

# MINNESOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

Spring All Member State Meeting Minutes

Grace Lutheran Church

Andover, MN

Saturday, April 20, 2013

## Call to Order:

President Pat Steege called the meeting to order at 9:34. Membership sang "Hymn of Promise" from the current ***Together We Sing***. The Federation Collect was read.

## Members Present:

***Apple Valley MTA*** – Tamie Morken, Pat Steege, Sarah Twedt; ***Burnsville Area MTA*** – Kathy Wilson; ***Central Lakes MC*** – Dawn Carlson, Karen Erickson; ***East Suburban MC*** – Grace Kopitske, Kathy Martinez; ***Itasca Music Club*** – Dale Degner, Gwen Degner; ***Keyboard Southwest*** – Vickie Steenhoek; ***North Suburban MC*** – Gloria Kroeger, Marianne Nold, Jackie Schaefer, Dianne Thompson; ***South Suburban MTA*** – Mary Wescott; ***Tuesday Music Club of Minneapolis*** – Sue Quist, Ruth Wollenberg; ***West Central MTC*** – Cheryl Schmidt, Judy Zylstra; ***West Suburban Musicians*** – Sandra Stenzel

## Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the Fall 2012 (Chisholm) state meeting were distributed to members. A motion to approve the minutes (with clarification of elections) was made by Cheryl Schmidt and seconded by Dale Degner. Motion carried.

## Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Gwen Degner indicated that the report shows MFMC is doing well financially, even with a few pending bills. The second Half Notes publication Cost \$1600.00.

## Correspondence:

Pat Steege read "Thank You" notes from several students, a December 2012 letter from Willmar Musical, a letter from Mary Ellen Ulmer regarding the Minnesota essay contest winner, and an e-mail from MMTA inquiring if MFMC would be interested in fielding a promotional table at the annual state MMTA convention in June. Discussion ensued, resulting in a motion (made by Cheryl Schmidt and seconded by Karen Erickson) to sponsor not only a table at the convention, but also include ads in the MMTA Handbook and Convention Book. Motion carried. Those volunteering to sit at the convention table are: Gwen and Dale Degner, Karen Erickson, Tamie Morken, Sarah Twedt and Mary Wescot. Pat Steege will recruit someone to design the print ad. Sarah and Mary will collaborate on the content and extent of materials for the table.

**Old Business:**

*Website Update* – The MFMC website will include many more pictures and will be up and running in 1- 2 months.

**New Business:**

*Honoring Rose Zygmanski* – MFMC is planning a musical commission honoring the life and work of former member Rose Zygmanski. After much discussion, Dawn Carlson made a motion to offer Chris Wolf \$1000.00 to compose a suite of three pieces for piano at medium level or above. Kathy Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

*Suspension of the Adult Composers Critique event* – was tabled after discussion of contribution/competition involving youth of the Junior Composers Institute.

**Committee Reports:**

Several reports are attached. Highlights include:

***Adult Composers Critique:*** Betty Olson, Chair

***Arts Advocacy:*** Sarah Twedt, Chair --- Sarah reminded everyone of the importance of contacting legislators in support of the arts. There is a form (attached) that clubs should complete and return to her. She also recommended a Yo Yo Ma video lecture.

***Festival:*** Dawn Carlson, Chair --- The new NFMF Festival Bulletin will be arriving soon. National membership deadlines are moving to an earlier date. Clarification regarding the age limitations of the Pre-Primary categories. Students' names will be listed as their dues are paid. Students may still be scored even if a "peek" at the music is necessary. More changes will be discussed at the August meeting. Judy Zylstra will be assuming the responsibility of State Festival Chair.

***Festival Certificates:*** Jeannene Simonson, Chair

***Festival Extension:*** Mary Angela Strasser, Chair

***Festival Gold Cups:*** Sarah Twedt, Chair --- Look for communication from Sarah regarding record-keeping issues such as birthdates and middle initials.

***Festival Logowear:*** Tamie Morken, Chair --- A new design is requested; entries must be submitted by May 31. There is a \$50.00 cash award for the logo selected. Detailed information may be found on the web site.

***Half Notes Newsletter:*** MFMC is seeking an editor/chairman for the newsletter.

***Website:*** Any website updates should go through Pat. The website has a lock on the membership roster. Members can access it with:

Username: **mfmc**  
Password: **memlist**

**Historian:** Cheryl Schmidt, Chair --- A new chairman is needed. Cheryl will be working with the Minnesota History Center for archiving our materials.

**Insurance Coordinator:** Tamie Morken, Chair --- Records will switch to the calendar year. Events fees have increased to \$15.00.

**International Music Camp Summer Scholarships:** Karen Erickson, Chair --- Two candidates for scholarships were presented:

*Isaac Timothy Heikkila* (student of Susan Jacobson) – violin

*Hanna J. Kennedy* (student of Sue Kavanagh) – piano

A motion was made by Karen Erickson and seconded by Mary Wescott to give each a scholarship. Motion carried.

**Joyce Walsh Award:** Cheryl Schmidt, Chair --- There is no specific list of Disabilities.

**Junior Composers Contest:** Pat Steege, Chair

**Junior Composers Institute:** Pat Steege, Chair --- Five scholarship candidates for this summer's camp were presented by Pat:

*Ariana Bachman* (student of Martha Davis)

*Zachary Bigelbach* (student of Kathy Martinez)

*Sarrah Bushara* (student of Sarah Miller)

*Jonas Fisher* (student of Heather Hahn)

*Luke Gion* (student of Kathy Martinez)

A motion was made by Cheryl Schmidt and seconded by Karen Erickson to give five \$400.00 awards (we usually fund four). Motion carried.

**Membership:** Mary Wescott, Chair

**Minnesota Music Scholarships for Challenged Students:** Cheryl Schmidt, Chair

**Opera:** Roy and Nadine Berg, Co-Chairs

**Parade of American Music:** Kathy Wilson, Chair

**Parliamentarian:** Peggy Karsten

**Student Auditions and Awards:** Ann Oleksowicz, Chair

**Teacher Trust Grant:** Mary Angela Strasser, Chair

**Other:**

A host club and location will be needed for the April 2014 meeting.

**Announcements:**

Installation of new officers will occur at the August convention.

A motion was made by Karen Erickson to adjourn the meeting; Cheryl Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried. (11:55 P.M.)

*Kathy Wilson, Acting Secretary*