

MINNESOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

Summer All Member State Meeting

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

4801 France Avenue South

Minneapolis MN 55410

Wednesday, August 13, 2008

**9:00 a.m. Registration/Coffee**

**9:45 a.m. Business Meeting**

President Karen Sue Erickson called the meeting to order. The Federation Collect was read and roll call was taken by club.

**Members Present**

**Apple Valley MTA:** Carolyn Axt, Betty Olson, Pat Steege, Paul Woell; **Burnsville Area MTA:** Lois Erickson, Sheryl Wilhelm, Kathy Wilson; **Central Lakes Music Club:** Karen Sue Erickson; **Chin Rest and End Pin Society:** Elizabeth Ericksen; **Duluth MTA:** Vicki Ott, Liz Raihala, Sheila Shusterich; **East Suburban Music Club:** Kathy Martinez; **Great River MC:** Lois Muelich, Mary Neidermeier **Hibbing Musicale:** Nadine Berg, Mary Angela Strasser, Walter Strasser; **Itasca Music Club:** Anne Dimich; **Keyboard Southwest:** Carolyn Laufenburger; **Minneapolis Tuesday Music Club:** Joan Hennigan, Jane Jensen, Dave Ulfeng, Sue Ulfeng; **Music Southwest:** Shannon Benson, Rennae Petersen; **North Suburban:** Deanna Andersen, Marianne Nold; **Renville County Club 88:** Gwen Degner; **Scherzo Society:** Peggy Harstad; **SE Minnesota Federation MC:** Julie Gutzmer, Sharon Holets; **South Suburban MTA:** Barbara Thompson; **SW Minneapolis Keyboard Club:** Cora Barr, Fern Davidson, Sharon Kaplan, Michelle Porter; **Thief River Falls MC:** Kristi LaSalle; **West Central Music Teachers Club:** Georgia Hanson, Cheryl Schmidt

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Gwen Degner presented the minutes of the May 3 meeting. They were placed on file.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Nadine Berg presented the treasurer's report with one correction: The date on the printed report should read 5-1-08 to 8-12-08. The report was placed on file as corrected.

**MFMC Membership:** There was no report from Mary Wescott, Chair.

### **Musical Interlude:**

Junior Composers Winner and JCI participant Joey Munson from Bloomington performed his composition, "Rain," which was a second place winner in Level 3.

### **Unfinished Business:**

A request was made by MFMC Gold Cup Chair Barb Thompson for additional reimbursement of \$471 for time and effort spent on redoing the Gold Cup data base. She requested that reimbursement be paid at a rate of \$.20 per student. Barb previously received \$600, so the total reimbursement would be \$1,071.

Kathy Wilson moved that we pay \$.20 per entrant to Barb Thompson, Gold Cup Chair, but she later withdrew the motion

Sharon Kaplan moved that we contract with our Gold Cup Chair to pay \$.20 per Festival entrant annually, but not retroactive. Cora Barr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Walt Strasser moved that any reimbursements or payments to chairmen come from funds for that department, and not from general funds. Betty Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cora Barr moved that MFMC pay the Gold Cup Chair \$.20 per entrant for the 2008 Festival. Pat Steege seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

The National Federation of Music Clubs Fall Session was August 5-10, 2008 in Denver, CO. Karen Erickson, Pat Steege, Kathy Wilson, Cora Barr, and Sarah Twedt attended. Cora is our representative on the national board for the NFMC. NFMC has increased Festival Fees from \$.50 to \$2.00 beginning in 2009. The extra money will be used to develop a national online registration program. Cora suggested contacting NFMC President Lana Bailey with concerns.

Treasurer Nadine Berg would like a volunteer to take care of the membership part of her job.

### **Musical Interlude:**

Dr. Karen L. Erickson performed her winning Adult Composers Critique composition, "London Fanfare".

## **Junior Division Reports:**

Junior Composers Institute: Pat Steege, Chair

Pat reported on the 2008 Junior Composers Institute. She shared photos and read thank you notes from 2008 JCI participants Kate Meyer, Alex Hetzer, Jared Hoeft, Joey Munson, Melissa Hogan. The emphasis this year was on writing quartets. The 2009 JCI will be held July 5-11, with an emphasis on composing for voice.

