

New Mexico School for the Arts (NMSA)
Parent Association
NMSA-PA

Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2013

I. Call to order

President, Charles Hoy called to order the regular meeting of NMSA-PA at 11:07 a.m. on August 10, 2013 at the school's location.

II. Sign Roll Call Sheet

Roll call sheet

Those in attendance were asked to sign in. According to the sign in sheet, the following persons were present:

Karen Conley, Christi Hield, Joey Chavez, Jake Cohen, Susan Steinman, Warren Steinman, Christine Farmer, Charles Hoy, Nina Mastrangelo, Lois Harvey, John King, Soledad King, Gretchen Johnson

III. Introductions

Introductions were completed.

IV. Distribution of Minutes from the June Meeting

To save time, the draft minutes are sent to those providing a readable e-mail address next to their name on the sign in sheet or are available before the meeting by emailing any one of the following individuals, Charles Hoy (choy@diamondlakebd.com), Christi Hield (Christi.hield@juno.com), or Karen Conley (kfconley@aol.com). A limited number of copies will be available at the meeting. Approval of the minutes is at the end of the meeting to give everyone a chance to read them.

V. Review, Additions and Approval of the Agenda

Jake Cohen made a motion to approve the agenda. Nina Mastrangelo seconded the motion. All were in agreement.

VI. Assign a Timekeeper

Christie Heild acted as timekeeper.

VII. Treasurer's Report

Christi Heild reported that the PA would start with about 11,000.00 this year. The PA raised about 25,000.00 and spent 15,000.00. Shirts and License Plates were sold at registration. Christi is waiting to hear from Gayle to find out the amount brought in.

VIII. Old Business

There was some discussion about the new By-laws. The new By-laws were just received by the Executive Board the night before this meeting. President Hoy mentioned that the By-laws could be submitted to the website for the parents to look over. These By-laws were rewritten with the help of Sherry Garcia, Tom Osgood and Cathy Weber. President Hoy will make sure that Sandra Halpern and Julies Gomez receive a copy.

IX. New Business

a. Vice President nomination: Roni Rohr spoke with President Hoy before this meeting, informing him she would be interested in this position. She was unable to attend this meeting. There was discussion about the fact that if she was nominated and elected, Music Department parents would solely represent the whole Executive board. It didn't seem to be a problem for most present; however it was felt that since there weren't very many parents in attendance, we would table this item until the September meeting. This would give other parents an opportunity to volunteer for this position.

b. Indian Market fundraiser: 3/5 of the volunteers required have been filled. Steve Koehler will continue to help along with Jake Cohen. Charles Hoy will take responsibility of talking to Sandra Halpern about access to the school. There was discussion about charging Vendors who park in the lot more since they are there all day. Shelly Robinson made a motion to Charge the Vendors \$20.00 for parking. Lois Harvie seconded it. The motion was passed. It was mentioned that all volunteers should park in the Pera parking lot.

c. Liaisons: Liaisons for the different departments at this moment are:

Music: Lois Harvie, Karen Conley

Dance: Shelly Robinson

Theater: Cathy Weber, Brenda Euwer

Visual Arts: No one at this time although Tom Osgood volunteered to continue.

The question came up about if there needed to be a parent liaison for Student Council. Joey Chavez is in charge of the Student Council and they will be meeting before school on a day TBA at 8:30 a.m.

Yearbook Update: Yearbook Advisor was discussed. Everyone agreed what a great job Megan Stavrowsky and her team did. No one was sure if Megan wanted to continue as yearbook advisor this year. Christi Heild will look through the volunteer sheets to see if there were any people that marked that as an interest.

d. Master Calendar: These events are already on the calendar: 2 dances, 2 coffee houses, Prom, Arts Exchange Day, all theater performances and tentative dates for Music performances. There has not been a date set for Applebee's and Birch does not seem to be happening. Pres. Hoy will look into the reason why Birch does not seem to be happening.

e. Parent Association Discussion: Pres. Hoy spoke to the PA relationship with the AI board. The NMSA board asked if the PA would make a presentation to the boards 2x a year. Pres. Hoy expressed that at least 2 people should make the presentations, one being from the Executive board and one from the general PA. Warren Steinman suggested we invite Riis Gonzales to the next meeting to clarify exactly what the boards would like to know in this presentation. Christine Farmer made a motion to invite Riis to the next meeting in September. Lois Harvie seconded it. The motion passed.

