

North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs
Fall Board Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2015, 12:00PM
Reiland Fine Arts Center, University of Jamestown, Jamestown, ND

Members Present: President – Robyn Vinje, Vice-President – Alpha Roeszler, Secretary – Carol Tschakert, Treasurer – Kris Brugamyer, Deborah Eraas, Sandi Kerr, Jan Stoffel, Carolyn Nelson, Carole Flatau, Lila Gienger, Pat Grantier, Sharon Wesbrook, Michelle Kallod, Mavis Ness, Doris Lambie, Agnes Hamerlik, Eileen Geske, and Carma Kulish.

1. Call to order by President, Robyn Vinje
National Anthem, accompanied by Alpha Roeszler
Pledge of Allegiance
Opening Song – “*The Battle Cry of Freedom*”, led by Carol Flatau
Introduction of Attendees
President Vinje presented several awards
Greetings from Vivian Acuff, past-president, were shared
Kris Brugamyer read a Thank you note from Carolyn Nelson
2. Secretary’s Report - Minutes of Fall Board Meeting from Sept 13, 2014 were read
Motion to approve minutes as corrected, motion was seconded. All in favor, minutes approved.
Minutes of State Convention Business Meeting from June 15-16 were read.
Motion by Kris Brugamyer to approve minutes as read, motion was seconded. All in favor, minutes approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Kris Brugamyer reviewed the NDFMC Financial Report for 6/1/2015 through 9/25/2015. She also reviewed the 2015 NDFMC Convention financial report from the June 15-16 event.
Kris informed the group that mileage for attending board meetings can be paid to all elected officers.
Kris handed out CDs from the National office for the “Manual of the National Federation of Music Clubs 2015-2017”.
Kris reported that she has received the audit report, with no comments.
4. Oral Reports:
IMC Federation Days –Carma Kulish reviewed highlights of this summer’s IMC event. Submitted written report.
NCR/Junior Composers – Sharon Wesbrook reported on the highlights of this year’s summer camps. The organizers are pleased to see that former juniors now want to come back to help. Submitted written report.
NDFMC Convention in Fargo – Alpha Roeszler talked about the planning process, how the FM Area Music Club had been budgeting money, had accumulated funds, so decided to pay the musicians. Sue Clamby was commissioned to write a musical piece which was sung by the Noteables.

Many from the FMAMC attended and assisted with convention projects and registrations.

National Convention in Fargo – Carolyn Nelson was very complementary of the effort by so many convention helpers. A phrase heard over and over was ‘This is so much fun. Can we come back?’ People were amazed at the amount of talent. All the concerts were open to the public, and people came. Didn’t receive any criticism, everyone was happy.

Junior Festival/Gold Cup – Michelle Kallod reviewed information regarding upcoming music festivals. She distributed certificates for the 2016 festivals. Robyn mentioned that these certificates have Vivian Acuff’s signature, but an executive decision was made to use the remaining certificates.

5. Additional Treasurer’s items:

- a. Junior club dues - Kris reported that NFMC junior club dues will increase for 2016-17. Currently, our teachers pay \$9.00 in national dues + \$6.00 in state dues and also \$6.00 for the JKY, for a total of \$21.00 for up to 20 members. Beginning fall of 2016, minimum dues will cover only up to 16 members. The rate will be changed to \$16.00 in national dues + \$6.00 for the JKY, for a subtotal of \$22.00 to the NFMC **plus** the state’s dues. For additional students, teachers would pay \$1.00 more in national dues per student beyond the first 16. What should the state dues be? Last year we had 126 junior clubs, ranging in size from 1 member to 64 members. The average club size was 16, the median club size was 15. Kris presented her worksheet of eight possible options to consider when determining the amount to go to NDFMC. Following discussion on the various options, [Kris Brugamyer motioned to raise the state dues to a flat rate of \\$8.00 at the time the NFMC dues increase, motion was seconded by Carol Flatau. All in favor, motion carried.](#)
- b. Bonding for treasurer – Kris is currently being bonded for \$10,000. The NDFMC treasury currently far exceeds this amount. Carolyn Nelson suggested contacting the insurance agent to see what the premium change would be, maybe only a minimal change. Kris asked what amount to be bonded for. The group suggested \$100,000. She has already paid the premium through fall 2016. She will check on premium increase and report at the spring board meeting.