Festivals: Cora Barr, Chair

Gold Cups: Barb Thompson, Chair

Logowear: Carolyn Axt, Chair, reported that she has worked with a designer to create a logo for 2009. Samples are available for sale. Shirts are black with green and white lettering. Available items will include bags, T-shirts, and sweatshirts. Ordering information will be sent to Festival chairs soon.

International Music Camp Summer Scholarships - Rose Zygmanski/Mary Angela Strasser, Chair

Joyce Walsh Junior Disability Award: Cheryl Schmidt, Chair  
Cheryl is looking for entrants.

Minnesota Music Scholarships for Challenged Students: Cheryl Schmidt, Chair  
Cheryl is looking for entrants.

MFMC Insurance: Kathy Wilson, Coordinator  
Kathy reported that all information has been compiled.

Georgia Chapman Piano Study Award: Sheila Shusterich, Chair  
Sheila proposed that an award be made in August. She also announced that Anne Dimich's student, 6th grader Jeremy Jylha, was awarded a scholarship of \$594.00. A thank you was read.

## **Student/Collegiate Division:**

2009 NFMC Biennial Student/Collegiate Auditions: Sheila Shusterich, Chair  
Sheila reported that the auditions occur in odd-numbered years, and will be held in 2009. Sheila is the national chair. Entrants must be members of NFMC and submit audition CD's. See the summer issue of Half Notes for more information. Only 14 states participated last year.

2010 MFMC State Student Auditions: Liz Raihala, Chair

These auditions occur only in even-numbered years.

### **Senior Division Reports:**

Adult Composers Critique: Betty Olson, Chair

Betty reported that there were four entrants. The winner was Dr. Karen L. Erickson who is a professor of French at St. John's University. Betty encouraged local clubs to publicize the Adult Composers Critique.

Historian: Cheryl Schmidt, Chair

Cheryl is updating convention history and looking for old newsletters.

Opera: Nadine Berg, Chair

Nadine distributed bookmarks with lists of MN opera companies.

Arts Advocacy - Sarah Twedt, Chair

Pat Steege reported for Sarah. She talked about the importance of e-mailing representatives regarding the Clean Air Amendment which will come to a vote in November.

Rose Zygmanski Teacher Trust Grants - Karen Sue Erickson, Chair

There were no applicants.

Parade of American Music: Kathy Wilson, Chair

Kathy recognized the Willmar, Burnsville, and Tuesday Music Clubs for participating in the Parade of American Music. Contact Kathy for more information.

Half Notes Newsletter and MFMC Web Site: Louise Lundin, Editor - no report

Music in Poetry: Verna Patrick, Chair - no report

### **Announcements**

- ▲ 2009 National Music Week: May 3-10, 2009 – 86<sup>th</sup> annual observance.  
Theme: Music...Poetry of the Heart
- ▲ 2009 MFMC Spring All Member State Meeting – April 18, 2009 – Calvary Lutheran Church, Willmar, MN
- ▲ 2009 MFMC State Convention: mid-August – Calvary Lutheran Church, Alexandria MN
- ▲ 2009 NFMC Biennial Convention: June 1-9, 2009 – Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando FL

▲ 2010 NFMC Fall Session: August 3-8, 2010 – Pittsburgh, PA

**Musical Interlude:**

Nathan Knutson, NFMC 2007-2009 Young Artist from Mankato, MN, performed a program of works by Czerny, Andriasian, Poulenc, and Tower.

**Adjournment:** President Erickson adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.

**12:00 Noon - Luncheon**

**1:00 p.m. - Festival Problem Solving Workshop:** MFMC Festival Chair Cora Barr presided.

Special notes:

▲ Cora reported that individual member dues will increase to \$50 for 2009. A committee was formed to explore the possibility of establishing a senior club for adult students. Committee members are Cora Barr, Nadine Berg, Cheryl Schmidt, Mary Angela Strasser, and Shannon Jones.

▲ Cora stressed that if the teacher makes a mistake (in repertoire, etc.), the club must find a way to have the child judged.

▲ The MFMC Festival Fees will be raised to \$4.00 for 2009.

**Business:**

Walt Strasser moved that MFMC absorb the increase in Festival Fees for 2009, but add the extra fee for 2010. Nadine Berg seconded the motion.

Fern Davidson amended the motion to state the we revisit the increase for 2010 at the 2009 spring meeting and vote on it at that time. Georgia Hanson seconded the amendment. Amendment carried.

Motion carried as amended.

Submitted by Gwen Degner, MFMC Secretary