

NDFMC Fall Board Meeting 2014
September 13, 2014
First Lutheran Church – Fargo ND

Members Present: President - Vivian Acuff, Secretary - Darcy Lackman, Treasurer - Kris Brugamyer, National President – Carolyn Nelson, Carole Flatau, Jill Post, Pat Grantier, Mavis Ness, Jan Stoffel, Robyn Vinje, Joyce Westfall, Alpha Roeszler, Agnes Hamerlik, Gordie Maier, Carma Kulish, Bonnie Stromme, Lana Simons, Karen Knudsvig, Donna Lemar, and Guest Don Brugamyer

1. Call to Order by President, Vivian Acuff

National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of attendees

2. Minutes of the Spring Board Meeting from April 5, 2013 [Motion by Robyn Vinje to approve minutes as corrected, second by Bonnie Stromme. All in favor, minutes approved.](#)

3. Treasurer's report: Kris Brugamyer reported that she did the IRS filing for this year. Kris also read the financial report from the 2013-2014. This has been audited.

Budget vs. Actual expenses for the last fiscal year were presented. Membership statistics for 2013-2014 were read. Junior division (festival) statistics and financials were read for 2013-2014. Kris had NDFMC bank accounts at Great Plains. She reported that the bank was bought out by Choice Financial. [Motion to file financial report by Pat Grantier, Carma Kulish seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.](#)

Carolyn Nelson requested that Kris get liability insurance for State and National conventions in 2015 for main venue, church, theater, and NDSU.

Carolyn Nelson asked if Junior Division fund would pay for Junior Day at National Convention. Kris indicated that there are sufficient funds if the board chooses to approve that. There was discussion on other National convention expenses. MN offered to help with expenses in some way because NDFMC had made a donation when MN last hosted it.

Carolyn Nelson commended Kris and our state for the organization of our festival program state wide. NDFMC is going to have chairman training on Tuesday of National Convention.

Audit report – Bismarck Club members June Skuza and Gareth Fay audited the 2013-14 financials. No audit report was presented at the meeting. Kris Brugamyer will contact June Skuza or Gareth Fay and request a written report. The report will be emailed to the board when it is received.

5. Oral Reports:

Portland Conference – Robyn Vinje – Conflict resolution session. “Don’t listen to reply. Rather, listen to understand.”

Parliamentary procedure – Group of 12 or less, President may make motions.

Carolyn was commended for a well run national convention.

The group discussed what to archive of club documents.

Alpha Roeszler– Teaching session: “Harmony Road” program for preschoolers.

Report on Skit by ND group from Portland which has excerpts on the the website.

Pat Grantier – Bonnie Blanchard’s session – flute teacher: session on teaching style.

High standards and fun learning atmosphere are important.

Carole Flatau – Great Grandchildren of Captain and Maria Von Trapp performed which was a highlight of the convention for many. They are world traveling performers for folk and popular standard music and original compositions.

Jan Stoffel – bus trip through Columbia Gorge. Waterfalls were a highlight.

Carolyn Nelson – The convention brought Oregon members together to cooperate and create the convention which hasn’t been in Oregon for many years. Summary report of conference is on national website. Carolyn’s monthly newsletters are on the site as well.

NFMC Report – Carolyn Nelson. Junior Key notes and Music Clubs Magazine went out this week. Pat Grantier is currently the editor of Jr. Key notes magazine.

6. New Business –

- a. Gordie – Website needs help. Gordie is retiring. We need to look for webmaster. Job is computer web based program. Uploading and importing information. Pdf file posting. Kris Brugamyer volunteered to look at it and work with Gordie on taking it over..
- b. National Evelyn Sampson Award - Gordie is rep for that award and would like to step away and hand it to someone else. He suggested Sharon Wesbrook or Alpha Roeszler.
- c. Update on State Convention – Donna Lemar – Co chair. State planning committee in place. Venue is Fargo Holiday Inn on 13 Ave S. near West Acres Shopping Center. June 15-16, 2015. Meals have been selected. Base meal prices \$12 for luncheon, \$24 for banquet. Entertainment – music. Jill Post chairs committee for music during convention. Memorial service 9:30 Tuesday morning. We need people to attend convention, silent auction, display table – club pictures, etc. Alpha and Robyn in charge of registration. Alpha - Program booklet. Michael Edwards - National VP is guest speaker as well as Carolyn.
- d. IMC Federation Days – clubs assigned to serving:
 - 2014 Fargo
 - 2015 Valley City
 - 2016 Grand Forks
 - 2017 Devils Lake
 - 2018 Minot
 - 2019 Williston
 - 2020 Dickinson
 - 2021 Bismarck Mandan
- e. National Convention

