

**North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs
Spring Convention Minutes
Day's Inn & Conference Center, Moorhead, MN
April 29, 2005**

Members Present: Kris Brugamy, June Skuza, Jan Stoffel, Ruth Heley, Carolyn Nelson, Carma Kulish, Deanna Qualley, Sharon Wesbrook, Vivian Acuff, Donna Koppenhaver, Carole Flatau, Kari Jo Hansen, Arnola Levenson, Dawn Penrose, Marge Johnson, Bette Hildebrand, Pat Sondrall, Dolores Loberg, Doris Lambie, Sallie Nordlie, Pat Grantier, Odee Maier, Gordon Maier, Lana Bailey, Eleanor Johnson, Charlene Knoll, Kathe Hall, Darcy Lackman, Lana Simons, Avis Skinner, Barbara Larson, Marilyn Knutson, Verona Burbeck, Isabella Weaver, Karen Dalager, Suzanne Rue, Amie Dexter.

Members Excused: Karen Knudsvig, Julie Broby, Charlotte Lewis, Kitty Overboe, and Jackie Keck.

Members Absent: Lila Gienger, Jane Kalmbach, Betty Carow, Susan Lundberg, Terri Sorenson, Deb Eraas.

President Sharon Wesbrook called the State Convention to order at 9:00 a.m on Friday, April 29.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.
National anthem was sung.
Federation collect was recited.
The Federation Hymn was sung, accompanied by Marilyn Knutson.
Invocation by Rev. Janet Miller.

Welcomes: Deanna Qualley, Fargo-Moorhead President and Mark Voxland, Moorhead Mayor.

Response: Sally Nordlie, Vice President East Region.

State President's Song: "Change my Heart, O God" was sung, accompanied by Marilyn Knutson.

Presentation of Official Convention Book: by Marge Johnson, F-M Music Club to Sharon Wesbrook, President.

Acceptance of Convention Book: Sharon Wesbrook, President.

Introductions: Carolyn Nelson introduced Lana Bailey, the NFMC First Vice President. Lana Bailey spoke for a few minutes.

Business Meeting, Session 1:

Officer's Reports:

- Odee Maier, NC Vice President (see written report).
- Donna Koppenhaver, NFMC Board Member (see written report).
- Gordon Maier, Tax Exemption status and NFMC Investment Committee.
- Doris Lambie, Public Relations (see written report).
- Carolyn Nelson, NFMC, National Legislation, Budget, and NC Region Secretary-Treasurer.
- Carolyn Flatau, National Folk Chair, Poetry (see written report).
- Vivian Acuff, Regional Opera Chair, Music Outreach. Grand Forks had over 3,000 volunteer hours, with the State having over 7,000 hours.
- Eleanor Johnson, Historian, has been a member since 1940's and the historian since 1972.

Senior Club Reports were not read (see written reports).

Secretary's Minutes were approved as amended on Thursday.

Treasurer's Report: Six reports were handed out. The budget committee consisted of Kris Brugamy, June Skuza and Carolyn Nelson. Kris moved that the proposed budget be accepted, seconded by Jan Stoffel, motion carried.

Dr. Katherine Norman, UND, Speaker, spoke on Music Clubs in the early 1900's, and the history of the Grand Forks and Fargo clubs.

"The Noteables" from the F-M Music Club performed for the luncheon.

Ruth Heley, from the Dickinson club was the performing artist after the luncheon, accompanied by Janet Geston.

Business Meeting – Session 2:

Carma Kulish gave the Festival Report (see written report). Pat Sondrall moved to increase the festival fees by \$1.00. Lana Simons seconded the motion. Motion carried. The increase will be allocated with 25 cents going to gold cups and 75 cents for festival expenses. The festival fee for each event will be \$10.00, with \$7 for festival fees and \$3 for gold cup fees. Festival Judges' fee will stay the same. This was tabled until the fall meeting. President's Reminder: The composition fees were also increased at the April 17th, 2004 Spring Board meeting in Bismarck. This was not initiated in 2004 but a new composition letter will go out to the teachers and students for 2005. For Level 1 it would be raised to \$10.00, of which \$6.00 goes to expenses and \$4.00 for Gold Cup fees. For Level 2 it would be raised to \$12.00, of which \$7.50 goes to expenses and \$4.50 for Gold Cup fees. For Level 3 and 4 it would be raised to \$15.00, of which \$10.00 goes to expenses and \$5.00 for Gold Cup fees.

