

**North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs**  
**Spring Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 4, 2017, 3:00PM**  
**Christ Lutheran Church, Minot, ND**

Members Present: President – Robyn Vinje, Vice-President - Alpha Roeszler, Secretary – Carol Tschakert, Treasurer – Kris Brugamy, Jill Post, Debbie Eraas, Eileen Geske, Sandra Kerr, Sally Nordlie, Mavis Ness, Bonnie Stromme, Jan Stoffel, Sharon Wesbrook, Carma Kulish, Carolyn Nelson, Carole Flatau, Arnola Levenson.

Guest Present: Karen Bourne.

1. Call to order by President, Robyn Vinje  
Introduction of attendees. Karen Bourne, NFMC North Central Region VP, was a guest.
2. Secretary's Report – Minutes of fall board meeting from Sept 24, 2016 were reviewed. Several typos were noted. **Kris B moved to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Carma K. Motion carried, minutes approved.**
3. Financial reports – Financial reports will be presented at the convention. Robyn has appointed Carol Tschakert and Deb Tight to serve as the audit committee. Audit is to take place in August.
4. Evelyn Sampson award for composition – This is awarded by NFMC. It was \$400, then raised to \$500 last year. Carolyn N has suggested to increase to \$600. The original \$10,000 that NDFMC ND is a restricted account, the only one in the nation. \$600 is about half of one-week tuition. **Carolyn N moved that NDFMC recommend to NFMC to raise amount to \$600, starting 2017-2018. Alpha R seconded. Motion carried.** Evelyn Sampson chairperson is Pat Grantier.
5. Prairie Rose Notes – Carma K is compiling newsletter, with a planned release date in May, as well as a 'year-in-review' edition in late summer. The newsletter will be distributed by mail and e-mail. About 100 copies are mailed. Carma is planning to include pictures on the convention. She asked for permission to do one color page. Kris stated the biennial budget is \$1500 for 4 issues. The previous editor was usually under budget, so doesn't think there should be a problem with expense. Approved by general consent.
6. Biennial State Conventions:
  - a. Hosting – Discussion on hosting policy for the biennial state convention. What clubs are able to host convention? Kris B reported that the conventions rotate between the four regions, not clubs, according to the Standing Rules. The host club could invite smaller clubs in region to assist. Discussion included review of status of the smaller clubs in the state. Because of the hosting swap of Minot and Grand Forks

rotation due to Minot's flood, we are off the schedule stated in the Standing Rules. Kris B moved to switch the NE region (2023) and the NW region (2025) in the Standing Rules Meeting of the Federation, Section A, going forward. (This will jive with the pattern established over the past four years.) Carma K seconded. Motion carried.

- b. Length of convention – Discussion of how much time is needed for the convention. Can we do a one day convention? If we shorten the convention, how to work in the Junior Festival Recital? Having JF on Saturday is better for students, don't need to miss school. Thursday afternoon is board mtg – not a part of the convention. Kris moved to leave convention as this year, board meeting on Thursday, convention on Friday, JF on Saturday. There was no second. Discussion on alternate formats to include junior festival, board meeting, convention, memorial service, and banquet. Jill Post moved to table the issue until fall board meeting. Kris B seconded. Robyn V suggested executive board come up with alternative ideas to present at next board meeting. Motion carried.
  - c. Date - lot of school conflicts in late April, early May. Kris B noted that the Standing Rules states that time and place are up to the State President, regional VP and host club. This can be discussed more in the fall.
7. Resolutions – Kris B presented three resolutions for discussion. Need to agree, as a board, to present to the convention delegates. The resolutions came about during discussion of the Budget Committee. We have a lot of money in a lot of funds – we need to start figuring out how to spend some of these funds. Resolution #1 would create NDFMC scholarships for IMC attendance, beginning with 2018 camper season. Resolution #2 would create a policy for awarding IMC scholarships in the Standing Rules document. Resolution #3 would amend Standing Rule A.6 regarding JCSP Scholarships. Carma K moved that Kris B present resolution #1 to the convention. Jill P seconded. Motion carried. The amount of award agreed on is 75% of total tuition. Jan S moved that Kris B present resolution #3 to the convention. Carolyn N seconded. Motion carried.
  8. Nominating Committee – Carma K reported that all positions are filled except secretary. The slate of candidates for election is: President-Robyn Vinje; V President-Alpha Roeszler; Secretary-open; Treasurer-Kris Brugamy; East VP-Jean E Olson; West VP-Deb Eraas. We will ask for nominations from the floor at the convention. If no one volunteers for the secretary position, the current secretary remains in the position until a new one is elected and installed.
  9. NFMC Convention – Discussion was held regarding helping finance NDFMC board members who are attending NFMC Convention. Carolyn N moved that we give Carole F, Carol T, and Alpha R \$500 for NFMC travel. Motion was seconded. Kris B requested that the motion be amended to use moneys from the Fargo national convention residual

fund. Motion to amend was seconded by Sharon W. Motion to amend carried. The motion, as amended, carried.

Fall board meeting - tentative date, Sept 23, 2017, noon, in Jamestown, Reiland Fine Arts Center, University of Jamestown campus. **NOTE:** Since this room was not available, the meeting is now scheduled for **Sept 16**.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Tschakert, NDFMC Secretary