

# MINNESOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

All Member State Meeting  
Holiday Inn and Suites, Lakeville, MN  
Wednesday, August 7, 2013

## Call to Order:

President Pat Steege called the meeting to order at 9:34. Membership sang "How Can I Keep from Singing" from the current ***Together We Sing***. A "musical moment" was presented by Matthew VanRisseghem (student of Jill Kilzer), winner of a \$500.00 scholarship for attaining the Festival Grand Cup in the Solo Piano event. He performed Joplin's "*Gladious Rag*" and "*Adagio*" from Mozart's *Sonata in Bb Major*. The Federation Collect was read.

## Members Present:

***Apple Valley MTA*** – Tamie Morken, Kris Pichelman, Pat Steege, Chris Wolf;  
***Burnsville Area MTA*** – Wendy Russell, Jeannene Simonson, Deanna Qualley, Kathy Wilson, *Lois Bodurtha, Sheryl Wilhelm*; ***Central Lakes MC*** – Karen Erickson, Mercedes Hagen; ***Chain of Lakes MC*** – Sharon Kaplan, Doug Rhode, Peggy Swalm, *Vicki Crabtree, Fern Davidson, Mary Gorder*; ***Chin Rest & End Pin Society*** – *Laura Handler*; ***Duluth MTA*** – Vicki Ott, Carol Prohaska; ***East Suburban MC*** – Kathy Martinez; ***Encore MC*** – Nancy Fisher; ***Great River MC*** – Marcia Benson, Ann Oleksowicz, *Virginia Shimota, Lois Muelich, Mary Kovell, Susan Janey, Gayle Gunnerson*; ***Hibbing Musicale*** – Barbara Baldriga, Nadine Berg; ***Itasca Music Club*** – Gwen Degner, *Ann Dimich*; ***Music Southwest*** – Rennae Petersen, Mary Kaye Rabaey, Stacey Voit, *Anna Jeanne Flesner, Christie Gergen*; ***Renville County Club 88*** – Rebecca Heerdt, *Jessica Listerud, Cathy Witter*; ***South Suburban MTA*** – Kathryn de Oliveira, Mary Kay Lanz, Michelle Prosch, Melanie Rise, Barbara Thompson, Mary Wescott; ***Southeast Minnesota Federation MC*** – Zoe Abrahamson; ***Thief River Falls MC*** – Kristi LaSalle; ***Tuesday Music Club of Minneapolis*** – Ruth Wollenberg; ***West Central MTC*** – Christine Schneider, Judy Zylstra, *Bethany Butler, Renee Capistrant*

\*Italicized names attended Festival meeting only

## Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the Spring 2013 (Andover) state meeting were distributed to members. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mary Wescott and seconded by Karen Erickson.

## Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Gwen Degner presented a summary of all club transactions 8/1/12 -7/31/13. Report was approved by Kathy Wilson and seconded by Nadine Berg.

### **Correspondence:**

Pat Steege read "Thank You" notes from several *Junior Composers Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG)* recipients and *International Music Camp Grant* recipients.

### **Old Business:**

- 1) Website Update – The MFMC website is "live" as of August 1! Pat Steege demonstrated the new features. Louise Lundin, web editor, requested that MFMC appoint a "media chair." The website has a lock on the membership roster which may be opened as follows:  
Username: **mfmc**  
Password: **memlist**
- 2) The *Adult Composers Critique* event is being phased out due to lack of interest. A possible replacement event would be something to tie in with the summer Junior Composers Camp.
- 3) Pat Steege read a letter from Odee Maier requesting \$1000.00 for the Past President's Fund that will provide an award in orchestral double reeds (referred to DSC).
- 4) Chris Wolf performed her recently completed second movement of "*By Any Other Name*," a suite for piano that MFMC commissioned her to write in memory of Rose Zygmanski.

### **New Business:**

- 1) Pat Steege read a letter from Susan Jacobson requesting a monetary donation to International Music Camp. Kathy Wilson made a motion to refer the request to the Discretionary Spending Committee\*. Karen Erickson seconded. Motion carried. Discussion supporting the IMC request followed.  
  
\*DSC includes: Gwen Degner, Rebecca Heerdt, Doug Rhode, Pat Steege, Mary Wescott and Kathy Wilson.
- 2) Stacey Voit read a letter from Jeanne Hryniewicki requesting \$1000.00 for the Junior Composers general fund. Stacey then suggested that MFMC should add another \$1700.00 to off-set the four teachers' salary cuts during this past session. A motion was made by Rennae Petersen to give \$2700.00 to Junior Composers and seconded by Nancy Fischer. Motion carried
- 3) Pat Steege presented the MFMC State Officer candidates:  
Stacey Voit – President  
Mary Wescott – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
*still seeking* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Mary Kaye Rabaey – Secretary  
Gwen Degner – Treasurer  
Pat Steege – Historian  
Cheryl Schmidt\* – National Board Representative  
All were elected for another term.