Kris Brugamy made a motion that Festival Chairs need to pick certified judges for festival, if not certified, the judges will not be paid. Arnola Levenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jan Stoffel, Nominating Committee, made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers for the next biennium, Carma Kulish seconded the motion. Motion carried. The President is Gordon Maier, Vice President is Vivian Acuff, Secretary is Dawn Penrose, and Treasurer is Kris Brugamy, Regional Vice President for Eastern Region is Sally Nordlie, and Regional Vice President for Western Region is Ruth Heley.

Doris Lambie asked the members to sign a Resolution of Support for Merton Utgaard to receive the Theodore Roosevelt Roughrider Award. Please have as many members sign in your local clubs as well.

Odee Maier presented ND Dream which has three components #1, which detailed the State Newsletter, State Roster and State Web Site. Motion by Odee Maier to put #1 into motion. Janice Stoffel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Odee Maier presented #2; Odee made a motion that #2 be referred to the Executive Committee and brings recommendations to the Fall Board meeting, which was seconded by Pat Grantier. Motion carried.

Odee Maier discussed #3; the room for American Music at IMC in the new building being built. Naming rights for a room is \$25,000. Currently \$6,100 is in the fund. Some funds may be available if National puts some music in the room as well. Perhaps private donations can be solicited. Discussion followed. Odee made a motion to send #3 to the Executive committee for discussion and action. Janice Stoffel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Louise Pinkerton was a performing artist, accompanied by Janet Geston. She performed after Session 2.

Conclusion of Business Session 2:

The Past State Presidents Assembly shared an idea. They proposed that the remaining \$18,900 left to raise to see #3 become a reality could be done through a 1 for 2 match by the NDFMC for private funds raised. For every \$2 raised, the state would add \$1.00 to the IMC building fund. No motion was made nor any action taken.

Carolyn Nelson passed out Senior Club Report forms and requested that they be filled out before the convention was over.

The folk song, "Make New Friends" led by Carole Flatau, was sung.

President Sharon recessed the meeting.

President's Banquet was held, with Lana Bailey as the guest speaker, from the National Federation of Music Clubs. Installation of State Officers was presided over by Lana Bailey. It was followed by the Young Artist Concert. The Roo Duo performed. They were duo pianists. Reception followed the concert.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Penrose
NDFMC State Secretary

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Prelude to the White Breakfast was played by Joanne Schlanser, F-M Area Music Club. Deanna Qualley, President of the F-M Area Music Club welcomed everyone. Carolyn Nelson introduced the Past Presidents.

Invocation was led by Kari Jo Hanson.

Performing Artist, Joan Karner of Grand Forks performed "Glory to His Name" medley.

Memorial Service was led by Kari Jo Hanson.

Business Meeting, Session 3:

Carolyn Nelson talked about the Archives. The committee consisting of June Skuza, Kathe Hall, and Carolyn Nelson went through the Archives located in Bismarck. **Doris Lambie made a motion to donate two Jardine scrapbooks to the Institute of Regional Studies at NDSU. Odee Maier seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Archives Committee is dissolved.**

Carolyn Nelson gave the Junior Composers Institute report (see written report). Doris Lambie talked about the Sampson estate. **Doris Lambie made a motion to take up to \$3,500 from the Gay King fund and up to \$3,500 from the Evelyn Sampson estate, to be used by the Minot group to purchase a piano. These matching funds are \$1 for \$1. Whatever the Minot group raises will be matched. Donna Koppenhaver seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Janet Miller mentioned that there were a total of 47 registrants for the convention and 71 registered for the Junior Luncheon. Marge Johnson said the Convention received donations from the ND Council of the Arts, Gate City Bank, State Bank of Fargo, Eckroth Music and Schmitt Music.

The Resolution Committee report was given by Donna Koppenhaver, who read a poem on the convention.

The Williston Club extended an invitation for the 2007 convention, which was accepted.

Carole Flatau led two folk songs.

The silent auction raised \$419.00 to help offset Convention expenses for the Young Artists.

Donna Koppenhaver presented a State Past Presidents' Representative pin to Carolyn Nelson.

President Sharon adjourned the convention.

The Junior Luncheon followed the meeting. The Festival Honors Recital followed.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Penrose, Secretary
NDFMC State Secretary