

MINNESOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

All Member Summer State Meeting
Mount Carmel Chapel, Alexandria, MN
Thursday, August 14, 2014

Unofficial Minutes

Call to Order:

President Stacey Voit called the meeting to order at 9:20.

Musical Moment:

“Concerto in G Major, 2nd mvmt.” Johann Joachim Quantz

Karen Erickson – flute

Marcia Benson - piano

The Federation Collect was read.

Members Present:

Apple Valley MTA – Pat Steege, Sarah Twedt; **Burnsville Area MTA** – Kathy Wilson; **Cental Lakes MC** – Karen Erickson, Mercedes Hagen, Annette Helder; **Duluth MTA** – Vicki Ott, Carol Prohaska, Liz Raihala; **Great River MC** – Marcia Benson, Dr. Shirley Holzer, Mary Kovell; **Itasca Music Club** – Gwen Degner, Lindsay Champion; **Keyboard Southwest** – Deanne Steele; **Lake Area Bridgetones** – Renee Anderson; **Music Southwest** – Mary Kaye Rabaey, Stacey Voit; **Thief River Fall MC** – Kristi LaSalle; **West Central MTC** – JoAnn Halverson, Cheryl Schmidt

Secretary’s Report:

Minutes from the April 2014 (Albertville) state meeting were distributed to members. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Marcia Benson and seconded by Cheryl Schmidt.

Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer Gwen Degner presented a summary of all club transactions 8/1/13 - 7/31/14, citing our current net worth as \$109,622.28.

Correspondence:

None

DSC (Discretionary Spending Committee) Report:

Stacey outlined the original intent of this committee (to consider recommendations for scholarships and awards) and how its responsibilities have mushroomed in the past year. She proposed the following

- 1) Rename “DSC” to “Scholarships and Awards Committee” so that the title reflects its purpose;
- 2) establish a new “Finance Committee” to focus on budget/investments.

After considerable discussion, Karen Erickson presented a motion to change the committee name from “Discretionary Spending” to “Scholarship and Awards” whose purpose will be to establish scholarship/award guidelines, review applications and present their recommendations to the membership for a final vote. Kathy Wilson, seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- 1) Festival Chair: WE NEED a Festival chair for 2015! Kathy Wilson recommended that a stipend be attached to this position – making it more attractive – especially since it is very time-consuming. Cheryl Schmidt made a motion to pay Judy Zylstra (who started the 2014 season but had to resign due to her husband’s job relocation) \$300.00 and Dawn Carlson (who agreed to finish the year in spite of no longer holding MFMC membership) \$700.00 – retroactive. Sarah Twedt, seconded. The Finance Committee will take under advisement the consideration of a \$1000.00 stipend given annually to future Festival Chairpersons.
- 2) The 2015 MFMC State Convention will be held in Marshall, MN. Tentative dates: Thursday, July 30 and Friday, July 31.
- 3) State Student/Collegiate Scholarship Auditions have been changed to odd years to coincide with the National auditions; 2015 is *the* year! Repertoire requirements for those interested in participating can be found online at the national website.
- 4) The Georgia Chapman Scholarship will have a July 25 application deadline and be awarded only once a year.

Musical Moment:

“Le Salon de Musique” Eugenie Rocherolle
Marcia Benson - piano

New Business:

- 1) Stacey recommended the following members for the newly established **Finance Committee**: Gwen Degner, Cheryl Schmidt, Sarah Twedt and Mary Wescott. Gwen, Cheryl and Sarah accepted the positions (Mary, however, was not present at this meeting so will need to be contacted at a different time). Some of the responsibilities of this committee include: looking into bonding insurance, setting long/short term budgets goals and moving investments into higher interest bearing accounts.
- 2) A proposed budget for 2014-2015 was presented by Stacey. Marcia Benson made a motion to approve with the following additions and corrections:
 - \$500 – allocated for the 2015 NFMC Convention in Fargo
 - \$1000 – stipend for Festival Chair
 - \$250 – stipend for Challenge AwardAnnette Helder, seconded. Motion carried.

- 3) Because the 2015 Convention dates are July 30-31, Pat Steege made a motion to move the deadline for scholarship applications from July 25 to July 10 (next year only) to allow the Scholarship and Awards Committee adequate time to review submissions prior to the All-member meeting. Kathy Wilson, seconded. Motion carried.
- 4) Other: Sarah Twedt addressed a question regarding delays with gold cup distribution this year. The issue was not the product but rather the timing (when the plate orders were placed with the engraver). It was decided to retain this vendor one more year and see if the situation improves.

