

**North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs
2009 Pre-Convention Board Meeting
Augustana Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND
April 30, 2009**

Members present: Lila Gienger, Gordon Maier, Kris Brugamyer, Carole Flatau, Odee Maier, Dawn Penrose, Pat Grantier, Sharon Wesbrook, Lana Simons, Donna Koppenhaver, Carma Kulish, Mavis Ness, Lee Ann Berge, Alpha Roeszler, Doris Lambie, and Sally Nordlie.

Members excused and/or absent: Jacki Keck, Terri Sorenson, Mary Hoberg, Susan Lundberg, Dawn Lawrence, Darcy Lackman, Jan Stoffel, Vivian Acuff, Esther Lee, Quayne Sherwood, Sandi Kerr, Karen Dalager, Kristin Kenner, Maxine Kallander, Arnola Leverson, Karen Knudsvig, Carolyn Nelson, Eileen Geske, June Skuza, Lynda Pearson, Jann Belanus, Ruth Heley, Heather Hertz.

President Lila Gienger called the 2009 Pre-Convention Board Meeting to order.

Kris Brugamyer moved to approve the Revised Secretary Minutes from the Fall 2008 Board Meeting. Pat Grantier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kris Brugamyer, Treasurer, reported that the membership is down by about 26 people. The Festival numbers are in, and will result in about \$1,000 profit for the last year. She also reported that the State has been asked for a \$1,000 contribution to the Past National President 2011 Scholarship Fund being set up in honor of Lana Bailey's NFMC Presidency. One option is to use the \$860 from the Gay King Fund (which would zero out the account), and the remainder of the funds could come from the E. Sampson Fund. Kris also reported that the Young Artist donations from our state to NFMC were up.

Odee Maier made a motion that we become a committee as a whole. Doris Lambie seconded the Motion. Subject matter will be 1) the 2015 convention; and 2) the NFMC Agnes Jardine Past National Presidents Award for IMC. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2015 National Convention which will be held in June 2015. Fargo, ND is being considered as a possible site for the convention. To be considered for the convention, the State has to raise a minimum of \$10,000 and may cost upwards of \$30,000 (by 2015). Minnesota raised funds through a variety of ways including adding \$1.00 to each festival entrant. Our ND delegation will look at how the convention is run while they attend the National Convention in Orlando this summer. They will report to the Fall Board meeting what they discover.

Discussion was also held on the NFMC Agnes Jardine PNP's award for IMC. Since this is a national award, ND decided it will not contribute additional funds to it. NFMC is going to award six \$150 scholarships. NDFMC will continue to give the additional \$25 check to each of the six winners at the IMC awards ceremony.

Discussion concluded; the committee as a whole was dissolved.

The Nominating Report was given by Pat Grantier, chairperson. The committee consisted of Virginia Dohm, Carma Kulish, and Darcy Lackman. The proposed slate of officers for 2009-2011 is as follows: Pat Grantier, President; Vivian Acuff, Vice President; Heather Hertz, Secretary; Kris Brugamyer, Treasurer; Sally Nordlie, VP-Eastern Region; and Lana Simons, VP-Western Region.

Carole Flatau moved that we adjourn. Carma Kulish seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Dinner was held at the Augustana Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND. The program followed with Jeanine Peabody as Mistress of Ceremonies. The program included: Handbell solo by Susan Christianson and accompanied by Judy Christianson; Gold Note Award Recipients G. Paul Larson, 2008 winner; Mike Blake, 2002 winner; Herb Thomson, 2007 winner; and Einar Einarson, 1997 winner. Herb Thomson and Einar Einarson performed with the Brass Quintet, which also included Melanie Craig, Bruce Morlock and Bill Heimer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Penrose
NDFMC State Secretary

**North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs
45th Biennial Convention
Ramada Inn, Grand Forks, ND
May 1, 2009**

Members present: Lila Gienger, Gordon Maier, Kris Brugamy, Carole Flatau, Odee Maier, Dawn Penrose, Pat Grantier, Sharon Wesbrook, Lana Simons, Donna Koppenhaver, Carma Kulish, Mavis Ness, Lee Ann Berge, Alpha Roeszler, Doris Lambie, Sally Nordlie, Terri Sorenson, Darcy Lackman, Jan Stoffel, Vivian Acuff, Esther Lee, Quayne Sherwood, Sandi Kerr, Karen Dalager, Em Laskey.

