

**NDFMC Spring Board Meeting
Zoom Meeting
April 20, 2024**

NDFMC Attendees:

Alpha Roeszler, Alice Pekarski, Kris Brugamy, Effie S. Carr, Carolyn Nelson, Robyn Vinje, Carol Tschakert, Sharon Wesbrook, Jill Post, Laurie Charette, Ann Holmen, Elaine Einerson, Pat Grantier, Tim Baumann

Meeting Called to Order by President Alpha Roeszler.

Minutes of the 2023 Fall - Board Meeting

Minutes were read by NDFMC Secretary, Effie Carr.

Kris Brugamy clarified that the late fee of \$10 for National Federation of Music Clubs membership was increased by the National Federation and asked that this be clarified in the meeting minutes. Reminder that fees must reach them by November 15, 2024.

Effie to sign the updated meeting minutes.

- Kris Brugamy moved to approve the minutes as corrected.
- Carol Tschakert seconded.
- Motion passed.

Financial Report – Kris Brugamy – reviewed Financial Reports.

NDFMC Financial Report June 1, 2023 - April 19, 2024.

- Budget change - \$2,121.28
- Overall non-Budget change - \$1,536.57
- Total assets as of 4/19/24 - **\$69,479.59**
- Overall change as of 4/19/24 \$3,657.85

Kris has not received an invoice from the North Central Region (NCR) for dues. Robyn said she would notify the new NCR treasurer to contact Kris about the dues.

Kris has not received a notice for member dues for the Opera Camp last fall. Carolyn said the dues should still be sent to Duane Langley.

Carol Tschakert will conduct financial audit with the help of a member of the Fargo club.

Continuing Business

- 2025 NDFMC Convention - Grand Forks. Discussed whether the event could be shortened to one day. Does a state convention even need to be held? The NDFMC constitution states that a biennial convention will be held in the spring of odd years.

Alpha and Robyn will be attending the national convention and will get more info on state conventions there. A final decision will be discussed and decided upon at the Fall meeting.

Convention committee members will meet before the September meeting and make a recommendation. Grand Forks and Fargo-Moorhead board members will meet along with Alice Pekarski and Kris Brugamy at a date to be determined.

New Business

- *2024 Roster – Updates.* Dee Meisner, former state president from 1991 – 1993, passed away in March. Kris to send \$100 check to IMC in her memory.
- *Prairie Rose Notes* – Pat Grantier will submit an article on Dee Meisner. Effie Carr to try find a picture of a Christmas party held at Dee's house for BMTMC for article.
- *State Secretary, Historian and Archive positions* – need to be filled.
- *Reports – State to National are due May 1 or 15th.*
- *Federation Day at IMC is Friday July 26. Fargo is hosting and a list of what to provide included in meeting documents.*

Standing Rules Amendments

Kris proposed changes to the NDFMC Special Funds. Clarification of the amendment and rationale are as follows:

A portion of the NDFMC's Evelyn Sampson Fund shall be held for the purpose of giving scholarships to NDFMC-federated youth for attendance at NCR's Composers Institute (CI) or Composers Online Institute (COI). The award shall be \$500 and shall be paid directly to Composers Institute.

Applications received from any participant in Class 3 (three) or Class 4 (four) of the NDFMC's Junior Composers Contest held in the same year shall be given top priority in receiving a scholarship. Unclaimed scholarships may be awarded at the NDFMC Executive Board's discretion to other NDFMC-federated youth wishing to attend CI or COI. No more than eight (8) scholarships of \$500 each shall be awarded in any given season.

Any student who is awarded the NDFMC's Evelyn Sampson Scholarship of \$750 may also apply for a CI or COI scholarship of \$500 from the NDFMC for the same season. In no case shall the total scholarship(s) equal more than tuition, and if so, the NDFMC's scholarship will be decreased to equalize the scholarship amount with the tuition cost.

RATIONAL: *The first and second paragraphs refer only to the NDFMC's CO/COI scholarship. That amount is \$500. It was erroneously changed to \$750 in September 2023. The amount of \$750 refers to the NDFMC's CO/COI scholarship, which is referenced in the third paragraph. Therefore, both amounts are included in the third paragraph to clarify the two levels of scholarship. The final sentence clarifies that if tuition is less than \$1250, the student will receive the full amount of \$750 from the NDFMC and the NDFMC scholarship will be adjusted lower accordingly.*

"Any student who is awarded the NDFMC's Evelyn Sampson Scholarship of \$750 may also apply for a CI or COI scholarship of \$500 from the NDFMC for the same season. In no case shall the total scholarship(s) equal more than the tuition, and if so, the NDFMC's scholarship will be decreased to equalize the scholarship amount with the tuition cost."

