

# MINNESOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

## Spring Executive Board Meeting

*Deidra's Espresso Café and Bakery*, Willmar, MN

Saturday, April 29, 2017

### Call to Order:

President Mary Wescott called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. by leading everyone in the recitation of the *Federation Collect*.

### Members Present:

Nadine Berg (*Hibbing Musicale*); Karen Erickson (*Central Lakes MC*); Nancy Fisher (*Encore MC*); Rebecca Heerdt (*Renville County Club 88*); Mary Kaye Rabaey (*Music Southwest*); Cheryl Schmidt (*West Central MTC*); Sarah Twedt (*Apple Valley MTA*); Mary Wescott (*South Suburban MTC*).

### Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the July 29, 2016 All-Member meeting were distributed to members. A motion to approve the minutes with the addition of "... Rebecca Heerdt offered to be the new *American Music Chair ...*" was made by Cheryl Schmidt and seconded by Nancy Fisher. Motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Gwen Degner was unable to attend so e-mailed everyone a summary of all transactions 7/1/16 – 4/25/17 prior to the meeting. Also included was a list of expenses that have yet to be paid by our fiscal year's end (June 30, 2017). A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Nadine Berg and seconded by Nancy Fisher. (report attached)

MFMC Membership for 2016-2017 is as follows:

- Senior Club Members: 398
- Adult Club Members: 27
- Junior Club Members: 4,472
- Junior Individual Member: 1
- Student Individual Members: 2
- Associate Club (Junior Composers): 1

### Insurance Report:

Nancy Fisher, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – President (and insurance liaison), reported insurance requests for 12 events held September 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 and 64 events held January 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017. She expressed the need for *all* members and event planners to follow through with signing and submitting the Child Protection Policy forms. If a member were to be involved in a liability situation and did not have a

form on file, he/she would not have coverage. One club did not receive coverage for their February and March events due to failure to comply with this rule. A suggestion was made that a form be created so that when members pay their annual dues, they also sign the policy form; anyone NOT doing so may not participate in MFMC sponsored activities (the state treasurer will not accept club dues without the necessary Child Protection Policy forms on file, both from individual members *and* club events).

### **Festival Report:**

Nadine Berg, Chair, and Mary Wescott again shared horror stories from those attempting to use the on-line system for festival registration. Minnesota has already spent more than \$75,000.00 for development and has yet to reap any benefits. At the national level, there is no disclosure of where the \$1.50 per student "on-line system development" monies go. Both Mary and Cheryl agreed that no clubs other than Hibbing Musicale and East Suburban should bother trying the on-line system until at least the 2018-2019 school year.

There were 4261 entries registered for the 2017 Junior Festival season.

### **Festival Gold Cup Report:**

Sarah Twedt, Chair, is in the process of creating the final report (delayed due to late club submissions) but stated that 926 cups were distributed --- including four Grand Cups (75 points), and eleven "60 point" Cups (no President's Cups this year).

The engraving cost per plate has increased to \$3.25.

Nancy suggested creating a template for all club festival chairmen to complete when sending in final reports that would make the compilation process easier for Sarah.

### **International Music Camp Scholarship Report:**

Karen Erickson, Chair, presented the names of two applicants: Paris Whalen and Sonja Selikoff. Each will receive a \$400.00 stipend to help offset camp expenses.

### **Scholarships and Grants:**

Rebecca Heerdt, Chair, stated that two **TUITION ASSISTANCE** grants had been awarded this past year; several others had applied but did not meet the qualifications. It is important that people read and follow the directions on the application; students must demonstrate a financial need. Not all of the money budgeted for this fund was used.

With regard to the **TEACHER TRUST** grant, she suggested that applications be taken as they come and when the money runs out ... end. Our fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30; any money not used goes back into the general fund. Nancy made a motion to accept grant applications as they come in throughout the year until the \$500.00 cap is used; Nadine seconded. Motion carried.

### **National Representative Report:**

Cheryl Schmidt, National Board Representative, summarized her activities ...

- 1) website: the membership roster has been updated but help is needed by local clubs to keep contact information current. Any changes to grants/scholarships

also needs to be forwarded to her.

- 2) The “*Half Notes*” spring edition is almost ready to go and will include registration information for the MFMC 2017 Biennial Convention in Rochester.
- 3) She will prepare a proposed 2017-2018 budget to present at the July meeting based on last year’s budget and the current treasurer’s report.

**President’s Report:**

Mary presented a request for a donation to the “Michael R. Edwards Graduating Senior Performance Award.” Nadine made a motion to donate \$250.00 for each year of his administration; Cheryl seconded. Motion carried.

She is planning to attend Wisconsin’s All-State “Superior” Competition, May 12-14, in Milwaukee to see if this is a possibility for Minnesota. Students receiving “Superior” ratings at the local club level have an opportunity to compete with other “Superiors” from throughout the state and perform in front of a panel of three judges. Ribbons and trophies would be awarded. Questions that need to be answered:

- 1) What is the financial impact?
- 2) Do we have the volunteer base to make it happen?

Mary then distributed Sharon Kaplan’s report from the Junior Composers Competition; as of now, no one has accepted a scholarship to JCI.

Cheryl Schmidt will be concluding her service as the National Board Representative in July. Sarah Twedt has agreed to assume this responsibility for the next two years.

**Other:**

A rough draft of the Biennial Convention was reviewed and suggestions made:

- 1) Include a single day option with regard to the registration fee
- 2) Include time at the meeting for individual club reports (recommendation from NFMC personnel)

Mary will take this to the convention planning committee when they meet in May.

Several Executive Committee members expressed frustration dealing with late submissions of needed requests/reports ... we are *all* busy and juggling many responsibilities; PLEASE observe deadlines!71

The location of 2018 State Meeting is tentatively set for Delano.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Kaye Rabaey*, MFMC Secretary