

MINNESOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS
Summer All Member State Meeting Minutes
Calvary Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Minnesota
Thursday, August 13, 2009

Call to Order

President Karen Sue Erickson called the meeting to order at 9:15 and welcomed all. She acknowledged members of the Central Lakes Music Club who organized this convention. The Federation Collect was read. Attendees were asked to sign the attendance sheet.

Members Present:

Apple Valley MTA: Pat Steege; **Burnsville Area MTA:** Jeannene Simonson, Kathy Wilson; **Central Lakes MC:** Dawn Carlson, Karen Sue Erickson, Annette Helder, Roxanne Klemetson, Marlene Larson; **Chin Rest and End Pin Society:** Karin Boyce; **East Suburban MC:** Shannon Jones; **Great River MC:** Ann Oleksowicz, Brenda Handel-Johnson; **Hibbing Musicale:** Nadine Berg, Roy Berg, Walter Strasser; **Itasca MC:** Mary Jane Schroth; **Music Southwest:** Mary Kaye Rabaey, Rennae Petersen; **Renville County Club 88:** Dale Degner, Gwen Degner; **South Suburban MTA:** Mary Kay Lanz, Mary Wescott; **Southwest Minneapolis Keyboard Club:** Cora Barr, Fern Davidson, Sharon Kaplan; **Thief River Falls MC:** Kristi LaSalle; **Tuesday Music Club:** Nikkia Hall, Ruth Wollenberg; **West Central MTC:** Georgia Hanson, Cheryl Schmidt, Barb Swanson; **West Suburban Musicians:** Suzanne Greer; **Willmar Musicale:** Mary Pieh, Diane Rasmussen.

Also in attendance: Heidi O. Hong, NFMC North Central Region Vice President.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Gwen Degner presented the minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2009. The minutes were placed on file.

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

MFMC Membership: Mary Westcott, Chair, reported receiving five inquiries from people interested in MFMC membership.

Correspondence:

Junior Composers Institute: Pat Steege read thank you notes from the following JCI attendees and scholarship winners: Christopher Neiner, Joey Munson, Lyndsy Rausch, Jared Hoeft, Kate Meyer, and Graeme Shields.

Georgia Chapman Award Winners: Cheryl Schmidt read a thank you note from Jeremy Jylha.

IMC Scholarship Winner: Cheryl Schmidt read a thank you note from Ariana Groen.

Unfinished Business:

Julia Gale Scholarship: Nadine Berg and Pat Steege provided background information. In her will, Julia Gale left \$10,000 to MFMC. She stipulated that accumulated interest from her gift is to be awarded to a national Young Artist winner from Minnesota and the money is to be used as winner desires.

Motion: Nadine Berg moved that more research be done, including determining who the Young Artist winners have been from 2000 (when Julia died), through the present. Walt Strasser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Convention Expenses:

Motion: Pat Steege moved that when convention registration dues and fees do not cover expenses, that the MFMC executive board, after review, will determine the amount of reimbursement. Walt Strasser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

“Together We Sing” Kathy Wilson talked about this new NFMC program which will replace Hymn of the Month. Carole Flatau is the NFMC chair. Songbooks are \$1.25 each. Heidi Hong had several for sale.

MFMC Positions Filled: Festival Chair--Dawn Carlson
Festival Cup Chair--Sarah Twedt
Insurance Coordinator--Barbara Baldrice

Positions to Fill: A new Student Audition Chair is needed. Sheila Shusterich has held the position for four years and is willing to mentor her successor.

Election of Officers: Cheryl Schmidt spoke for the nominating committee. She presented the slate of officers as follows: President, Karen Sue Erickson; Vice President, Pat Steege; Secretary, Mary Kaye Rabaey; Treasurer, Nadine Berg; Historian, Cheryl Schmidt; and National Board Representative, Cora Barr.

Motion: Walt Strasser moved the acceptance of a unanimous ballot. Brenda Handel-Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Junior Division:

Festivals: Dawn Carlson, Chair, conducted a Festival workshop on Wednesday, August 12, as part of this convention. She noted that information is available online.

Festival Cups: Sarah Twedt, Chair, was absent.

International Music Camp Summer Scholarships: Walt Strasser reported for Mary Angela Strasser. Both students who received MFMC scholarships attended sessions at IMC this summer.

Junior Composer Contest: Pat Steege, Chair, reported that the deadline for this event will be in January. She will send information by e-mail in November.

Junior Composers Institute: Pat Steege, Chair, reported that 30 students participated in 2009. Next year's focus will be on composing for film. Students will have the option of attending an additional week.

