (14 not able to attend)

7. Followed the same 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.

8. Used Festival Auditions for the auditions this year.

Bluetooth speakers were used again for auditions. Slight issue with the jump drives that can easily be addressed

9. Cancellations affect our potential total number of Octets and quartets within the state equation.

II. Junior High Choir-Megan Reiner Chair

A. Assistant-Adam Flax

B. Clinician-Logan Caywood-Arkansas City

C. Accompanist-Kelsey Pinkerton

D. Registered-209

E. In attendance-184

F. Schools-25

G. Sop-78, altos-67 tenors-40, Bass-24

H. Teachers did a nice job of sending a balanced group. Could use a few more male voices.

I. Long rehearsal time-Teachers monitored in the afternoon-much needed.

J. Behavior-During the concert was disappointing with a few altos on the end

- K. 6th grade was able to participate this year.
- L. Might need to cap it next year.
- M. Make sure to rank students.

III. Old Business

- A. Paper auditions for High School choir/Nominations
- B. This year had total of 7 additions through teacher nominations live auditions.
- C. A2-1, T1-2, T2-2, B1-1, B2-1
- D. Any feedback from this newly implemented procedure.

IV. New Business

- A. There were problems with 6th grade students at the junior high concert.
- B. Need to rank junior high students
- C. Need a cell phone policy at Junior High and High School Concert. **NO CELL PHONES. TEACHERS COLLECT CELL PHONES.**
- D. Need suggestions for clinicians.
- E. There were questions pertaining to the girls audition piece for the state. Need to program the girls piece on NW concert from the state.

*****MOTION**

Kelly Burris made the motion to adjourn. Gary Dekler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Reishus
Northwest KMEA Executive Director