

NCMB Monthly Meeting 4/1/2025

Commenced at 7 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Karma Christensen, Brooke Heskett, Rachel Young, Richard Hopton, Heidi Hopton, Christie Hadley

**CantiCoro Representative Report:** Practicing for the District festival tomorrow, also working on one additional song for Spring Concert “Juego a Que Me Quemo” (spelling?). Transition after MA is good; they are tired but pushing through. Believe the majority of choir members auditioned for Madrigals & Bella Voce.

**Bella Voce Representative Report:** Working on District songs today, Latin song is challenging. Working on CMEA set, one from the Winter Concert, and working on a new one. Trying to do some Spring gigs, but they haven’t started reaching out to anyone yet. Have had someone reach out, but nothing is confirmed.

**Madrigals Representative Report:** Working on District choir songs. Reviewing/learning songs for CMEA, one from the Fall Concert and a couple of new ones. Had callbacks today for choir auditions. Checking on whether new business cards are needed. We are aware of no spring gigs.

**Guitar Representative Report:** Everything is going great. Working on songs for the Spring Concert. Mrs. Christensen has purchased new guitar hooks. Should be restringing all guitars in class before the Spring Concert. Advanced Guitar will learn this upon return from Spring Break. They are currently working on learning plucking techniques and power chords.

**Review of March Meeting Minutes.** Need to find out who the seconds were for a couple of agenda items. Christie Hadley and Karma Christensen. Rachel Young motions to approve the minutes with amendments, and Richard Hopton seconds. Kristin abstains. The motion passes. Note: April’s meeting minutes will be taken by Brooke Heskett.

**Treasurer Report:** Total MA \$9,532.96 profit. MA Expenses: \$3,536.54 (ticket printing, music costs, production, choir wrap party, etc.).

### **President Report:**

**Bylaws:** have gone over bylaws with the board, changes allow us to support all of the programs that the choral director is in charge of (e.g., guitar, music theory, etc.). Added Social Media Specialist as an official position on the Board and description of duties. Added lines for Guitar Representative and Other Student Representative, as well as a description of responsibilities. Amendment: removing “checks over \$1,000.” Removed that NCMB is under the PFC—we are not. Once approved, everyone will sign, though only need President, Secretary, and Treasurer are needed, but all positions that are filled will sign. Amendment: Article 4, the new words will be “Board members.” Will get official signatures next meeting.

**Booklet of Policies & Procedures:** The President and Board are updating to reflect current activities, guidelines, and expectations. Will have amended Policies & Procedures for the May meeting.

Motion to approve the Bylaws for our non-profit organization of Northgate High School. Rachel Young seconds the motion. All yea, no naes. The motion passes.

**Updates in Little Theatre:** painted the stage floor, purchased two new microphones, and updated some lights. A new sound board was purchased through District funds. Have some priorities that we are working with the other arts programs to update/improve. The next priority is purchasing new cables and a storage system to protect them.

**Chik-fil-A Fundraiser:** the first one they have done, and they liked it. Raised over \$100. Provided feedback that having to order through the app was not consumer-friendly for this type of event. Opportunity to continue this relationship. Will ask our contact how often dine-out fundraisers can be done there. Chik-Fil-A also donated a basket for MA raffle. Are dine and donates something the Boosters want to continue? Will look into the process for advertising the event to the whole school to maximize effectiveness.

**Movie Night Sing w/ Northgate Choirs:** Will show *High School Musical* Sing Along. NHS Choir members are free. Everyone else is \$10, will get a basketball stick and a ticket to get one popcorn and one drink. Heidi will pick up food and drink supplies that afternoon. Maybe other options for those who cannot eat popcorn. Extra snacks will be sold.

**Spring Mini-Tour:** Arrive at 7:30 a.m. to load buses, will have mini-breakfast/snack bags. Will receive the itinerary on Friday, April 4. Will need permission slips, etc., on file for all students who are going. Mrs. Friend and her husband, Richard and Heidi Hopton, and Karma Christensen are the official chaperones. Black pants, shoes, socks, and NHS Choir t-shirts. Check-in is at 10 a.m. and will perform at 10:30 a.m. Then students can explore the park, picnic lunch from 11-1 p.m. Unlimited soda containers. Will leave the park by 8:30 PM. The estimated time of arrival will be between 9:30-10 PM. Will have an additional 15 tickets for \$75 for general family/friends purchase. Checks need to be payable to NCMB and include picnic and park access.

Question re: attire for District Choir Concert tomorrow. Mrs. Friend has decided that all students should wear the NHS concert choir uniforms.

Volunteers for Spring Concerts:

Canti/Coro will sell flowers

2025-2026 Board Members—election will be held in May

Heidi Hopton for Treasurer

Ruthe Baez for President

Richard Hopton for Social Media

Erica Davis will remain on as Secretary

Vice President

Parent Volunteer

**Website & Social Media Updates:** have been uploading MA videos and photos to the website. Will be doing the 2023 MA throwback after as well as ICHSA. Looking into options for online ticket sales and how to do that without too many fees. Also, looking at getting a calendar on the website to help answer questions about rehearsals, audition times, etc. Temporarily replaced the donate page with a volunteer page. Will take it down after the next meeting once positions are filled.

**Director's Report:** It has been a hectic month, but things are going well as students prepare for District and CMEA, as well as a mini-tour. Auditions for next year's choir are wrapping up. We are also looking to have El Coro back as a class. Guitar is going well, and we are finalizing set lists.

- Juniors and underclassmen need to work on the slideshow. Juniors need to do the Senior posters.
- The students have an all-day rehearsal with the other high schools tomorrow to prepare for the District Concert.
- Tradition that choirs perform at Graduation.

Meeting ended at 8:18 p.m.