Joyce Walsh Junior Disability Award: Cheryl Schmidt, Chair, reported that Kelly Carlson, age 16, from Woodbury was a national winner.

Minnesota Music Scholarships for Challenged Students: Cheryl Schmidt, Chair, reported that there were no applicants.

MFMC Insurance Coordinator: Kathy Wilson reported that clubs do not need to set make-up dates for potential snow days, but the state insurance coordinator must be contacted if events are postponed and rescheduled because of bad weather. Kathy is looking into the correct procedure for cases when illness or other factors prevent a student from being judged as originally scheduled.

Festival Extension: Walt Strasser reported for Mary Angela Strasser. MFMC welcomes two new senior clubs, the Lakes Area Bridgetones from Pequot Lakes, and the Southeast Minnesota Federation Music Club from Rochester.

Logowear: Carolyn Axt, Chair, was absent.

Student/Collegiate Division:

2009 NFMC Biennial Student Auditions: Cheryl Schmidt reported for Sheila Shusterich, Chair. Allison Buivid of Shoreview was a national winner in Woman's Voice.

Georgia Chapman Piano Study Award: Cheryl Schmidt reported for Sheila Shusterich, Chair. Shaina Olson was awarded \$600, and Jeremy Jylha was awarded \$594.

Senior Division:

Historian: Cheryl Schmidt, Chair, welcomes any historical information we can pass along to her.

Opera: Roy Berg, Chair, reported on the state of opera in the United State today, particularly in reference to the current economy. He encouraged us to be consumers of the arts, and to introduce opportunities to students, friends, and families.

Arts Advocacy: Sarah Twedt, Chair, was absent.

Rose Zygmanski Teacher Trust Grants: Karen Sue Erickson, Chair, reported that there have been no recent applications.

Parade of American Music: Kathy Wilson, Chair, shared a handout about this program, and encouraged us to become involved. November is American Music Month.

Adult Composer Critique Event: Pat Steege reported for Chair Betty Olson. Mark Raigna is the winner of the 2009 Virginia Kendrick Scholarship for his guitar composition entitled "Shin Splints".

Half Notes Newsletter and Website – Louse Lundin, Editor, was absent. Nadine Berg reported that MFMC has exceeded its space on the server. Louise Lundin will work on finding a solution to the problem.

Music in Poetry: Verna Patrick, Chair, was absent.

Other Items for Discussion:

National Essay Contest: Cora Barr is the regional representative for this event. Students write on an assigned topic. Each state can have a winner. Winners receive \$50. More information is available on the website.

2009 NFMC Biennial Convention: Cora Barr reported on the convention which was held in Orlando, Florida, in June. She will put notes on the website.

Report of MFMC Club Presidents: Senior club reports were given by the following:

Karen Sue Erickson – Central Lakes MC
Fern Davidson – Southwest Minneapolis Keyboard Club
Diane Rasmussen – Willmar Musicale
Pat Steege – Apple Valley MTA
Rennae Petersen – Music Southwest
Ann Oleksowicz -- Great River MC
Ruth Wollenberg --Tuesday Music Club
Gwen Degner – Renville County Club 88
Karen Erickson read the report from SE MN

Announcements:

Heidi O. Hong thanked MFMC for inviting her to the 2009 MFMC Convention, and for all the hard work in planning and carrying out this event. She noted that state organizations are asked to donate \$150 for JCI. She also mentioned that online theory tests have been updated.

2010 National Music Week: May 2-9, 2010, "Music...A Key to the Future"

Future Meeting Dates:

2010 Spring All Member State Meeting – volunteer location needed – April
2010 Summer All Member State Meeting – volunteer location needed -- August
2010 NFMC Fall Session: Aug. 3-8, 2010, in Pittsburgh, PA

Installation of Officers: Heidi O. Hong installed the following MFMC officers for 2009-2011:

President: Karen Sue Erickson

Vice President: Pat Steege

Secretary: Mary Kaye Rabaey

Treasurer: Nadine Berg

Historian: Cheryl Schmidt

National Board Representative: Cora Barr

Heidi led the group in singing “Make Your Own Kind of Music”.

Memorial Service – Time of Remembrance: Pat Steege and Heidi O. Hong led the ceremony in honor of MFMC members who have recently passed away. They were David Ulfeng, Jane Roots, Ruth Stenson, Madeleine Titus, Helen Follingstad, Eleanor Froehlich, Ruth Herzog, Meg Meyer, Muriel Hanson, and Marion Kingery.

The meeting was adjourned.

Gwen Degner, MFMC Secretary