

**North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs
Special Executive Board Meeting
Jamestown College, Jamestown, ND
September 27, 2008**

Members present: Lila Gienger, Gordon Maier, Kris Brugamy, Carole Flatau, Odee Maier, Dawn Penrose, Pat Grantier, Sharon Wesbrook, June Skuza, Lana Simons, Carolyn Nelson, Jan Stoffel, Jann Belanus, Donna Koppenhaver, Carma Kulish, Darcy Lackman, Mavis Ness, Lynda Pearson, Eileen Geske, Maxine Kallander, and Sylvia Weisser.

Members excused and/or absent: Jacki Keck, Terri Sorenson, Mary Hoberg, Doris Lambie, Sally Nordlie, Susan Lundberg, Dawn Lawrence.

Lila Gienger, President, called the special Executive Board Meeting to order.

Gordon Maier explained the changes to the Bylaws.

After discussion, **Gordon Maier made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the Bylaws. Janice Stoffel seconded the motion. Motion approved to change the Bylaws.**

The meeting was closed.

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President Lila Gienger called the Fall Board Meeting to order. The Federation Collect was recited.

Secretary's Minutes: There were two corrections to the Spring Board Meeting of 2008. On the first page, 6th paragraph, the change is underlined; on the second page, 2nd paragraph, the change is underlined. **Carolyn Nelson moved the Secretary's Minutes be approved as corrected from the Spring Board meeting, Darcy Lackman seconded the motion. Motion carried.** (#1) The corrected Spring Board Meeting minutes will be forwarded to the Board Members.

Lila Gienger read thank you notes from Rafe Sorenson, Amy Whittaker, Aaron Tacki, and Emily Custer, JCI recipients.

Treasurer's Report: Kris Brugamyer gave the Treasurer's report; #2, the Year End Final Report, #3 the Year End Junior Division, #4 the Incomplete fiscal year, #5 the Composer's Center. The Composer's Center is paid in full and \$4,122.76 is left for furnishings.

Dues for Senior Individual Members went from \$21 to \$51 (with \$1 for Founders Day Pennies). The Music Club Magazine price increased to \$6, but no increase is necessary to the club members.

Carolyn Nelson moved to accept the treasurer's report and file for audit. Odee Maier seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Carolyn Nelson and Sharon Wesbrook audited the NDFMC Treasurer's books. They recommended using individual vouchers for major categories. **Carma Kulish moved to accept the Audit Report. Pat Grantier seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

A short break was taken. After the break, a piano trio, consisting of Sharon Wesbrook, Carolyn Nelson and Carole Flatau, played Old Woman, Old Woman by Carrie Kraft. Sharon talked and sang about "Popcorn Popping from the Apricot Tree".

National, Regional & State Chair Reports:

Pat Grantier, NDFMC Vice President, talked about attending Convention, and that the 2009 Convention will be held in Orlando, Florida. She mentioned that Jesse Blumberg, a baritone was excellent. His information can be found at www.jesseblumberg.com.

Janice Stoffel, chair of the NDFMC American Women Composers, Corresponding Secretary and NCR Poetry Chair reported (#6).

Carma Kulish, NDFMC Festival chair reported (#7). Kris Brugamyer explained the new form for Festival Teachers to complete and mail to Kris, will change from triplicate to duplicate. Pat Grantier explained about the Festival Computer program. Fees need to be raised for each Festival event, because National is adding an additional \$1.50 per event, effective immediately. The national fee per event will now be \$2.00. Lana Simons read a letter from Arnola Levenson; she is against the increase.

Odee Maier made a motion that we raise the fee by \$1.00 per event, per student this festival season. Carole Flatau seconded the motion. After much discussion by Club members, Carolyn Nelson called the question.
Motion carried with 12 Yes and 5 No.

Jann Belanus, Chair of NDFMC Gold Cups reported (#8).

Recessed for lunch in the Student Campus Building.

Carolyn Nelson, National Board Member, reported (#9 and 9a).

Odee Maier, Member at Large from NDFMC, gave her report (#10).

Carole Flatau, NFMC Folk Music & Poetry, and NFMC Board of Directors, reported (#11).

Sharon Wesbrook, chair of Jr. Composers Contest and ND Composers List, reported (#12 & 13).

Lana Simons, chair of NDFMC International Music Camp, reported (#14).

Donna Koppenhaver, chair of NDFMC Chamber Music, reported (#15).