Members excused and/or absent: Jacki Keck, Mary Hoberg, Susan Lundberg, Dawn Lawrence, Kristin Kenner, Maxine Kallander, Arnola Levenson, Karen Knudsvig, Carolyn Nelson, Eileen Geske, June Skuza, Lynda Pearson, Jann Belanus, Ruth Heley, Heather Hertz.

President Lila Gienger called the 2009 Convention to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The National Anthem was sung. The Federation Collect was recited. Barbara Lander presented the Invocation.

Mavis Ness, President of Grand Forks Thursday Music Club, welcomed everyone to the Convention. The Hymn of the Month, "God of Grace & God of Glory" was sung, accompanied by Liz Eggers.

Hal Gershwin (?), City Commissioner of Grand Forks welcomed the Convention to Grand Forks. Pat Grantier, VP, responded.

Donna Koppenhaver presented the Official Convention Program to Lila Gienger, as corrected. Lila Gienger accepted the program.

Karen Dalager, Grand Forks TMC, sang the state President's song, "You'll Never Walk Alone", and Liz Eggers, accompanied.

Sandi Kerr, Grand Forks TMC reported the following credentials: 8 senior clubs, 5 senior club representatives, 6 senior club delegates, 1 national guest, 4 national officers, 4 past presidents, 4 state officers, West Region Representative, East Region Representative and 5 committee chairs.

Donna Koppenhaver read the poem, "Praise Song for the Day" by Elizabeth Alexander, in place of Carolyn Nelson (who was unable to attend due to another commitment).

Lila Gienger introduced the national guest, Mary Angela Strasser, from Hibbing, MN. She is the National Chair of the Education Division.

Business Meeting - Session 1

The Secretary Minutes of the Fall Board Meeting were read. One correction: the budget committee consisted of Pat Grantier, Darcy Lackman, and Kris Brugamy. Carma Kulish moved that the Secretary Minutes be approved. Lana Simons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Em Laskey, FM Music Club performing delegate, played a selection on the flute. She played the Suite de Ballet by R. Vaughn Williams (4 movements).

Lila Gienger read the senior club report from the Bismarck-Mandan TMC submitted by Mary Hoberg (did not attend).

Lila gave corrections to the address list (attachment 1). Lila needs information for the National Convention State President's Report. Please send information to her as soon as possible.

Lana Simons gave her report on the IMC Federation Day (attachment 2).

Carole Flatau, National Folk Chair, presented her oral report. Hymn of the Month will be changed to "Together We Sing". It will have a song for the club to sing each month, plus several alternative songs that can be substituted if a Club so desires. The cost will be approx. \$1.25/book. The name change will be presented by the National Convention in June 2009. Once the convention is over, new books will be available for purchase for the 2009-2011 biennium.

Carol Flatau had the convention participants sing "Yankee Doodle Dandy" which was a revolutionary war song; and "Battle Hymn of the Republic", a civil war song.

National/Regional reports were given: Odee Maier, Board Member-at-Large (attachment 3). Carolyn Nelson's written report as National Board Rep (attachment 4). Jan Stoffel as Regional Poetry Chair; Carole Flatau, Regional Folk Music; Jan Stoffel, American Women Composer Chair (attachment 5); Sharon Westbrook, Sacred Music chair; Gordon Maier, State PPA Chair report: 11 living presidents and where residing (attachment 6).

Senior club reports: Lana Simons, Minot, had a great monster concert; Grand Forks (attachment 7); Fargo-Moorhead (attachment 8); Bismarck-Mandan (attachment 9).

Melanie Popejoy, Grand Forks, is the director of the Grand Cities Children's Choir. She spoke about their program and showed a slide presentation entitled "Reflections (attachment 10).

