

NCMB Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2025

Board Members in Attendance:

Karma Christensen (President), Brooke Heskett (Vice President), Erica Davis (Secretary), Heidi and Richard Hopton (Webmaster/Social Media), Christi Hadley (Volunteer Coordinator), and Ms. Friend (Teacher).

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Karma Christensen (President).

Class Representative Updates:

Canti/Coro – S.W.

- Working on "Somebody to Love" (challenging but fun) and "Gimme Gimme Gimme."
- Choosing a difficult song for the spring concert.
- Sign-ups for Musical America treats are ongoing.
- Flower-making session is scheduled for 5:30 PM at Karma's house.

Bella Voce – B.C.

- Had a successful weekend at Musical America.
- Discussions are underway for next year's auditions.
- Preparing for District Festival and CMEA, possibly revising familiar songs.
- Enjoying rehearsals and bonding as a group.

Madrigals – E.H.

- Currently resting after a busy schedule; many members are not feeling well.
- Will resume intensive preparation before the next performance.
- Won two awards at the competition: Best Arrangement and Best Beatboxer.
- Celebrated successes with food and fun.
- Observations for improvement: Start rehearsing earlier, plan sound checks strategically, and continue networking with other performers.
- Competition format: 10-minute performance, starting from pitch pipe and claps.

Guitar Class – K.T.

- Advanced class learning fingerpicking techniques and posture for classical guitar.
- Next week, we move on to power chords.
- New strings have arrived; more picks are needed.

Musical America – A.

- Discussing the feasibility of learning new songs for the spring concert.
- Event went well; celebrations and after-party planning are underway.
- Thursday felt like an extra rehearsal; Saturday ran smoothly with no major issues.
- Enjoyed audience participation tactics.
- Brandon Publications provided valuable promotional support.

Parent Feedback:

- Concerns were raised about skirt length and attire; the focus should remain on the music.
- Performance outfits should allow free movement without wardrobe malfunctions.
- Suggestion to diversify student participation in filler acts to include new talent.
- Proposal for Ms. Friend to offer an audition boot camp to support less experienced students.

Board Updates:

Secretary Report – Erica Davis

- Meeting minutes from January were approved by Richard Hopton and seconded.

President Report – Karma Christensen

- **Brandon Enriquez (Performing Arts Assistant Director):**
 - The TV from the choir room has been relocated to the theater entrance for activity promotion.
 - Discussed choir and band program budgets, emphasizing shared expenses (e.g., mic cords).
 - Motion passed to allow budget carryover for future equipment purchases and replacements (seconded by Richard Hopton).
 - Brandon is compiling a list of needed improvements.
 - Funding will soon provide a new soundboard, benefiting performing arts and other theater users.
- **Upcoming Fundraisers & Events:**
 - **Flowers:** Donations of flowers and gift cards have been received.
 - **Raffle Baskets:** Contributions secured.
 - **Chick-fil-A Dine & Donate:** Scheduled for March 11th (use local zip code).
 - **High School Musical Fundraiser:** April 18th – "Sing with Me" Movie Night.
 - **Spring Mini-Tour Performance:** April 19th at Great America Theme Park (performance at 10:30 AM).
 - **Hayward Invitational:** March 14th – Madrigals and Bella Voce will perform (casual event).

Treasurer Report – Rachel (Absent)

Website & Social Media – Heidi & Richard Hopton

- Exploring **Venmo** as a payment option for bake sales.
- Considering **GoFan page** to facilitate online sales for choir boosters.
- Researching feasibility of lunchtime sales at school.

Director Report – Ms. Friend

- **Hayward Invitational:** March 14th – Madrigals and Bella Voce to perform.
- **District Festival:** April 2nd @ College Park (5:00-9:00 PM).
- **CMEA:** April 26th.
- **Spring Concert Preparation:** Introducing new songs.
- **Advanced Guitar:** Continuing skill development.
- **Beginning Guitar:** Learning songs together.

Upcoming Events:

- March 11: Chick-fil-A Dine & Donate
- March 14: Hayward Invitational
- April 2: District Festival
- April 18: High School Musical Fundraiser
- April 19: Spring Mini-Tour at Great America
- April 26: CMEA Performance

Old/New Business:

No new business was discussed.

Adjournment:

Meeting closed at 8:07 PM.