\*Sarah Twedt requested time off from Federation duties.

### **Committee Reports:**

President's reports were given by representatives from the following clubs: Apple Valley MTA, Burnsville Area MTA, Central Lakes Music Club, Chain of Lakes Music Club, Chin Rest & End Pin Society, Duluth MTA, East Suburban Federated MC, Encore MC, Great River MC, Hibbing Musicale, Itasca Music Club, Music Southwest, Renville County Club 88, South Suburban MTA, Southeast Minnesota Federation MC, Thief River Falls MC, Tuesday Music Club of Minneapolis, West Central MTA.

### *Junior Division---*

**Festival:** Judy Zylstra, Chair --- will be addressed at Thursday's festival meeting

**Festival Certificates:** Jeannene Simonson, Chair (no report given)

**Festival Extension:** Mary Angela Strasser, Chair (no report given)

**Festival Gold Cups:** Sarah Twedt, Chair (no report given)

**Festival Logowear:** Tamie Morken, Chair --- Tamie displayed items featuring the new Logowear 2014 design created by 14 year old Jessie Wang. On behalf of Sue Quist, Jessie's teacher, a \$50.00 check was accepted by *Tuesday Music Club* President Ruth Wollenberg.

**Georgia Chapman Award:** see website

**Insurance Coordinator:** Tamie Morken, Chair --- Tamie reminded event chairmen to submit upcoming 2013-2014 dates ASAP.

**International Music Camp Summer Scholarships:** Karen Erickson, Chair --- Two students received scholarships to attend this summer's camps.

**Joyce Walsh Award:** Cheryl Schmidt, Chair --- Application deadline is Feb. 1, 2014

**Junior Composers Contest:** Pat Steege, Chair --- Deadline is Jan. 15, 2014

**Junior Composers Institute:** Pat Steege, Chair --- Pat presented a slide show highlighting this year's camp, **Words + Music**, through candid photography. The theme for 2014 will be **Film + Music**.

**Junior Composers Scholarships:** Pat Steege, Chair --- (no report this meeting)

**MN Music Scholarships for Challenged Students:** Cheryl Schmidt, Chair --- Application deadline is Jan. 1, 2014

**Parliamentarian:** Peggy Karsten (no report given)

**Tuition Assistance Grants:** Rebecca Heerdt has agreed to become the chair of this committee and summarized the criteria to be used when determining grant recipients. Up to six awards will be presented annually (\$2500.00 total) with a check going directly to students' teachers.

### *Student/Collegiate Division---*

**Student Auditions and Awards:** Ann Oleksowicz, Chair --- Information regarding student auditions may be found on the website. Currently Minnesota's auditions are held on "even" years but thought has been given to go to "odd" years and coincide with the national auditions. There are two age categories: Junior – under 19 years  
Senior – 19 +

### *Senior Division---*

**Arts Advocacy:** Sarah Twedt, Chair (no report given)

**Historian:** Cheryl Schmidt, Chair (no report given)

**Opera:** Roy and Nadine Berg, Co-Chairs (no report given)

**Parade of American Music:** Kathy Wilson, Chair (no report given)

**Teacher Trust Grant:** Pat Steege presented the one application: Sue Quist – \$500.00 for software instruction. Karen Erickson made a motion to honor her request. Ruth Wollenberg seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Other:**

A host club is still needed for the April 2014 meeting in Albertville.

#### **Announcements:**

Stacey expressed appreciation to the Apple Valley Music Teachers Association, Burnsville Area Music Teachers Association and the South Suburban Music Teachers Association for hosting this convention, especially Pat Steege, Kathy Wilson and Mary Wescott. Thanks, also, to Jeannene Simonson for organizing the memorial service and to Judy Zylstra for facilitating the Festival meeting.

#### Future events:

April 26, 2014 – **MFMC Spring Meeting** in Albertville, MN

May 4-11, 2014 – **National Music Week: "Music – the Dance of Life"**

June 24-29, 2014 – **NFMC Convention** in Portland, OR

July 14-26, 2014 – **Junior Composer Summer Camps** at University of MN

July 25, 2014 – **North Central Region Meeting** at University of MN

A motion was made by Kathy Wilson to adjourn the meeting; Stacey Voit seconded the motion. Motion carried. (12:05 P.M.)

Mary Kaye Rabaey, MFMC Secretary