

MINNESOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

All Member Spring State Meeting
Country Inn and Suites, Albertville, MN
Saturday, April 25, 2014

Call to Order:

President Stacey Voit called the meeting to order at 9:05 and read a poem by Bill Holm, *Letting Go of What Cannot Be Held Back*, in honor of Mary Angela Strasser. The Federation Collect was read.

Members Present:

Apple Valley MTA – Pat Steege, Sarah Twedt; **Burnsville Area MTA** – Kathy Wilson; **Chain of Lakes MC** – Sharon Kaplan; **Chin Rest & End Pin Society** – Faith Farr; **East Suburban MC** – Kathy Martinez; **Encore MC** – Nancy Fisher, Heather Hahn; **Hibbing Musicale** – Nadine Berg; **Itasca Music Club** – Gwen Degner; **Music Southwest** – Jason Klassen, Mary Kaye Rabaey, Stacey Voit; **North Suburban MC** – Dawn Onufrock; **Renville County Club 88** – Rebecca Heerdt; **South Suburban MTA** – Kathryn de Oliveira; **Southeast Minnesota Federation MC** – Amy Heetland; **Tuesday Music Club of Minneapolis** – Ruth Wollenberg; **West Central MTC** – Yvonne Rammel, Cheryl Schmidt

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the August 2013 (Lakeville) state meeting were distributed to members. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Sharon Kaplan and seconded by Kathy Wilson.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Gwen Degner presented a summary of all club transactions 8/1/13 - 4/25/14. The checking account balance is very high but there are several outstanding bills. A comment was made regarding the current low interest rates on CD; are there better interest bearing options to consider? This will be referred to the DSC (Discretionary Spending Committee: Gwen Degner, Rebecca Heerdt, Doug Rhode, Pat Steege, Stacey Voit, Mary Wescott and Cathy Wilson). Report was approved by Kathy Wilson and seconded by Nadine Berg.

Correspondence:

Thank you notes from the Georgia Chapman Award winner, TAG recipients and Cathy Witter for the "Music" Drive held last August were read.

Stacey announced that Charles Backstrom, Hampton, MN, was the North Central Region Award recipient in of the Wendell Irish Viola Award.

Those who attended Mary Angela Strasser's funeral in February shared a some of the highlights.

Old Business:

- 1) Rebecca Heerdt, on behalf of the DSC, presented the following recommendations:
 - A. Increase the MFMC funding to Junior Composers from \$100 annually to \$500 annually. Nancy Fisher made the motion; Nadine Berg seconded. Motion carried.
 - B. \$1000 be donated to the Carolyn Nelson Past President's scholarship fund. Cheryl made the motion; Cathy Wilson seconded. Motion carried.
 - C. Increase the Tuition Assistance Grant budget to \$3500 (grant criteria available on-line). No action taken at this time.

She also shared a Grant Application form created by Doug Rhode (July 25 deadline) to be used by organizations requesting money from MFMC. Heather Hahn made a motion that the DSC be given a \$10,000 annual working fund for scholarships and grants; Dawn Onufrock seconded. Motion carried.

The 2015 National Federation of Music Clubs Convention will be held in Fargo; as a neighboring state, we may be asked to assist with expenses and need to consider this when planning next year's budget.

- 2) Kathy Wilson made a motion to conduct state Student/Collegiate Scholarship Auditions during odd calendar years, effective immediately; Nadine Berg seconded. Motion carried.
- 3) Current MFMC President, Stacey Voit, presented Immediate Past President, Pat Steege, with a Lifetime MFMC membership.

New Business:

- 1) Pat Steege made a motion to award the Georgia Chapman scholarship once a year with a July 25 application deadline (more information on website); Sharon Kaplan seconded. Motion carried.
- 2) The following members agreed to form Nominating/Search Committee to find a new Festival Chair: Nadine Berg. Cheryl Schmidt and Kathy Wilson. Nancy Fisher volunteered to fill the 2nd Vice-President opening. Kathy Wilson made a motion to accept her offer; Nadine Berg seconded. Motion carried.
- 3) Hosting clubs and sites are needed for the 2015 April meeting and August convention. Possibilities include Warroad – April 2015 and Rochester or Marshall – August 2015 . . .
- 4) Sharon Kaplan suggested that MFMC prepare a statement that would help teachers explain to parents the need for Festival registrations to include

birthdates and middle names and what security measures are in place. Sarah Twedt offered to write an explanation.

