

NORTH DAKOTA FEDERATED MUSIC CLUBS BOARD MEETING - DRAFT
OCTOBER 4, 2025 IMMANUAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, JAMESTOWN, ND

The meeting was called to order by NDFMC President Alice Pekarski at 11:55 AM. Other members present were Joann Herman, Kris Brugamyer (treasurer), Alpha Roeszler (past NDFMC president), Carolyn Nelson (past NFMC president), Eileen Geske (chaplain), Carol Tschakert (web-master), Cecelia Cullins, and Robyn Vinje (recording secretary).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and *The Beautiful Garden of Prayer* was sung by all, accompanied by Alice on the piano. All attendees then introduced themselves.

The Agenda for the meeting was distributed electronically prior to the meeting by the president. Alpha moved that it be approved, Joann seconded, and motion passed.

The minutes of the 2025 Spring Convention were also distributed electronically prior to the meeting. There was one correction: Kris stated that the IMC tuition was reported by Kalli Lehr, not her. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Carol reported on the audit of the financial records for the past year. Carol and Kris discussed the non-budget items previously, and Carol found the transaction records OK. Robyn moved that the audit committee report be approved, Alpha seconded, and the motion carried. Kris thanked Carol for auditing the books the past 5 or 6 years.

Kris distributed printed copies of her financial reports and reviewed them. She noted that she transferred some money into the Cup Fund, due to high numbers needed this year. She sent \$100 to Callie Stadum for the harp concert in the afternoon. (GF club gave her \$200 and Robyn gave her \$100, so she received a total of \$400 for that program.) Kris mentioned that the price of Gold Cups is going up, and also that there were three adult entries in the Junior Festival this year.

The question was asked about the NFMC President's Scholarship Fund, which every state pays into. Kris moved that we send \$1,000 to this fund, Robyn seconded, and the motion carried.

Continuing Business – Robyn's term as ND Representative to the NFMC board will be expiring soon. Traditionally, the outgoing NDFMC President has been elected to this position. Robyn moved, Carolyn seconded, that Alpha Roeszler be elected to serve as our representative. The motion carried.

Carolyn then announced that the new rules of NFMC state that up to 63 members-at-large to the National Board can be elected. So we could also nominate someone to run for this position. Joann Herman could possibly serve in this capacity. Alice will check into the possibility of this.

Alice circulated the state roster, asking for corrections or changes, and also asking for volunteers for the open positions.

New Business – Junior Composers Institute – Kris announced that Anne Morris is now the state JCI chair, and Kris has moved up to NCR Junior Composers Contest Chair.

At this point, Ann Holmen of Williston joined the meeting by phone.

NMW Essay Contest – No report, no chair.

Junior Festival – Alice, chair

There has been a question about selling gold cups by previous winners. Alice will check with National on this. Ann had a question about a local club ordering a larger number of gold cups in larger quantity than presently needed, for a price break. Alice will also check on this.

Alice reported that there were 1,217 entrants in the Junior Festival this year. Every Festival sent a report via Vivace, except one Festival sent a paper report.

There was a question about the Dance ratings, as there were ratings above those in Vivace. Alice is going to add ratings to Vivace. I also have a line that says that they are to stay at the top level in Dance. Alice is going to clarify this.

Kris stated that the judges' compensation for hotel rooms during the Junior Festival is \$107, in answer to a question.

Carol reviewed her Website Report, comparing the number of views and visitors per month for the past three years and first nine months of this year. She also stated that each club can have its own page to list their programs, etc., with Fargo and Minot clubs already having their own. Most of the inquiries on the Website are in regard to the Junior Festival, and the entire Festival Bulletin is now on the national Website.

Carolyn moved and Eileen seconded that Carol be reimbursed for the expenses she paid for the Website. Motion carried. It was also mentioned that some items on the Website need to be updated by the historian.

A written report on Federation Day 2025 was submitted by Deb Eraas of Minot. There was \$1,000 given to IMC by NDFMC, and six Agnes Jardine scholarships given to IMC attendees.

Reports were given by chairs of several areas –please see their attached reports.

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NCR – meeting via Zoom in November

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NFMC Update – Carolyn Nelson, NFMC Financial Chair, reported that the litigation with Jennifer Griffin, former NFMC Executive Director, has been settled. Ashley Mattingly is the new office manager, moving up from being an assistant.

Carolyn also reported that the national dues will most likely be increased, because at the present time dues do not cover our expenses. There was discussion on the financial situation of the Federation.

The question was asked as to what news is to be put on the Website since we are using that instead of *Prairie Rose Notes*.

What about a state convention in 2027? Kris moved that the leadership in the western division of NDFMC convene and decide what to do. Ann seconded the motion, which carried.

Announcements – Kris reminded that only elected officers are entitled to mileage for attending the state board meetings. They need to submit vouchers to her.

The Gift of Song, accompanied by Carolyn, was sung. Meeting adjourned 2:00 PM.

Robyn Vinje, secretary