Kris Brugamy, performing delegate from the St. Cecelia Music Club, Dickinson, played "Fairytale" by D. Kabalevsky and "Menuet" by I. J. Paderewski on piano.

Business Meeting - Session 1 concluded.

Doris Lambie, Grand Forks, presided over the Luncheon. Grace was sung, accompanied by Devera Warcup. The Grand Forks TMC presented two numbers. They sang "Farvel" and "Mary Did You Know", directed by Clara Knoff and accompanied by Devera Warcup.

Tim Wollenzien, Director of IMC, talked about the upcoming camp and events.

Lila Gienger paid tribute to the six 50 year members; Dorothy Hector, Em Laskey, Catherine Pierce, Helen Rogers, Helene MacDonald, and Edith Soli. Mavis Ness, president of Grand Forks TMC paid tribute to Donna Koppenhaver for her many years of service.

Business Meeting - Session 2

Carma Kulish, performing delegate, St. Cecelia Club, Dickinson, presented her works of art which were in black/white, water color, and tempera paint mediums.

Kris Brugamy, treasurer, presented the 2009-2011 budget (attachments 11, 12, 13, 14). The budget committee consisted of Kris Brugamy, Pat Grantier, and Darcy Lackman.

Kris explained the budget and moved the adoption of the 2009-2011 budget (attachment 11). Jan Stoffel seconded the motion. Discussion was held; Carma Kulish called the question, discussion ceased. Question called motion carried. The approval of the 2009-2011 budget motion carried.

Kris brought forward the matter of the \$1,000 to go to the Past National President's scholarship award. We have to raise \$1,000 over the next three years. Option one is to take the money from the Gay King fund, zero it out and use budget carryover from the past few years; option two is to pay the entire \$1,000 from the E. Sampson fund. A total of \$33,000-35,000 is needed to establish the fund initially. All states are asked to contribute. Gordon Maier moved to pay \$500 for the next years to NFMC PNP, wherein the Gay King account will be used and the remainder comes from the budget carryover. Lana Simons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kris then talked about the Senior Division contributions (attachment 12); the NDFMC Financial Report for 6/1/08-4/30/09 (incomplete) (attachment 13); and the Jr. Division-NDFMC report (attachment 14). Kris Brugamyler filed the reports for audit. Doris Lambie seconded. Motion carried.

Terri Sorenson, Williston Music Club, performed a piano solo, "Jardins Sous la pleie" by Debussy.

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers for the 2009-2011 biennium. The nominating committee consisted of Pat Grantier, Carma Kulish, Darcy Lackman, Virginia Dohms, and Jan Stoffel. The proposed slate of officers is as follows: Pat Grantier, President; Vivian Acuff, V. President; Heather Hertz, Secretary; Kris Brugamyler, Treasurer; Sally Nordlie, E. Region VP; Lana Simons, W. Region VP. Pat Grantier asked for nominations from the floor. Carole Flatau moved that we cast a unanimous vote for the officers. Donna Koppenhaver seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gordon Maier, reported that the past state presidents had met that morning where they talked about funding proposals for the 2015 national convention to be held in Fargo, ND.

Carma Kulish presented her Festival report (attachment 16 and 17). Carma Kulish moved to increase festival fees by \$1.00 for each entry event. Jan Stoffel seconded the motion. Motion carried in a written vote: 11 yes, 8 no, 2 abstain votes. The additional \$1.00 is being used to automate the festival point system on a nationwide basis. The increase will go into effect immediately.

Business Meeting - Session 2 concluded.

The President's banquet was held on Friday evening. Gordon Maier made the introductions. The invocation was led by Barbara Lander. Emily Custer was a performing delegate. She sang her original composition, accompanied by Roxanne Bartosh Gessler on piano. The piano piece was also composed by Emily. Mary Angela Strasser, the NFMC Division Chair of Membership and Education, spoke. She presided over the installation of the 2009-2011 NDFMC officers.

Jess Blumberg, baritone soloist, was the Young Artist who performed on Friday evening. The concert was held at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Grand Forks. A reception followed the concert, hosted by the Greater Grand Forks Music Teachers Association.

