

2011 NDFMC State Board Meeting
Thursday, April 29, 2011
Bismarck Veteran's Memorial Library
Bismarck, ND
3:00 pm CST

PRESENT: Odee Maier, Gordie Maier, Dawn Penrose, Marian Goetz, Gareth Fay, Alpha Roeszler, Sally Nordlie, Lana Simons, Mavis Ness, Sandra Kerr, Sharon Westbrook, Kris Brugamyer, Vivian Acuff, Jan Stoffel, Darcy Lackman, Heather Hertz, Lila Gienger, Carolyn Nelson.

President Pat Grantier called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. The minutes were read and the spelling of Alpha Roeszler's name was corrected, as was the name of the Fargo-Moorhead Area Music Club. Vivian Acuff made a motion to approve; Sandra Kerr seconded. Motion carried.

Kris Brugamyer gave a preview of the Treasurer's Report she will give at the Business Meeting on April 30. She also noted that she will be proposing a budget at the Business Meeting.

Kris Brugamyer read the resolution on Determining Number of Voting Delegates at NDFMC Conventions. Gordie Maier made a motion to approve; Jan Stoffel seconded. Discussion followed. An amendment was approved stating that item #4 should be revised to read, "A Senior Club with 151 or more dues-paying members shall be permitted to have 4 voting delegates, plus club president voting at NDFMC conventions." Amended motion carried.

Lana Simons gave the IMC report. Lila Gienger gave the Nominating Committee report. Pat Grantier will be nominated for President, and Kris Brugamyer will continue in the Treasurer's position. Volunteers were asked for to fill the Secretary's position. Mavis Ness has agreed to run for the Eastern Vice President position and Lana Simons will fill the Western Vice President position.

Sharon Westbrook gave the Junior Composers Competition report. Since Pat Grantier cannot attend JCI and NCR Board Meeting in July, a motion was made to allow Heather Hertz to receive the stipend for the trip. Motion made by Sharon Westbrook and seconded by Jan Stoffel. Motion carried.

Carolyn Nelson gave the National Board Member report.

Volunteers were requested for the audit committee for the financial records. Darcy Lackman volunteered, and Pat will check with Lana Simon.

Pat Grantier gave the president's report. She noted that it is increasingly difficult to find volunteers to fill necessary positions. The Biennial Convention will be in June in McLean, VA. Pat Grantier and Sharon Westbrook will receive stipends to attend. Pat suggested a committee be formed to generate ideas to increase income for the NDFMC. Odee Maier made a motion to have the Executive Committee Past Presidents convene to do so, and present a report at the fall meeting. Lila Gienger seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Gordie Maier requested a motion that the NDFMC supplement the 2011 Sampson Scholarship to raise the scholarship to the \$400 it was previously. Lana Simons seconded. The money will be taken from the principal of the Sampson account. Discussion was held. Motion carried.

Odee Maier announced that the Fargo Moorhead Area Music Club will hold a reception for Carolyn Nelson from 4pm to 7pm on June 23 at the NDSU Alumni Center.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

2011 NDFMC Convention Business Meeting, Session I
Friday, April 30, 2011
Doublewood Inn
Bismarck, ND
9:30 am CST

President Pat Grantier called the meeting to order at 9:54 pm.

Opening ceremonies included presentation and acceptance of the Convention Book which was dedicated to Lois Swenson, Bismarck-Mandan Thursday Music Club. Introductions included Carolyn Nelson, NDFMC President Elect, and Heidi Hong, North Central Region Vice President.

Carolyn Nelson, NDFMC representative to the NDFMC, gave the NDFMC report. She noted upcoming changes at the national level, which include a new office and a proposed new financial structure. Carolyn is in the process of developing the new budget and managing liability insurance requests. The 2012 national meeting will be held on June 19 – 24 in Indianapolis and hosted by the Northeast Region. The new *Together We Sing* book is complete, and will be available at the 2011 convention in McLean.

Sharon Westbrook gave the International Music Relations report. Odee Maier, NDFMC Member-at-Large, gave her report. She announced that the Fargo-Moorhead Area Music Club won the Professor Rudolph R. A. Schumann Parade of American Music Award.

Vivian Acuff gave the Credentials Report and noted that there were 26 voting delegates present, and 21 board members.

President Pat Grantier reported on her activities over the past year. She visited four area music clubs in the last year, and will assist in the installation of officers at the Fargo-Moorhead Area Music Club this year. She noted that several Bismarck businesses made valuable donations to this year's state convention. Many vacancies exist for chairman positions, and new volunteers are needed to fill them.

Lana Simons presented the SW and NW Regional Report. The location of the 2013 NDFMC Biennial Convention will be in Minot, and the 2015 convention will be in Fargo in conjunction with the national convention. Sally Nordlie gave the report on the SE and NE Region.

