

**MINNESOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS**  
**Spring All Member State Meeting Minutes**  
**Duluth Women's Club – Duluth, Minnesota**  
**Saturday, May 3, 2008**

9:00 a.m. Registration/Coffee

10:00 Business Meeting

President Karen Erickson called the meeting to order at 10:00. Members introduced themselves. The Federation Collect was read by all in attendance.

Members Present

**Apple Valley MTA:** Carolyn Axt, Pat Steege, Sarah Twedt; **Burnsville Area MTA:** Jeannene Simonson, Kathy Wilson; **Central Lakes Music Club:** Karen Erickson; **Renville County Club 88:** Dale Degner, Gwen Degner; **Duluth MTA:** Julie Ciurleo, Robin Johnson, Vicki Ott, Carol Prohaska, Sheila Shusterich; **East Suburban Music Club:** Shannon Jones, Kathy Martinez; **Hibbing Musicale:** Nadine Berg, Mary Angela Strasser, Walter Strasser; **Itasca Music Club:** Anne Dimich, Holly Newton; **SW Minneapolis Keyboard Club:** Sharon Kaplan; **Minneapolis Tuesday Music Club:** Jane Jensen, Ruth Wollenberg; **West Central Music Teachers Club:** Cheryl Schmidt, Judy Zylstra.

Secretary's report: Secretary Gwen Degner presented the minutes from the August 15-16 convention. P.2 under new business should be amended to read:

“The Nominating Committee of Kathy Wilson, Sarah Twedt, Karen Erickson, and Cheryl Schmidt presented the slate of officers for election.”

The report was placed on file.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nadine Berg presented the report. The report was placed on file.

MFMC Membership: *Mary Wescott, Chair (absent)*

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Logowear:

Sharon Kaplan moved that the state not handle logowear anymore. Second by Nadine Berg. Motion carried.

Carolyn Axt, Apple Valley MTA, volunteered to take over logowear sales.

New Business:

- National Federation of Music Clubs Fall Session: August 5-10, 2008 – Denver Renaissance Hotel, Denver CO – Theme: America the Beautiful  
Sarah Twedt, Pat Steege, Karen Erickson, Cora Barr, Kathy Wilson, Walt Strasser, and Mary Angela Strasser will attend.

- North Central Region Days: July 11-12, 2008 – Augsburg College, Minneapolis MN – includes MN, NE, IA, WI, ND, SD, IL – website: [www.nfmencr.org](http://www.nfmencr.org)
- Junior Composers Institute: July 6-12, 2008 – Augsburg College, Minneapolis MN – website: [www.juniorcomposers.org](http://www.juniorcomposers.org)
- MFMC Summer State Meeting: Twin Cities

Wednesday, August 13 or 20 – Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Minneapolis. More information to follow. Pat Steege is making arrangements.

- MFMC Budget for 2008-2009 This item postponed.

### **Junior Division:**

Festivals - *Cora Barr, Chair – No report*

Festival Cup – *Barb Thompson, Chair – No report*

International Music Camp Summer Scholarships - *Rose Zygmanski, Chair*  
*Mary Angela Strasser moved that the following students be granted scholarships in the amount of \$295 each for the 2008 IMC: Maria Manzo and Katie Pepera. Seconded by Walt Strasser. Motion carried.*

Junior Composer Contest - *Pat Steege, Chair*  
*The number of applications was the same, even though information was sent by e-mail this year. There were 23 applicants. Eight went on to regional competition. Kate Meyer went to the national level. Although the fees were increased, they did not cover costs. There was a deficit of \$136.42, which will be paid by the state treasury.*

Junior Composer Institute Scholarships - *Pat Steege, Chair*  
*Four students were offered scholarships of \$400. Melissa Mogan, Jared Hoeft, Kate Meyer, Joey Munson. Kate Meyer is willing to give up her scholarship so that another student may attend. Pat recommended that Kate's scholarship be transferred to Alexandra Hetzer, with the suggestion that Kate be acknowledged with \$100.00.*

*Sheila moved that we award five scholarships this year to JCI. Seconded by Kathy Wilson. Motion carried.*

