

NDFMC Fall Board Meeting
Reiland Fine Arts Center – University of Jamestown – Jamestown, North Dakota
September 30, 2023

Attendees: Alpha Roeszler, Kris Brugamy, Robyn Vinje, Eileen Geske, Effie Carr, Elaine Einarson, Laurie Charette, Alice Pekarski, Debbie Eraas, Robyn Vinje, Jill Post and Sharon Wesbrook

Call to Order

Roll Call - The meeting began with the singing of the "Say It with Music" and introduction of attendees.

Minutes of the 2023 Spring - Board Meeting were reviewed.

- Kris Brugamy moved to approve the minutes.
- Alice Pekarski seconded.
- Motion passed.

Minutes from the NDFMC Convention were reviewed.

- Elaine Einarson moved to approve the minutes.
- Robyn Vinje seconded.
- Motion passed.

Audit Report – Kris Brugamy for Carol Tschakert – Audit Report was read – no corrections.

- Effie Carr moved to accept the audit report.
- Jill Post seconded.
- Motion passed.

Financial Report – Kris Brugamy – reviewed Financial Reports.

NDFMC Year-end Financial Report for 6/1/22 – 5/31/23

- Budget change \$1,036.84
- Overall Non-Budget change (\$9,713.70)
- Total assets as of 5/13/23 **\$63,821.74**
- Overall change as of 5/31/23 (\$8,676.86)

NDFMC Financial Report for 6/1/23 through 9/29/23

- Budget change (\$562.86)
- Overall Non-Budget change (\$455.00)
- Total Assets as of 9/29/23 **\$62,803.88**
- Overall change as of 9/29/23 (\$1,017.86)

Kris said she has not received a notice from the Composers Institute, so the member dues have not been paid. Sharon Wesbrook will contact the organization and ask that they send an invoice so Kris can make the payment.

Review of NDFMC – 2023 Fargo Convention:

- Total Expenditures - \$4,329.01
- Total for Young Artist Expenditures - \$1,935.71
- Young Artists Receipts - \$207

- NDFMC's Young Artist Fund \$1,728.71 (Loss). Used \$280 from Junior Division Funds to cover costs for meals of Junior Festival performers and one guest each.

Discussion on the April 2023 State Convention in Fargo. Good comments on the Young Artists. Also, the Junior Festival students who performed and joined the convention members for brunch was very nice. Enjoyed meeting members from other clubs. Discussed shortening the time scheduled for the business meeting. The social part of convention is important too.

A committee has been set up to address 2025 convention to be held in Grand Forks. Committee members include Alice Pekarski, Elaine Einerson, Robyn Vinje, Kris Brugamy and Alpha Roeszler.

Discussion on future conventions included:

- Conventions lose money. There were 16 attendees at the 2023 convention.
- Could the convention be shortened to fewer days? For example, no pre-convention meeting. Maybe a virtual meeting a week before the convention for board members.
- Consider not having Young Artists.
- Are conventions even necessary?
- How will officers be elected if there is not a convention?
- The Constitution can be changed – requires a super majority.
- By-laws can be changed with a simple majority.
- Changes to the Constitution and by-laws can be voted on in 2025. Information on any changes needs to be sent out to the members 30 days prior to a vote.

New Business

- 2023- 2024 roster passed around for updates/corrections.
- ***Prairie Rose Notes*** - Jill asked for districts to send stories and pictures by deadline of October 21st.

Standing Rules Amendments

Membership – Penalty for late dues increased from \$5 to \$10.

- Kris Brugamy moved to accept the increase penalty for late dues.
- Deb Eraas seconded.
- Motion passed.

NDFMC Special Funds – remove Stillman Kelley Fund

Remove Stillman Kelley Fund due to lack of use. Funds were added to Junior Division Fund.

- Kris Brugamy moved to remove reference to Stillman Kelley Fund.
- Jill Post seconded.
- Motion passed.

NDFMC Special Funds

~~Remove Junior Composers Summer Programs~~ and replace with Composers Institute (CI) or Composers Online Institute (COI).

- Kris Brugamy moved to update language.
- Elaine Einerson seconded.
- Motion passed.

