

NDFMC CONVENTION BUSINESS MEETING - Draft

APRIL 28, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

9:00 am

Attendees: Alpha Roeszler, Carol Tschakert, Susan Clambey, Robyn Vinje, Pat Grantier, Denise Anderson, Eileen Geske, Don Geske, Nancy Weiser, Effie Carr, Elaine Einarson, Joann Herman, Alice Pekarski, Laurie Charette, Jill Post, Carolyn Nelson, Arlene Gray

Business Session 1

Call to Order

We began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, the Star Spangled Banner, the Federation Collect, and the Federation Hymn.

Welcome

New attendee Arlene Gray from Bismarck introduced herself.

Presentation of Official Convention Program – Jill Post

Acceptance of official Convention Program – Alpha Roeszler, President

Jill presented the official convention program to Alpha, and she accepted it.

Introduction of guests and convention committees

Alpha asked us to look through the convention booklet.

Report of Credentials Committee

Robyn gave the Credentials Report.

The number of Executive Board members is 6, the number of Senior Club presidents is 5, the number of other Senior Club members registered is 5, so the total number eligible to vote is 16. The number of invited guests is 1.

Minutes of April 26, 2019 NDFMC Convention – Jill Post, Secretary

Jill read highlights of the minutes from four years ago. They are all on our new website.

Pat moved to approve the minutes. Elaine seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report – Kris Brugamy, Treasurer

The State saved a lot of money during the COVID years basically because of no travel. Our Junior Division fund is going down a little year by year, which is fine. Our money from the Stillman Kelley has been moved to our Junior Division fund. The NDFMC Residual fund is holding at \$8,233.08 which is the profit from the Fargo 2015 National Convention. In the four years since 2019 we've only gone down around \$6,400.

The Membership Report over the past four years shows a decline from 3314 members to 2045, primarily from COVID. The Festival entries went from 1,722 in 2019-20 to 1,210 in 2022-2023.

Kris reported that last year we lost \$2,692.73 overall. This year we are doing better and are in the black \$362.11 so far.

Budget Committee Report – Kris Brugamy

Kris is proposing a budget of \$7,050.00 for 2023-2025 and expenses of the same.

Nominating Committee Report – Robyn Vinje

President – Alpha Roeszler

Vice President – Alice Pekarski

Recording Secretary – Effie Carr

Treasurer – Kris Brugamy

East Vice Presidents – Elaine Einarson and Glenna Leedahl

West Vice President – Ann Holman

Break

We sang “Brighten the Corner Where You Are” from the *Together We Sing* book.

New Business

1. NDFMC scholarship for COI (the new online composers program)

At the Board meeting yesterday we voted to keep the scholarship the same as the in-person camp.....at \$500.

2. Discuss NFMC’s request of \$1.25 per member for 125th Anniversary

Yesterday we voted at the Board meeting to send \$125 to National for the 125th Anniversary celebration from our State organization.

Kris suggested that we let each Senior Club handle this request from National in the way that works for them. There was discussion about how to encourage the Junior Clubs to participate.

Denise moved that we let each Senior and Junior Club decide how to collect these funds or if they want to participate, with all the funds being sent to Kris by May 1, 2024. Carol seconded. Motion passed.

We will table the decision to the Fall and Spring board meetings as to whether or not the State organization will make up the difference.

3. Scholarships for CI

Sharon Wesbrook had a question of whether or not a student could receive an Evelyn Sampson award to CI. The student has a North Dakota connection, has been a member of NFMC in the past, and takes lessons from someone at UND. However, he was not in our contest which would make him ineligible. Carolyn said this student could apply for the Idaho Comstock award. The Board reached a consensus decision that he does not qualify.

Oral reports by NDFMC officers

Alpha reminded us of all the reports that are due and the due dates. She asked us to think about how to do these conventions and if there are changes that should be made.

Effie attended the 100th Anniversary celebration in Williston and Federation Day at IMC. She also attended the National Conference in place of Alpha.

Jill reported that Zoom has been very helpful in taking minutes.

Kris suggested that some time in the near future, within the next four years or so, she will be retiring as treasurer. We should be thinking about who might be able to replace her.

Elaine had questions about what is required of the Regional Vice Presidents.

Business Session 2

Approving the Budget

Kris called our attention to the Budget for 2023-2025.

Pat moved to adopt the proposed Budget for 2023-2025. Robyn seconded. Motion passed.

NFMC Convention – June 12 – 17, 2023 – Norfolk, Virginia

Alpha, Robyn, Robyn's daughter Andrea, Carolyn and her daughter Karla all will be attending. There was a discussion of the pins and luggage tags that will feature the 125th Anniversary logo. The State will pay \$600 for both Alpha and Robyn. There was discussion of other events during the Convention.

NCR Federation Days – July 21 – 22, 2023 at University of Wisconsin

Robyn and Alpha will attend.

ND Federation Day – July 28, 2023 at IMC – Reception for Agnes Jardine Scholarship Winners

This summer should be Williston's turn.

Election of Officers

Robyn read the list of the nominees for officers:

President – Alpha Roeszler

Vice President – Alice Pekarski

Recording Secretary – Effie Carr

Treasurer – Kris Brugamy

East Vice Presidents – Elaine Einarson and Glenna Leedahl

West Vice President – Ann Holman

Robyn moved that we accept the whole slate. Carol seconded. We voted, and the motion passed.

Host invitation to Convention in 2025

Elaine formally invited the group to attend the Convention in Grand Forks in 2025. There was a discussion of what should be in our conventions and if they could be or should be shortened. Robyn suggested that we have a committee of four to five people to study what should happen during our conventions.

Robyn moved that we set up a committee to investigate the dates, length, locations, what should be cut, and what should stay in for our conventions. Kris seconded. Motion passed. Kris, Alpha, Alice, Elaine, and Robyn will make up the committee.

There was a discussion about why fewer people come to our conventions and also how to make them more appealing. Carol suggested having the spring board meeting a week before the convention by zoom. Then the convention could have more music and workshops, etc..

Presentation by national Guest, Carolyn Nelson, Past NFMC President and present NFMC Chair of Finance Division

The 125th Anniversary Committee is planning to use the money from the \$1.25 fund to update the 100th Anniversary book. A new invocation will be commissioned. The Federation has made many changes since the 100th Anniversary. There are several new awards that will be offered.

Carolyn explained the dues increase. Expenses have gone up dramatically, the staff has not had a raise recently, and printing costs have gone up. There will be a biennial review to see how the \$2.00 dues increase works.

Carolyn related that the National office now plans the Conventions and Conferences instead of the way it was when the Fargo Moorhead Area Music Club planned the 2015 National Convention. Ashley and Jennifer are the two full time staff.

Carolyn was thanked for her very informative talk.

Kris was wondering if someone who was going to the Convention in Norfolk would be willing to pick up some 125th Anniversary pins that the State would pay for. They would be for sale at the next board meeting. Kris moved and Elaine seconded that 50 pins be purchased that could be sold in our clubs and at the next board meeting. Motion passed.

Schedule

The banquet will be downstairs with prelude music by Sally Harmon and a talk by Darcy Brandenburg.

There was a discussion of the Memorial Service.

We sang *The Gift of Song*.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Post, Secretary