Joyce Walsh Junior Disability Award - *Cheryl Schmidt, Chair*

Minnesota Music Scholarships for Challenged Students - *Cheryl Schmidt, Chair*  
*No applicants.*

MFMC Insurance Coordinator - *Kathy Wilson*  
*Club information is due Aug. 1 to Kathy, but she will gladly accept it sooner. More information will be*

Junior Composers Institute: July 6-12, 2008, Augsburg College, Minneapolis MN

Junior Division: *Mary Angela reported that a group from Rochester which will launch a Festival*

### **Student/Collegiate Division:**

2008 MFMC State Student Auditions – *Liz Raihala, Chair - No report from Liz, but discussed*

2009 Biennial Student Auditions – *information is available on the NFMC website*

Georgia Chapman Piano Study Award- *Sheila Shusterich, Chair - No applicants –This is an c*

### **Senior Division:**

Historian - *Cheryl Schmidt, Chair*

*Cheryl is reorganizing materials. Cheryl shared some of the historical information with us.*

Opera Report – *Roy and Nadine Berg, Chairs*

*Nadine reported on Met Live HD. Three movie theaters in Minnesota show live transmissions of opera from around the world in High Definition. For more information, go to metopera.org.*

Arts Advocacy - *Sarah Twedt, Chair*

*Sarah encouraged members to get involved in arts advocacy. She provided handouts on arts advocacy, the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, and web resources.*

Rose Zygmanski Teacher Trust Grants - *Karen Erickson, Chair*

*Karen recommended the approval of a \$200 grant to Ruth Aaseng to attend a Musikgarten workshop on teaching adults.*

Parade of American Music - *Kathy Wilson, Chair*

*Kathy acknowledged the work of the Willmar and Tuesday Musicale organizations.*

Adult Composer's Critique - *Betty Olson, Chair*

*Pat Steege brought Betty's report. There were four entrants (4 more than last year).*

*Pat Steege moved that the judge for the adult composers choose 2 winners this year, if they are deserving. Each would receive \$100. Seconded by Carolyn Axt. Motion carried.*

Half Notes Newsletter & Web Site - *Louise Lundin, Editor*

*The deadline to submit information for a summer issue of half Notes is June 15. Submit articles to Karen Erickson by e-mail.*

Music in Poetry - *Verna Patrick, Chair no report*

### **Other Items for discussion:**

MMTA Convention: June 9-10, 2008 – Mystic Lake Casino Hotel – Theme: Ignite the Potential –

*There was discussion about creating a display or providing something for tote bags for attendees, but no decision was made.*

Sharon Kaplan moved that MFMC pay Barb Thompson \$600 for her work as Gold Cup Chair for the 2008 Festival. Seconded by Anne Dimich. Motion carried.

Lisa Zylstra has been awarded the NFMC Gretchen Van Roy Music Education Scholarship for the 2008-2009 year in the amount of \$1,000.00.

**Announcements:**

2008 National Music Week – May 4-11– 85<sup>th</sup> annual – Music...A Sound Foundation for Life

2009 National Music Week: May 3-10, 2009 – 86<sup>th</sup> annual observance – Music...Poetry of the Heart

**Future Meeting Dates:**

MFMC Summer State Meeting – August 2008 – Twin Cities

2009 NFMC Biennial Convention: June 1-9, 2009 – Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando FL

2009 MFMC State Convention: Alexandria, MN

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

**11:30 a.m. Musical Interlude**

(Representatives from the three Arrowhead Festival sites: Hibbing, Grand Rapids, Duluth)

- Piano Solo from Grand Rapids Festival: Joey Pehrson played “Spanish Dance” by Anton Bilotti (Holly Newton, teacher)
- Vocal Solo from Duluth Festival:
- Piano Duet from Hibbing Festival: Mikaela Krampotich and Emily Warner performed “Duet Fantasy on America the Beautiful” by Robert Vandall (Mary Angela Strasser, teacher) Note: This is a 2007-08 Hymn of the Month selection, NFMC President Lana Bailey’s official song, and the theme for the NFMC Fall Session this August.
- Vocal Duet from Seussical, the Musical: Gertrude and Horton (Sheila Shusterich, director)

**12:00 noon Luncheon**

Submitted by Gwen Degner, MFMC Secretary