NDFMC Special Funds

Update language from ~~Composers Summer Programs~~ to Composers Institute (CI) or Composers Online Institute (COI). Increase award from \$500 to \$750.

- Kris Brugamyer made motion to update language as above.
- Sharon Wesbrook seconded.
- Motion passed.

Junior Composer Update – Two students from North Dakota entered the competition and went on to regional; one of those students went on to national. Kris facilitated the Junior Composer competition for North Dakota and Sharon Wesbrook helped get a judge. A letter went out with info regarding Junior Composer contest info, which will open in January 2024.

125th Anniversary

Kris made an online payment of \$125 to the 125th Anniversary Fund. She has also sent letter to the treasurer of every club with info. It was decided that the letter should be resent to the senior club presidents.

Outgoing National President Fund

Read letter from Sara Keller regarding the Outgoing National President Fund. Deb Freeman's term will soon end. All states are being asked to send \$250 each year for each year of her presidency. It was decided NDFMC would send \$1,000 rather than four separate payments of \$250. These monies will be charged to Budget – Miscellaneous.

- Kris Brugamyer moved to send \$1,000 to National for the Outgoing National President Fund.
- Robyn Vinje seconded.
- Motion passed.

State Historian

Alpha will ask Carolyn Nelson to provide a description of this position, as well as a guideline for clubs to use when archiving.

National Music Week Essay – Kris said she would facilitate this if there was a chair. Jill said she would research and report any information she finds in the ***Prairie Rose Notes***.

Gold Cup Report – Effie Carr reported for Pam Jangula, NDFMC Cup Chair.

Cup Level	Total Cups
15	174
30	75
45	35
60	7
75	4

Junior Festival – Alice Pekarski and Effie Carr have exchanged information regarding State Chair – Junior Festival duties. Alice will have an update of Festival Chairs posted on the website.

NDFMC Web Site – Carol Tschakert provided a report that showed total visitors to the NDFMC website. In 2022 there were 455 Views and 94 Visitors. In 2023 there were 1,202 Views and 432 Visitors.

IMC Federation – Deb Eraas reported that the Williston Club provided treats to the IMC this last summer. Fargo will be the host next summer.

There were 1,220 attendees at the camp last summer, 180 faculty and 12 support personnel. Two new courses were added - hip hop and indigenous dance.

A \$1,000 check from NDFMC was presented at the Camp. There were six \$250 Agnes Jardine scholarships awarded, and each winner also received a \$50 gift from the NDFMC.

Composer Institute Update

Sharon Wesbrook gave an update on the Composer Institute which was held in July 2023. Thirteen students ages 14 – 19 attended the in-residence program at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. One student participated through Zoom. This online student was Trisha Mehta from North Dakota who received a \$500 scholarship from NDFMC.

NDFMC awarded the \$750 Sampson Award to Daisy Otundo. She requested to be a student advisor next year.

NFMC – The website has been updated. Members were encouraged to visit the site.

Alpha Roeszler attended the convention in Norfolk, VA in June. The next conference will be held in Bettendorf, Iowa – June 11 – 15, 2024

The group discussed information and reports from Minot, Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, Dickinson, and Jamestown. A common theme and concern are decline in membership. Effie Carr from Bismarck reported that the Bismarck Mandan Thursday Music Club is looking at dissolving the organization if there is not a slate of officers for the 2024 – 2025 year.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. CDT. The 2023 Convention group held a short planning discussion after adjournment.

To-Do List

- Kris Brugamy will send Alpha Roeszler a copy of the standing rules to send out to everyone.
- Alpha Roeszler will re-send the ***Interlude*** publication. She previously sent it in August of 2023.
- Sharon Wesbrook to contact the Composers Institute to send invoice for member dues so Kris can pay the dues.
- Carol Tschakert to update the Festival Information form on website.
- Kris Brugamy will resend the letter regarding \$125 for 125 years to senior club Presidents.
- Alice Pekarski will have an update of Festival Chairs posted on the website.
- Deb Eraas to send instructions to Fargo district regarding information on IMC treats for next summer.
- Jill Post said she would research and report any information she finds on National Music Week Essay in the ***Prairie Rose Notes***.