

North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs
Fall Board Meeting
Jamestown College, Jamestown, ND
September 26, 2009

Members present: Sally Nordlie, Mavis Ness, Kathe Hall, Louise Zuern, Lila Gienger, Carole Flatau, Janice Stoffel, Sharon Westbrook, Carolyn Nelson, Vivian Acuff, Kris Brugamy, Odee Maier, Gordon Maier, Heather Hertz, Lana Simons, Eileen Geske, Jann Balanus, Lynda Pearson, Terri Sorenson, and Darcy Lackman.

Members excused and/or absent: Donna Koppenhaver and Doris Lambie.

Members' written reports were distributed to all members present. Copies of written records are available from president Pat Grantier and secretary Heather Hertz.

President Pat Grantier called the meeting to order at 9:50 am. New board members Heather Hertz and Louise Zuern were introduced and each spoke briefly about herself.

The opening prayer was given in the song, "Let There Be Peace on Earth." "Chester" and "The Star Spangled Banner" also were sung.

President's Report:

President Grantier brought several websites/contacts to the attention of members. They are: www.ndfmc.org; amschmid@nd.gov; and www.nd.gov/arts. President Grantier announced that she hopes to visit all clubs this year. She emphasized that club meetings should involve as much performance as possible, and asked club members to remember that "music is our business."

A Festival Chorus for the next annual meeting has been suggested.

Club members who cannot find old records in the archives should contact President Grantier, who has a number of old documents.

President Grantier spoke briefly about the Young Composers Institute, which she attended last summer, and encouraged members to attend the event in the future. She also attended a reception at the International Music Camp.

The roster was updated, and introductions of National Committee Members, NCR officers, and NDFMC officers were made.

Secretary Heather Hertz presented the minutes. Carolyn Nelson made a motion to approve minutes as corrected; Carma Kulish seconded; all voted in favor.

Treasurer Kris Brugamyer gave her report. The NDFMC Financial Report for the 2008-2009 fiscal year budgeted items ended with a surplus of \$170.79. Non-budget items were over budget by \$1,056.06. The account showed an overall loss of 1,236.85. Discussion was held regarding ads for the NDFMC Directory. It was suggested that an ad be run in the directory, but not the newsletter. Treasurer Brugamyer also reviewed the Final Report for the Junior Division Festivals. The ending balance for the Junior Division account was \$1,209.80. The report for the current fiscal year (June 1 through September 19) showed a budget loss of \$502.98, a non-budget loss of \$983.69, and an overall loss of \$1,486.67. No income from dues has been received for this fiscal year. The net worth report showed total current assets of \$52,099.77, a decrease of \$1,486.67 from the prior fiscal year. Treasurer Brugamyer made a motion that the year-to-date report be filed for audit; Jan Stoffel seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Treasurer Brugamyer suggested the following language changes for Board Meeting Expenses.

1. The board members who receive budgeted mileage reimbursement for attending state board meetings are: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, regional vice presidents, and past state presidents.
2. State festival chairs (general festival and festival cup) receive mileage reimbursement for attending state board meetings from the Junior Division Fund.
3. Mileage is set at 25 cents per mile. Vouchers must be used for any/all expenses. Receipts must be included. (Festival expense forms are different from the voucher form).

Motion to make changes made by Carolyn Nelson, seconded Carma Kulish, all voted in favor.

Audit Report

Lana Simons gave the audit report for the financial accounts. All accounts were approved by the committee. Carole Flatau moved to accept the audit report; Lila Gienger seconded; all in favor.

Committee Chair Reports

Carolyn Nelson, first national vice president, gave her report. The National Convention will be held June 6 – 12, 2011, in McLean, VA. Senior Club dues to NFMC will increase from \$2 to \$3 in the summer of 2010. Members were reminded to submit their senior club dues to Kris Brugamyer by mid-November. Nelson discussed changes in the election process and a resolution by the North Central Region to title of First Vice-President to President-Elect to better reflect the duties of that office.

Odee Maier, American Music Division chair, handed out American Music pins and referred members to her written report.

Gordon Maier, chair of the NFMC Investment Committee, reported on the finances of the NFMC and the contract for festival reporting software. The software will be web-based and available in about one year.

Sharon Wesbrook gave the national International Music Relations report and the state Sacred Music report. She gave Sacred Music Awards of Merit to the Bis/Man Thursday Music Club and the Thursday Music Club of Grand Forks, a certificate for 50 Years of Service to Pat Grantier for her work as a church organist and pianist, and a Music Outreach Award to the Fargo/Moorhead Area Music Club. At the national level, "Hymn of the Month" no longer is used; however, individual clubs may still choose to sing a hymn each month.

Carole Flatau, chair of "Together We Sing," gave more background on the decision, and reported on the many ways she represented the NDFMC in the past year.

State Reports

The Junior Composer Contest report was presented by Sharon Wesbrook. Randall's Road Trip, a composition workshop for teachers, was held in Grand Forks on Sept. 18. Randall Davidson, the general director of the Junior Composers' Institute, will provide composition workshops for groups of teachers in their areas as invited. Anyone interested should contact Sharon Wesbrook for details.

Lila Gienger, past president and NDFMC delegate to the national convention in Orlando, reported on her experience there.

Lunch Break.

The business meeting was reconvened at 1:10. Lana Simons delivered the report on the International Music Camp. She noted that while the programs at the camp are excellent, the number of students attending the camp continues to decline. She also gave the Minot Piano Teachers Club report. One of the club's activities for the coming year will be "The Organ Crawl," in which young people from the community can find out more about the renovated organ at Ann Nicole Nelson Hall on the MSU campus. Representatives from the Fargo and Williston clubs also reported on the activities they have planned for the upcoming year.

The North Dakota Composers report was given by Sharon Wesbrook. Forty composers have been added to the list. Committee members are researching the individuals and will report again in April.

Old Business

Kris Brugamy reviewed the financial report from the state convention. She will send a copy of the report to members.

New Business

Carolyn Nelson proposed increasing the amount of scholarships given by NDFMC to students attending the Junior Composers Institute; her suggestion was to decrease the number of scholarships, but increase the amount of each. Carolyn Nelson made the motion to offer up to three \$300 scholarships and the Sampson Scholarship for the 2010 JCI *only*; Sharon Wesbrook seconded the motion. Discussion was held. All voted in favor; motion passed.

Carolyn Nelson noted that the Evelyn Sampson Fund is nearly depleted, and suggested the group find a way to replenish those funds. She suggested creating a fellowship program for donors who make significant contributions to the NDFMC. She asked that members come to the spring meeting with ideas for fundraising.

Discussion was held regarding the online reporting system for Festival.

Mavis Ness distributed Awards of Merit.

Carolyn Nelson gave an overview of the 2009 NFMC manual. Odee Maier talked about the importance of using updated forms from the 2009 manual, because entries using old forms may not be accepted.

The spring board meeting was scheduled for April 17, 2010, at Jamestown College.

Carole Flatau made the motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.