6. Highlights of Club Presidents and Committee Reports:

Bismarck/Mandan Thursday Music Club – Written report submitted by Pat Grantier

F-M Area Music Club – Written report submitted by Alpha Roeszler

Minot Piano Teachers Club – Written report submitted by Arnola Levenson. Club is being renamed to Schumann Music Club, pending by-laws approval.

Thursday Music Club of Grand Forks – Written report submitted by Agnes Hamerlik

Valley Music Makers – Written report submitted by Julie Brorby and Karen Knudsvig

Williston – no report

Devils Lake – no report

SE Music Club – no report

Carma Kulish reported on the six (6) Agnes Jardine Scholarship recipients.

Pat Grantier reported on the Sampson scholarship, application and procedure for scholarship

7. Open Positions in NDFMC – Robyn is seeking volunteers to fill these positions/roles:

Prairie Rose Notes Editor

Historian

Chamber Music Chair

Choral Music Chair

Music in Schools/Colleges

Opera (Jan Stoffel has taken this position)

Public Relations

8. 2017 NDFMC Convention – Scheduled in Minot, April 29.

- a. Discussion was held on length of convention - one day? multiple days? board meeting the night before (primarily to review plans for the next day)? maybe noon Friday til noon Sat? some version of a 1 ½ days. It was suggested to let Minot club work out details and bring ideas to spring meeting.
- b. There was discussion on whether to invite a national guest/speaker. We have money in National Young Artist fund. Some like to hear ideas from the national perspective. [Kris Brugamy made a motion to invite a young artist and national speaker to the convention and leave it to the Minot group to work out the details. Seconded by Pat Grantier. All in favor, motion carried.](#)
- c. Registration fee needs to cover expenses rather than be set at \$20 every convention. Kris B. mentioned that registration fees were \$10, then \$15, then \$20. Registration fee should be set to help cover costs. Does Minot club have money to cover expenses? Deborah Eraas mentioned that the Minot club used to be Piano teachers, now has been renamed and trying to become more open to increase membership, thus dues. Robyn Vinje suggested Minot come up with a budget of what it could cost, hotels, food, etc., and report at the spring meeting.

9. New Business

- a. Document copies – Alpha Roeszler and Robyn Vinje will determine copies needed based on what is left in the box. Could email help distribute the information? Not all are computer literate and some experience issues with attachments. Suggested maybe 20 copies are all that is needed.
- b. Club centennials - Should NDFMC clubs receive \$100 when they reach their centennial year? (Fargo and Grand Forks did, and Bismarck is 100 this year.) No one seems to have the minutes that verify a previous

motion. Carolyn Nelson made a motion that when a club reaches 100 years, the board pays them \$100. The motion was seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

- c. 2015 NDFMC residual check – NDFMC received \$16,050.49 residual check from NDFMC following the June convention held in Fargo. Kris B. and Carolyn N. led a discussion as to how we might best appropriate this money. Carolyn thinks that the money should go to promotion of NDFMC, or go to scholarships. Possibly put an ad in the next convention bulletin. Also ad for Milwaukee convention in 2018. Put some \$\$ toward JC. Carole Flatua made a motion to: allocate \$1,000 to Michael Edwards ONP (Outgoing National President) fund; purchase ads in 2016, 2017, and 2018 convention/conference bulletins; reserve \$1,000 for Milwaukee conference (if they ask for it); allocate \$1,000 to Junior Composers as a gift; and reimburse Minnesota for their \$500 donation to the 2015 convention. Motion was seconded. Carma Kulish amended the motion to include the purchase of three \$200 shares in the commission consortium for the dueling pianos piece. The amended motion was seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. IMC scholarships – currently award 6 @ \$25 each. Carolyn Nelson made a motion to raise the rate to \$50. The motion was seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Discussion on award payments - Checks can be a problem because half of the students are international. Could the checks be presented earlier? Kris prefers sending checks in the mail rather than cash.
- e. Junior Composers Contest – currently award 4 @ \$10 (first level), 4 at \$5 (second level). Discussion on number of levels and \$ amounts to award. Carolyn N. made a motion to leave levels 1 and 2 at current amount, and increase levels 3 and 4 to \$10 and \$25, respectively. Motion was seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- f. Junior Composers (Institute) – currently award up to 6 @ \$300 each. Kris B. made a motion to increase 6 scholarships to \$400 each and to allow recipient to apply for the Evelyn Sampson award. Motion was seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Meeting Adjourned. Spring board meeting - tentative date, April 23, 2016, noon, in Jamestown, Reiland Fine Arts Center, University of Jamestown campus.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Tschakert, NDFMC Secretary