Jake Cohen asked what he should say to parents when he is asked about the PA. Pres. Hoy read information from the By-laws and a description of the PA. Jake Cohen asked if something could be put out on I-contact to everyone. Lois Harvie and Pres. Hoy will work on this together. Brenda Euwer made a motion to have this sent out on e-mail. Warren Steinman seconded the motion.

President Hoy suggested that a committee be formed for facilitating alums reporting back how things are going in their schools etc. Christine Farmer made a motion to form a committee in the next meeting. Jake Cohen seconds the motion. The motion passed.

There was a discussion about developing new fundraising avenues. Christi Heild thought this was a dept. discussion. John King mentioned that fundraising is successful when all the dept. are combined and involved.

President Hoy read a statement to the PA explain the events that took place during the summer in regard to the firing of the past Music Dept. Chair and the hiring of our new chair Mr. Swapp. In his statement, Pres. Hoy stated that the music dept. is willing to move on and support our new chair.

X. Officer/Committee/Task Force Reports and Updates

Parent Fund Raising Events: See above

Residential/Out of Town Committee Report: Joey Chavez reported that Holly will be working with the Residential students this year. The students will be housed in a compound behind the O'Keefe this year instead of the Deaf School. There are approximately 17 students living in the compound this year. Sara Lusher and her husband will be living there full time as house parents. The new caterer will be providing meals for these students.

Liaison reports:

Dance Dept. No report

Theater Dept. No report

Visual Arts Dept. No report

Music Dept. No report

XI. Administration/Staff Reports

Joey Chavez reported that he is now the Dean of Students and will be working with the everyday nuts and bolts of the school. He reported that the students now will have an e-mail address at school. They are now able to get into Google. Smart boards and new technology are being installed and Rueben has extended the bandwidth.

There is a new caterer for meals this year. Students will need to e-mail by Wednesday to order meals for the next week. They will need their student ID and parents will be billed at the end of the month.

Back to School Night is on the master calendar. Mr. Chavez reported that the PA president will speak. The liaisons should speak to their dept. chairs to find out if they would like any help. Art chairs will meet with each dept. separately. Parents will then follow their students' academic schedules.

Mr. Chavez reported that Ms. Montoya will be dealing with the Charter Renewal. The requirements for the renewal are, developing this school into a functioning organization and securing a permanent campus. The permanent campus is a priority of the NMSA board.

Mr. Chavez also reported that the school is being visited by the accreditation team this year. The challenge is proving we are a valid school, that we have systems in place for assessment and that as an Arts School, the students are moving ahead a year in academics as a result. The team will be in the school for 3 days interviewing teachers, students and chairs. If we are accredited, we will be nationally accredited. The visit will be sometime in December.

There was a motion made by Nina Mastrangelo, to extend the meeting 15 minutes. Warren Steinman seconded it. The motion passed.

XII. Additional Agenda Items
Vice President

XIV. Approval of Minutes from June 1, 2013

Jake Cohen made a motion to approve the minutes. Nina Mastrangelo seconded it. The motion was passed.

XV. Next Meeting

There was a discussion about the next meeting time. A motion was made by Lois Harvie to move the meeting from the 7th to the 14th. Gretchen Johnson seconded it. There was discussion about the possibility of moving the time for the meeting. Also about having a conference call option. That option was tried and it was not totally successful. The motion passed. The next meeting will be September 14, 2013 at 11:00.

XVI. Adjournment

President, Charles Hoy adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Karen Conley, Secretary