Louise Zuern, Crusade for Strings chairman, asked NDFMC members to support string programs in their areas.

Carma Kulish performed *Perpetual Motion (Rondo from Sonata Op. 24)* by Carl Marie von Weber on the piano.

Carole Flatau, the NDFMC chair for *Together We Sing*, gave a preview of the songs included in the new *Together We Sing* publication.

Kris Brugamy presented the Treasurer's report. The 2010-2011 Senior Division Contributions were \$1,732, a slight increase from 2009-2010. Kris reviewed the proposed budget, which includes a transfer of \$1,700 from the Sampson Account to help support the expenses of the board in the next biennium. This transfer is necessary because of the decrease in income, primarily as a result of lower interest rates. Kris also summarized the NDFMC financial reports. Overall budget (operating) expenses were \$9,118.53, and income was \$9,720.95 for a loss of \$601.31. Overall non-budget expenses through April 26 were \$26,972.66, and income was \$33,896.72 for a gain of \$6,924.06. A preliminary report for the Junior Division showed income of \$32,693 and expenses of \$24,376.23 for a gain of \$8,316.77. The revenue figure will drop once national fees are paid.

Senior Club reports were given by Carma Kulish (St. Cecelia Music Club), Gareth Fay (Bismarck-Mandan Thursday Music Club), Alpha Roeszler (Fargo-Moorhead Area Music Club), Lana Simons (Minot Piano Teachers), Sandie Kerr (Thursday Music Club – Grand Forks).

Break for lunch. Keynote Address was by Heidi O. Hong, NCR Vice President, NFMC. Fifty Year members were honored.

Business session 2 began at 1:26 pm.

Kim Shaw, soprano, with Diane Eichhorst collaborating on piano sang two selections: "Vissi de Arte, Vissi d'Amore" by Puccini, and "Bring Him Home" from Les Miserables.

Senior Club reports continued with reports given by Terri Sorenson (Thursday Musical – Williston).

Carma Kulish gave the Festival report. Gordon Maier and Kris Brugamyer reported on the resolution that was approved at the Board meeting on April 28. The resolution, "Determining Number of Voting Delegates at NDFMC Conventions" delineates the process by which the number of delegates is determined.

Lila Gienger presented the Nominating Committee report. The committee suggested the following: President: Pat Grantier, Vice President: Vivian Acuff, Treasurer: Kris Brugamyer, East Region: Mavis Ness, West Region: Lana Simons. Darcy Lackman volunteered to accept the nomination for secretary. Carolyn Nelson made a motion that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be submitted. Lana Simons seconded. Motion carried.

President Grantier asked for suggestions for volunteers for the Gold Cup chair position. Kris Brugamyer gave a review of the 2011-2013 NDFMC Budget. Kris made a motion that the budget be adopted. Carma Kulish seconded. Motion carried.

Jackie Keck performed a selection on the autoharp, and Lila Gienger performed *The Seasons: December* on the piano.

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hertz, Secretary

The meeting was followed by Chorus rehearsal for the Convention Chorus directed by Jill Post and accompanied by Sally Harmon.

Both the Notables and the chorus sang at the President's Banquet. Invocation was given by Kathe Hall, Chaplain. Dinner was followed by installation of state officers by National guest, Heidi Hong. The Young Artist Concert by Daniel Seigel, Baritone followed at the First Presbyterian Church. The Concert was dedicated to State Honoree Odee Maier and Local Honoree Albert Landsberger.

Convention Business Session 3, Saturday, April 30

At 7 a.m. Kathe Hall conducted the Memorial Service for members who had died since the last convention.

President Pat Grantier called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

The Business meeting began with the final credentials report. Lana Simons then issued the invitation to the next convention to be held in Minot in 2013. The president accepted the invitation. Final announcements included invitations to attend the IMC Federation Day, July 29 at the Peace Gardens camp and Federation Day and NCR Board Meeting at the Junior Composers Institute July 22-23 in Minneapolis.

While awaiting the brunch, an informal evaluation of the convention was held along with brainstorming for future conventions and board meetings.

The results were:

Items to improve: Get more Juniors to attend and perform at the Saturday event by letting them know at Festival that if they meet certain criteria, they will be invited to the event.

Events the convention goers liked best: Memorial Service, Young Artist's Concert, Camaraderie among convention goers, welcoming tone--not aloof, member performers, Strolling Strings, Convention Chorus

What they want more of: workshops and education

The meeting was adjourned at 11.15 am.

Addenda: A brunch for Gold Cup winners and parents was held, and students performed. The Strolling Strings performed for the assembled students, parents, and convention. Because of storm warnings, few convention goers stayed for the Metropolitan Opera live broadcast beginning at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Grantier, Acting Secretary