The Memorial White Breakfast (see attached). Prelude music provided by Margaret Bundlie of the Grand Forks TMC. Eileen Jackson welcomed everyone. Gordon Maier introduced the Past State Presidents. Invocation was provided by Eileen Jackson. Joan Karner, Grand Forks TMC, performed a piano solo. Eileen Jackson was the chaplain for the Memorial Service.

Business Meeting - Session 3

Lila Gienger, President, called the meeting to order.

Lila Gienger read the 2011 Convention Invitation from the Bismarck-Mandan TMC and St. Cecelia's Club/Dickinson. The 2011 Convention will be held in Bismarck. Date and location will be announced. The invitation was accepted by Pat Grantier, President.

Carma Kulish, National Music Week Essay Contest Chair, reported that there was one entry from ND; Jasmine Persello from Minot. This essay will be read at the Luncheon.

Doris Lambie, Historian, gave her report (attachment 18).

Odee Maier, reported on student auditions; there was one winner of the Stillman-Kelly award.

Sharon Wesbrook, Jr. Composer's Chair, reported that there were 14 entrants (attachment 19).

Donna Koppenhaver, Chamber Music Report (attachment 20).

State Gold Cup report (attachment 21).

Lana Simons, W. Region VP Report (attachment 22).

Sally Nordlie, E. Region VP Report (oral), Past Presidents assembly Report (attachment 23).

Darcy Lackman, Sr. Club Reporting Chair (took over for Carolyn Nelson). She encouraged each club to get their reports in.

Susan Lundberg, National Music Week Chair (not present-Attachment 24).

Odee Maier said the next Newsletter will go out around 5/12/09 and if anyone has information that they want in the newsletter to get it to her as soon as possible.

Odee Maier thanked the Grand Forks and Devils Lake Clubs for a great convention.

Darcy Lackman moved that the Executive board members, past state presidents, Williston co-presidents and Carole Flatau, be appointed to a committee to explore the upcoming conventions in 2015. Gordon Maier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carma Kulish, Festival Chair, said that there will be a meeting at the Fall Board meeting. Each club should have the Festival Chair attend this meeting for information and paperwork. Kris Brugamy asked that each club check with neighboring clubs to make sure that each club has a date and time for their festival which does not conflict with the other clubs. This information is to be forwarded to Kris by July 31, 2009 at the latest, so each festival site is covered by insurance. Information is also to be given to Carma Kulish, Festival Chair.

Pat Grantier mentioned that a possible date for the Fall Board Meeting would be September 26, 2009, tentatively to be held in Jamestown. More details will follow in the Letter of Call when arrangements have been finalized.

Mary Angela Strasser, the National Music in Poetry Chairman, NFMC Division Chair of Membership and Education spoke. Her presentation was entitled, "Turning up the Volume on the Poet's Voice: Expressing the Music of Poetry with a Speaking Choir". She had the convention participants speak three poems. Each person received a booklet with poems to use in our clubs.

Carole Flatau, Pat Grantier, and Sharon Wesbrook performed. They played a piano trio on one piano, entitled "Old Woman" written by Carrie Kraft (Carole's daughter).

IMC Federation Days will be held on July 24, 2009, and the reception will be hosted by Devils Lake Club. Lana Simons will send information to the club.

Sandi Kerr reported no changes to the credential's report.

The Grand Forks TMC presented gifts to Mary Angela Strasser, the national guest and to Lila Gienger, President. They were presented by Doris Lambie.

Carole Flatau had the convention sing "God Bless America" and she accompanied on piano. Again, the Hymn of the Month is being changed to "Together We Sing". Please make note of this in your upcoming club program booklets.

Several participants made closing remarks on what they thought made the convention special.

The Silent Auction raised over \$400.00 to offset convention expenses.

Mary Angela Strasser thanked the NDFMC for inviting her to be a part of our convention.

Business Meeting - Session 3 concluded.

G. Paul Larson and Karen Dalager sang the NFMC President's Song: "The Gift of Song" before the luncheon started. They were accompanied by Liz Eggers.

The Jr. Festival Luncheon was held at noon, followed by the Festival Gold Cup Winners Recital at 1:30 pm.