- Kris Brugamy made a motion to amend the Standing Rules as stated.
- Robyn Vinje seconded.
- Motion passed.

Junior Composer Contest Update – Kris reported there were six entries from North Dakota to the Junior Composer Institute. The judge, Ryan Johnston, gave two first place awards and no second-place awards. One entry received an honorable mention.

Sharon Wesbrook provided instructions for the Evelyn Sampson Award to be added to the NDFMC website.

Note: <https://composersinstitute.net> is the new website.

IMC Report

Tim Baumann reported on activities at the International Music Camp. He said upgrades have been made to buildings at the camp. Camper enrollment was up 25% from 2023. Staff and faculty positions have been filled. They are looking for a saxophone player for a jazz class.

Agnes Jardine scholarship increased from \$1,200 to \$1,250. Majority of funds go to U. S. students.

Ann Holmen, Thursday Music Club, Williston said their club has held a Composer Camp for young students the last five years. The camp includes study in music theory, concept, sonatina composition with a recital at the end of the week. The fee for the camp is \$100 per student. Ann asked if there was any funding available for the camp to possibly buy equipment.

Kris said funding may be available thru the NDFMC if Ann submitted a proposal outlining info on the camp and use of funds. Ann said she would send a proposal.

Junior Festival

Alice submitted a report, the JR3-3 did not include Bismarck and Minot.

Gold Cup

Report not complete. However, the fund needs money. Kris proposed the Gold Cup fee be raised from \$3 to \$4. As a result, festival fees for 2024-2025 will increase from \$14 to \$15.

- Kris Brugamy made a motion to increase Gold Cup fees from \$3 to \$4, increasing Festival Fees from \$14 to \$15 per event.
- Effie Carr seconded.
- Motion passed.

State Website

Carol reported on use of the NDFMC.org website. There have been 1,080 hits on the website since its launch – 220 in 2024. She asked that club members let her know of items to be added and/or updated to keep the website current. Carol will send bills for the cost of having the website to Kris.

State Historian

The last time any information was added to the State archives was in 2015. Records include by-laws, legal documents, projects, letters, newspaper clippings.

North Central Region of NFMC

Robyn submitted minutes from the North Central Region of NFMC held in October. Kris said she has not heard what future dues will be. Sharon Westbrook will contact Pat Grantier and Mary Westcott regarding the dues.

- Motion was made to send \$50 to NCR to subsidize expenses for having Audrey Johnson give a presentation on Women's Suffrage at the NFMC Conference this June.
- Robyn Vinje seconded.
- Motion passed.

Past President's Assembly

Robyn reported there are currently seven past presidents. NDFMC requests dues of \$2.00 plus a contribution to the Young Artists Fund of NFMC.

125th Anniversary

A total of \$473 (\$125 from NDFMC; \$252 from Grand Forks; \$17.50 from Williston; \$76.25 + \$2.50 from Fargo). Kris said donations are still coming in.

National Music Week Status

Kris said she would help whoever becomes chair by providing names and contact information of NDFMC teachers. The deadline is in January.

Prairie Rose

Jill said she will use reports submitted for the NDFMC spring meeting for Prairie Rose Notes. She would like members to send pictures.

NFMC Conference

The NFMC Conference will be held in Bettendorf, Iowa. Alpha, Robyn (and daughter Andrea from Bismarck), Carolyn (and daughter) will be attending from Fargo-Moorhead. Alice, Nancy and Eileen from Valley City area will also be attending.

The fall meeting will be held on ~~September 28~~, October 5, 2024, in Jamestown.

Respectfully submitted:

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Effie S. Carr, NDFMC Secretary

To-Do List

- Effie to amend Fall 2023 meeting minutes as discussed.
- Robyn to ask new NCR treasurer to contact Kris regarding dues.
- Kris to send member dues for Opera Camp to Duane Langley and check to IMC in honor of Dee Meisner.
- Carol to conduct financial audit.
- Convention committee members to meet before September meeting to provide recommendation on length of convention.
- Ann to submit proposal for Composer Camp to Kris.
- Carol to send bills to Kris for website.
- All - send stories and pictures to Jill for Prairie Rose.