Carolyn Nelson – Young Artist competition held at NDSU - \$15,000 for first place winner. Finals on Wed. am. Online festival training on Tues. Festival chorus practice 4:00 pm Tuesday. Tuesday night Excelcior Choir.

Wednesday - am Registration. 8:30 opening, opening concert (Jazz group?), Music Therapy, Board meeting, festival choir practice, Lunch, formal announcement of Young Artist awards, Beverly Everett, meet & greet nominees, Wed night is Young Artist Concert.

Thursday - election, general session Stas – Bayan accordion, Steve Stark – history/artist – history of the Red River Valley, Rose Fay Thomas at noon, jazz music over lunch, afternoon bus tour to Fargo Theater – Silent movie and

Wurlitzer organ concert. Ellis Duo winners. 5:30 festival chorus rehearsal. 8:00 Broadway to Hollywood, night with Richard Glasser - premier DVD.

Friday - New board meets. Mong JC student. Music contests and loss – what to learn, Blain HS and graduating Sr. at Concordia. Dress rehearsal for chorus. 1:30 festival chorus concert. 6:00 formal banquet. Jardine grandchildren will be invited. Installation of new officers. 8:15 Fuego Tropical (steel drum) + Bell Choir final concert.

Saturday - Memorial Breakfast and board meeting, Jr. day. 1:00 dismissal. Theme – Music... Heartbeat of the Soul.

Nominations to National board. Kris Brugamyer nominated Pat Grantier as ND representative to the national board. Second by Carolyn Nelson. All in favor. Pat will be the nominee. All in favor. Carole Flatau will be the nominee for member-at-large.

F. Kris Brugmyer would like to change standing rules to match previous motions made by the board.

- Membership late fees moved from January to November.
- Junior composer scholarship amt. needs to be updated
- Upped \$ amounts for state representatives' travel stipends.

One of the standing rules states that they may be updated in accordance with board decisions. Kris will take care of that.

Name of Junior Composers "Institute" is referenced in several places in the standing rules. The name of the entity has been changed to "North Central Region Junior Composers" recently and Kris requested that the board consider changing standing rules wording to reflect the actual name;.

Carol Flatau made the motion which was seconded by Jan Stoffel to update standing rules to replace all references to "Junior Composer's Institute" with "NCR Junior Composers". All in favor, motion carried.

G. Open NDFMC positions:

New State "National Music Week" chair will be Robyn Vinje.

VP for Western Region.

Chamber Music Chair

Music Outreach Chair

Sacred music chair

NFMC Folk Music Chair needed.

7. Open Discussion

A. Question from nationals: How important are Certificates? Carole Flatau collected opinions to take to national committee discussing this topic.

B. Performer from Portland Liana Valente. Requests that ND pay to Commission a song for Carolyn Nelson's outgoing and one to welcome to the new president. No action was taken. Vivian will send her a letter thanking her for the offer and will state that other arrangements have been made for commissioning a song for Carolyn.

- C. Membership suggestions: “How to keep membership numbers up”.
- Send out an invitation card to anyone members suggest.
 - Coverage from local newspaper. Send written things to the paper.
 - Invite parents of scholarship winners.
 - Have a publicity or membership recruiting person.
 - Have a display at festival describing federation.
 - Invite singers to sing in club choir and become members that way.

Everyone sang “*Gift of Song*” from “*Together We Sing*” book

8. Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting (State Convention) June 15-16, 2015. There will be no April board meeting next year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darcy Lackman, NDFMC Secretary