Committee Reports:

Junior Division---

Festival: HELP!!! WE NEED A FESTIVAL CHAIR FOR 2015! (job description attached) Stacey suggested creating a new nominating committee with different membership contacts. Mercedes Hagen wondered if the responsibilities of the position could be divided between a chair and co-chair. No action taken.

For clarification/record keeping purposes, Kathy Wilson made a motion that everyone participating in Festival events be part of the "Gold Cup" plan. Pat Steege, seconded. Motion carried.

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

Festival Extension: a new chair is needed (responsible for helping new clubs start Festival events)

Festival Gold Cups: Sarah Twedt, Chair --- (report attached)

Festival Logowear: Tamie Morken, Chair --- (report attached) Congratulations to the 2015 winner, Ava Byrne – violin and cello student of Susan Jacobson, AVMTA. Pat Steege presented Ava's new "hot-off-the press" design.

Georgia Chapman Award: see website (application deadline is July 25)

Insurance Coordinator: Tamie Morken, Chair (see attached letter from Tami). Cheryl Schmidt explained a membership privilege of obtaining liability insurance for private studio events (recital) at the rate of \$15 per event. This would be submitted to Tamie, as follows:

Deadline August 15 – for events held September 1 through December 31

Deadline December 1 – for events held January 1 through August 31

International Music Camp Summer Scholarships: Karen Erickson, Chair --- Applications for 2015 summer sessions available on-line. Two students received scholarships for this year's camps.

Joyce Walsh Award: Cheryl Schmidt, Chair --- Application deadline is February 1 (national award)

Junior Composers Institute: Pat Steege, Chair --- Pat gave a power point slide presentation highlighting this year's camp activities.

The focus of the 2015 Summer Institute will be Wind Ensemble/Band Music.

Junior Composers Scholarships: Pat Steege, Chair --- Five students received Camp scholarships this year.

Pat then announced that she is moving to South Dakota, and that Karen Erickson has agreed to assume the historian position. She will retain the Junior Composers Contest Chairmanship through May 2015. It was suggested that Sara Miller or Betty Olson be contacted as possible candidates for taking over the Junior Composers Contest duties.

MN Music Scholarships for Challenged Students: Cheryl Schmidt, Chair --- Application (available on-line) deadline is January 1 (\$250 state award)

Music in Poetry: Stacey mentioned the "Angie Greer" award of \$50.00 available for each region winner, deadline – February 15.

The "National Music Week Essay Contest," – deadline, January 15 – also offers a \$50.00 award for each state winner. The 2015 theme is "Music . . . Heartbeat of the Soul." Applications are available at www.nfmc-music.org.

Parliamentarian: Peggy Karsten (no report given)

Tuition Assistance Grants: Rebecca Heerdt, Chair (no report given)

Student/Collegiate Division---

Student/Collegiate Scholarship Auditions: Ann Oleksowicz, Chair (no report given)

Senior Division---

Arts Advocacy: Sarah Twedt, Chair, urged those present to support Minnesota

artists/organizations (Minnesota Orchestra, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, etc.). She also asked if anyone would be interested in taking over this position.

Half Notes Newsletter: The next edition will be mailed in January 2015.

Historian: Karen Erickson, Chair ---

Membership: Mary Wescott, Chair (no report given)

NFMC Board Report: Cheryl Schmidt provided a summary of the meeting she attended while at the National Convention in Portland, OR (report attached)

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

Parade of American Music: Kathy Wilson, Chair, reminded everyone that November is National American Music Month; now is the time to start thinking about ways incorporate American Music into our teaching.

Teacher Trust Grants (Rose Zygmanski): Karen Erickson, Chair (no report given)

Website: Website updates need to go through Pat Steege to Louise Lundin.

Member access to locked information is: Username: **mfmc**

Password: **memlist**

Several comments were made regarding inaccurate/outdated information on the site; Pat will address these issues with Louise.

Other:

Future events:

Parade of American Music Month, November 2014 (Plan a program, send a Report, win an award!)

MFMC All-Member Meeting, April 2015, date to be announced, Warroad

National Music Week: *"Music . . . Heartbeat of the Soul,"* May 3-10, 2015

2015 NFMC Convention, June 16-20, Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND

2015 MFMC Biennial Convention, July 30-31, Marshall, MN

A motion was made by Kathy Wilson to adjourn the meeting; Pat Steege seconded the motion. Motion carried. (11:47 A.M.)

Mary Kaye Rabaey, MFMC Secretary