Committee Reports:

Junior Division---

Festival: Dawn Carlson is currently filling this position BUT is no longer an MFMC member so a replacement is needed!

Festival Certificates: Jeannene Simonson, Chair (no report given – comments by some attendees that certificates look “cheaper” than in past years)

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

Festival Gold Cups: Sarah Twedt, Chair, stated that most of the cups have been distributed but we’re experiencing delays with the company printing the name plates.

Festival Logowear: Tamie Morken, Chair --- a written report was provided encouraging students to enter the 2015 Logowear Student Design contest (information on website). Deadline for entries is June 1, 2014. Stacey wondered if it would be possible to coordinate the design competition with the publication of each new festival bulletin (once every three years).

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

Insurance Coordinator: Tamie Morken, Chair (see attached letter from Tami; 2015 event dates are due August 1)

International Music Camp Summer Scholarships: Karen Erickson, Chair --- based on Karen’s recommendation, Pat Steege made a motion to offer the following students scholarships to the 2014 Summer International Music Camps:

Madison Drinen – Orchestra

Emily Larson – Piano

Kathy Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

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

Junior Composers Contest: Pat Steege, Chair --- (see attached); in addition, Pat pointed out that, of Minnesota’s 29 entries, eight advanced to regional judging and six moved on to national competition!

Junior Composers Institute: Pat Steege, Chair --- Pat distributed information regarding this summer's camp as well as the teacher training session on July 19-20.

Junior Composers Scholarships: Pat Steege, Chair --- this year's Junior Composers winners, Luke Gion and Sarrah Bushara, accepted scholarships for the 2014 Summer Institute. Pat asked if the club would consider awarding six rather than four \$400 Scholarships. Heather Hahn made the motion; Sharon Kaplan seconded. Motion carried.

MN Music Scholarships for Challenged Students: Cheryl Schmidt, Chair --- Application deadline is January 1 (state award)

Music in Poetry: Stacey look into seeing if this is something our Minnesota club would like to support.

Parliamentarian: Peggy Karsten (no report given)

Tuition Assistance Grants: Rebecca Heerdt reminded everyone that information for these grants is on the website AND there is a July 25 application deadline.

Student/Collegiate Division---

Student Auditions and Awards: Ann Oleksowicz, Chair ----- The results of the 2014 auditions are as follows: *1st Place (\$500 scholarships)*

Aria Stiles – Strings Division

Brandon Voight – Piano Division

2nd Place (\$400 scholarships)

Alia Gribbon – Strings Division

Justin Cook – Piano Division

Senior Division---

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

Half Notes Newsletter: Anyone with information/articles for the next newsletter should send them Stacey very soon; the next edition will be mailed in June

Historian: Pat Steege, Chair, shared a humorous cutting from an NFMC publication, "Our First 100 Years."

Membership: Mary Wescott, Chair (no report given)

NFMC Board Report: Cheryl Schmitt and Stacey will be attending the national convention in June. A call was made for names of any members who have died in

the past year to include in the memorial service.

Opera: Roy and Nadine Berg, Co-Chairs ----- Nadine provided a calendar highlighting events occurring during the summer months.

Parade of American Music: Kathy Wilson, Chair, reminded everyone that November is National American Music Month and suggested ways to incorporate American Music into our teaching.

Teacher Trust Grants (Rose Zygmanski): Karen Erickson, Chair (see attached letter/grant information sheet from from Karen)

Website: Website updates need to go through Pat Steege to Louise Lundin.
Member access to locked information is: Username: **mfmc**
Password: **memlist**

Other:

Pat Steege showed everyone a copy of Chris Wolf's completed suite in honor of Rose Zygmanski, "*A Rose By any Other Name.*"

Future events:

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

August 14, 2014 – **MFMC All-Member State Meeting** at Mount Carmel, Lake Carlos
(near Alexandria)

A motion was made by Pat Steege to adjourn the meeting; Nadine Berg seconded the motion. Motion carried. (11:50 A.M.)

Mary Kaye Rabaey, MFMC Secretary