

HALF NOTES

Newsletter for the Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs

Spring/Summer 2016 Compiled by Cheryl Schmidt

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Thank you to all our MFMC students, teachers and especially our Auditors, Festival and Festival Cup chairs for a successful 2016 Festival season!



ALL MEMBER STATE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The registration form can be found on page 7 of this newsletter , on the MFMC web site/ Events: www.MFMC.net and via the separate email attachment sent with this newsletter.

Where: Bethlehem Lutheran Church 4310 County Rd. 137 St. Cloud, MN 56301

When: Wednesday, July 27, 2016

What: All Member State Meeting

All senior clubs are requested to have a representative attend one state meeting per year!

New Festival Bulletin Review

Performances of festival bulletin repertoire. Review new festival bulletin rules and changes.

On Line Festival Registration

Current status regarding online festival registration and its usage.

Additional:

Groth Music Company will have festival bulletin music available for sale.

Groth is offering a 20% discount on festival music purchases for MFMC members.

MFMC Executive Committee Actions

The MFMC Executive Committee, Scholarships and Grants Committee Chair met on
Saturday, April 9, 2016

MFMC 2016 - 2017 Budget: This includes an increase in dues for Senior and Junior members and a Festival Cup fee increase. The dues/fee increase will be ratified at the MFMC July meeting. Our national organization, National Federation of Music Clubs, has raised Senior and Junior dues, cost for insurance coverage and a 20% increase in cost for festival cups. MFMC is experiencing declining Senior and Junior membership, and also wants to also maintain its support of scholarships and awards we offer students and members. Distributing awards and scholarships is an expected aspect of functioning as a non-profit organization.

Scholarships and Awards: \$1,600 for students to attend the Junior Composers Institute in Minneapolis in July, 2016.

Awarded up to \$800 for students applying to attend International Music Camp Scholarship.

Promote MFMC: find ways to promote MFMC for more participation in membership and participation in the festivals.

Thanks!

MFMC Officers and Chairmen give many volunteers hours on behalf of our membership!

Please take the time to thank them!!

President: Mary Wescott **1st Vice-President:** Nancy Fischer **2nd Vice-President:** Sarah Twedt
Treasurer: Gwen Degner **Secretary:** Mary Kaye Rabaey **National Board Rep:** Cheryl Schmidt
Historian: Karen Erickson **Festival:** Nadine Berg **Gold Cup:** Sarah Twedt
Scholarships and Grants: Rebecca Heerdt **Junior Composers:** Sharon Kaplan

*This is only a partial listing! Go to the MFMC web site for all officers and chairmen
which includes their contact information.*

MFMC Membership Roster gets a “Re-Do”

The MFMC membership roster is protected and available only to members of MFMC with use of a user name and password on the MFMC web site. (*Remember to refresh this page on your computer*). MFMC wants the membership roster to be more accurate and user friendly. Every fall, each club will be asked to provide the following to the MFMC treasurer when paying dues:

- ◆ Members’ current contact information.
- ◆ What does each member teach? Piano, Voice, etc.
- ◆ Which members are willing to judge?
- ◆ Identify your Club President(s) and Festival Site Manager(s)

Also noted at the top of the web site page is a list of all the clubs and their locations. With all this information you as a member can:

- Locate another MFMC teacher in the state. *This can also be helpful if one of your students is moving to a different town and wants to study with a MFMC teacher.*
- Locate members who may be willing to judge at your festivals and what they teach.
- Get information from a specific club, as you will know who the club president and festival site manager are to contact.

These new changes will only be helpful to the entire membership if each MFMC member provides the information requested. This should be processed by your club treasurer when collecting yearly dues every fall. All members, via direct email or club president, will receive the user name and password to view the membership roster (not to be shared outside our membership!!) and tips on how to use the membership roster!

Please contact Cheryl Schmidt, MFMC web site liaison, with any questions.



MFMC President Mary Wescott, National Board Representative Cheryl Schmidt and Festival Advisor Sarah Twedt will travel to the National Federation of Music Clubs national convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma on June 21-25. As your representatives, they attend various meetings to gain information and vote on actions that affect our state organization. Please contact them with any suggestions or concerns.

FESTIVAL NEWS

Festival Chair Nadine Berg reports: The auditors are doing a great job and she is awaiting final reports to arrive so she can compile her final state report. The Hibbing Club was a test site for using the NFMC on-line festival registration. She reported several concerns and difficulties that were experienced and has forwarded this information to the national chairman.