Old Business:

Kris Brugamyer asked about giving financial support in the amount of \$500 to only the two elected NDFMC-elected National Officers. **Gordon Maier made a motion to give financial support in the amount of \$500 to only the two NDFMC-elected NFMC officers: the President or representative and the State Board Member. Lana Simons seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

New Business:

Convention plans are moving forward. The convention will be held in Grand Forks and be hosted by Grand Forks & Buxton/Devils Lake. It will be held from April 30, 2009-May 2, 2009. The convention will be held at the Ramada Inn. Nathan Knutson will be the Young Artist performing. Eileen Jackson will be the chaplain. The Thursday evening dinner will be at the Augustana Lutheran Church. A letter has been written to Heidi Hong to be the National Guest, and we are waiting for a response.

Kris Brugamyer needs the names of any 50+ year members of clubs from NDFMC so that she can order and present pins to them at the convention.

Names were proposed for the Nominating Committee. **Pat Grantier moved the slate of Carma Kulish, Darcy Lackman, Virginia Dohn, Avis Skinner, Jan Stoffel (alternate) and any other person necessary be placed on the Nominating Committee. June Skuza seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Lila Gienger, President, asked for volunteers for the Budget Committee. Carolyn Nelson, Kris Brugamyer and Darcy Lackman all volunteered.

Lila Gienger, President, said that the NDFMC needs to elect a State Board Representative. Odee Maier nominated Carolyn Nelson. **Janice Stoffel made a motion that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Carolyn Nelson as the State Board Representative from ND. Kris Brugamyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Lila Gienger, President, asked for nominations for national Members-at-Large for possible election at the next NFMC meeting. June Skuza nominated Odee Maier and Carolyn Nelson nominated Carole Flatau. They will both need to submit a 120 word biography to National; the bio will go to Lila and then to Odee by December 1, 2008. Carolyn Nelson moved nominations cease. **Carolyn Nelson moved that we cast a unanimous vote for Odee Maier and Carole Flatau. Jan Stoffel seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Kris Brugamyer brought forward proposed language to be used for the dissolution of a Senior Club. **Kris Brugamyer moved that the proposed Dissolution language (#16) be approved for use in each of the Senior Clubs' Constitution. June Skuza seconded the motion. Motion carried.** Kris will see that the language is sent to all senior clubs. The language is as follows:

DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the _____ Music Club, any funds remaining in the treasury after payment of any outstanding debts shall be contributed to the North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs.

Kris Brugamyer and Carolyn Nelson explained the Constitution of a possible new senior club to be called the Peace Garden Music Club (#17). That club would have annual dues of \$30. Discussion was had and the project dropped. Kris will send letters to all Senior Individual Members notifying them of the increase in fees. They will have the option of paying \$51.00 or joining a local Senior Club and paying dues to that Club.

Odee Maier reported on the Student/Collegiate Auditions. **Odee Maier moved to give \$500 to any 1st place winners in any of the NDFMC auditions for 2009. June Skuza seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Odee Maier reported that the Newsletter costs \$1500 a year; \$500 per issue. She brought forward the idea of having each Senior club member pay \$3.00 to cover the costs. **Carolyn Nelson moved to pay for the remaining Newsletter issues for this fiscal year from the Sampson fund. Darcy Lackman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Odee Maier reported that the funds from the Agnes Jardine, Past National President's fund, will be reduced to \$900/year. The options are 1) to continue to have NFMC pay the \$900 until the fund is depleted; 2) NDFMC put in the remainder of the funds necessary to cover the \$1250.00; or 3) to raise funds at the State level. The fund currently has \$23,423.00 and National would like to see that amount increased to \$33,000. At this time, NFMC will cover 10 scholarships at \$90/each. **Carolyn Nelson moved to add \$100 to supplement the Agnes Jardine Scholarship to cover 10 scholarships at \$10.00/each. Carma Kulish seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Each state needs to contribute \$1,000 to the Past National President's Fund. Fundraising ideas are needed. Pat Grantier, Odee Maier and Carolyn Nelson all volunteered to look into the matter and bring ideas to the next state meeting.

Reports were also submitted by the Senior Clubs: Minot Piano Teachers Club (#18) and Thursday Music Club of Grand Forks (#19).

Carolyn Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting. Carole Flatau seconded. Motion approved.

Meeting dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Penrose
NDFMC State Secretary