From Festival Cup Chair Sarah Twedt: I would like to thank all record keepers for their hard work preparing their reports this past festival season! This is very detailed work and members should take time to thank these folks in your clubs for their dedication! All of the cups and plates have been ordered!

MFMC was informed in March, 2016 that Crown Trophy Co. had increased the cup prices by 20%. This added an additional cost of \$2,724.42 to our budget for cups which MFMC needed to absorb.

Now is the time to prepare for next year! If you have any questions or need help with any aspect of your reporting, please let me know. We would love to help you make the reporting process easier for you. We processed 4478 Cup Entrants and ordered 957 total cups! Of these, 2 were Grand Cup and 4 were President Cup Winners!

Please congratulate the following:

East Suburban Music Club awarded 3 Presidents Cups this year:

Suparna Malia – Presidents Cup – Piano. Student of Grace Kopitske

Jonathan Yeung – Presidents Cup – Piano. Student of Jackie Huei-Ping Lo

Jonathan Yeung – Presidents Cup – Violin. Student of Jackie Heui-Ping Lo

Thief River Falls awarded 1 Grand Cup this year:

Richard Sather – Grand Cup – Piano. Student of Kristi LaSalle

Renville County awarded 1 Grand Cup and 1 Presidents Cup:

McKaia Ryberg – Grand Cup – Piano. Student of Katie Rudeen

Kate Hillesheim – Presidents Cup – Piano. Student of Catherine Witter

Again, thank you for your dedication to the festival program and to MFMC!

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS NEWS

Are you aware of scholarships and awards that are offered by MFMC??

⇒ Adult members of MFMC requesting financial assistance for continuing education:

Teacher Trust Grants

⇒ Junior members needing financial assistance to continue taking lessons:

Tuition Assistant Grants

⇒ Junior Festival participants wanting to attend International Music Camp:

International Music Camp Scholarship

⇒ Junior Composers wanting to attend a composition camp:

Junior Composers Institute Camp Scholarship

⇒ Awards for students performing specific repertoire, ages 16—25 (2017):

Biennial State Student Auditions

*Make sure to visit the MFMC web site for all scholarships and awards, applications and requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Rebecca Heerd, Scholarships and Grants Chair

MFMC STATE TREASURER NEWS

Gwen Degner, MFMC State Treasurer

Thank you to our Senior and Junior Club treasurers for sending their dues and festival fees in a timely manner. It makes life much easier for your state treasurer!

This year we have: *23 Senior Clubs and 29 Junior Clubs* active in the state of Minnesota.

Junior Composers Summer Programs has become an associate member of MFMC.

In order to assist in facilitating a more “user friendly” membership list on the MFMC web site, I will be requesting more information from the members every fall along with collection of dues. As noted previously in the newsletter: current contact information, what does each member teach, what members are willing to judge and each club identify their club president and festival site manager. Everyone’s cooperation in providing this information is greatly appreciated!

Meet the Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs Executive Committee

Mary Wescott, President



Nancy Fischer, 1st Vice President



Sarah Twedt, 2nd Vice President



Mary Rabaey, Secretary



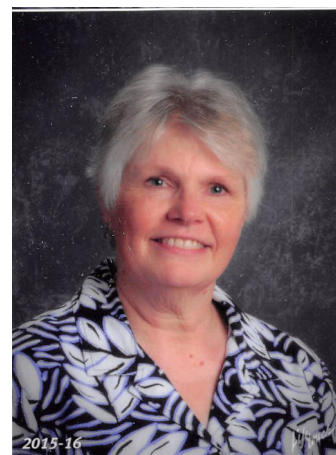
Gwen Degner, Treasurer



Cheryl Schmidt
National Board Rep.



Nadine Berg, Festival Chair





**MINNESOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS
All-Member State Meeting • Registration Form**

Date: July 27, 2016

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4310 County Road 137, St. Cloud, Minnesota, 56301

8:00 AM: Warm Breakfast with Coffee and Juice

9:00 AM: Business Meeting, Finance Committee, SAG Committee Reports

10:30 AM: Bulletin Changes from the previous Bulletin and introduction to New Bulletin. Sections to be performed, Piano, Strings and Voice.

12:30 PM: Break for Lunch

1—5:00 PM: Continue with Introduction of the New Bulletin

Registration Fee: \$45 • Includes breakfast and lunch

Groth Music will have a store on site and provide a discount to MFMC Members

Name _____

Club _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Clip and mail with registration fee (Checks payable to MFMC) to:

Mary Rabaey, 103 W. 4th Street, Minneota, MN 56264

Phone: 507-872-5492

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: July 22, 2016