

APRIL 18, 2015 STATE MEETING in Warroad,MN.

The meeting began with the Singing of Let There Be Peace on Earth. Nadine Berg let us in singing of this song.

The meeting was called to order by President Stacey Voit at 8:59AM. The minutes from August 14, 2014 were accepted.

In attendance were, Nadine Berg, Hibbing Musicale, Cheryl Schmidt West Central MTC, Pat Steege Apple Valley MTA, Gwen Degner Itasca MC, Stacy Voit Music Southwest, Rebecca Heerdt Club 88, Nancy Fisher, Heather Hahn & Nichole Jensen Encore Music Club and Mary Wescott SSMTA.

Gwen Degner gave us the Treasurer's Report. Please refer to the first attachment. We have not paid all of obligations at this point and our actual amount of money should be about \$25,000. Less than is represented on our April 16, 2015 balance. First Attachment.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Cheryl Schmidt has looked into an insurance policy that would require us to bond all members that deal with money. We are looking at \$30,000. Coverage at an annual premium of \$96.. There was lots of discussion, but we decided at this point to maybe increase the coverage and find out the premium. Later in our discussion the Bond issue came up again, Cheryl has agreed to continue and hopefully at our July Meeting this will be accepted.

Cheryl and Sarah Twedt, have had some discussion of moving tmore of our money into a higher rate interest account. The finance committee will meet again at the National Convention in June and have some proposals for our July Meeting. Our first discussion will be with Mark Dimilo at Amerprise to see if we can move all of our money into a higher rate of interest. We later discussed the CD's.

CORRESPONDENCE

All clubs should be looking for items for our outgoing National President Carolyn Nelson. We are going to put together a Scrapbook to presented to her at the convention in June. Pat Steege will be the contact.

Ruth Wollenberg, who has been present at all of our meetings for many years has had several incidents that would probably set most of us backwards. Recently her house in Minnetonka burned to the ground. The members that were present signed a card thinking of you.

Many Thank You notes were presented at the meeting. Primarily from the TAG recipients.

OLD BUSINESS

Nadine Berg has accepted the State Festival Chair Person. Thank you Nadine.

Chris Wolf Composition

This is a musical composition that was commissioned by MFMC in honor of Rose Zymanski. We listened to all 3 movements via You Tube. Kenya Rose, By Any Other Name, and Bella Rosa were wonderful works. The collection is titled A Rose Bouquet, by C. S. Wolf. We are hoping that the Bulletin Committee on the National Level will put this wonderful work in the next bulletin. Heather Hahn of Encore has agreed to stay on top of this endeavor. Please take the time to listen to this composition on You Tube. It is available through Chris Wolf directly. www.wolfpiano.com

NEW BUSINESS

JC Fundraising: Pat Steege is looking for 30 bags to be sold at the National Meeting in June. This would include items from Minnesota. What she would like is wine and miscellaneous items that have been made in Minnesota. Obviously they will have to fit in a bag. The bags will be sold at \$30. One of the bags will include a piece of Black Hills Gold. The bags should not be see through.

Adult Composer Contest:

Betty Olson has a recommendation that this be discontinued. Pat Steege so moved and Cheryl Schmidt seconded.

Festival On-Line Training, A discussion that MFMC pay the expenses of Sarah Twedt, and Nadine Berg. The class is \$100. Plus MFMC will pick up all the travel expenses such as hotel, gas and food. Cheryl Schmidt so moved and Pat Steege seconded. This would continue until the entire state is on-line. However, it was suggested 2015, 2016 and 2017.

JUNIOR DIVISION REPORTS

Festival

Festival Gold Cup; Pat Steege and Stacey Voit presented Sarah's Report. Attachment #2. Please note the overall numbers are down again this year by 226 from 2014. It has come to our attention that we have been declining in numbers since 2010 when we had 5183 students.

We have 5 Grand Cup Winners this year.

A big thank you to Jeannene Simonson for getting all the Festival Certificates out.

Festival Extension- A replacement is needed to help new clubs start Festival. Anyone interested please step forward.

Festival Log Wear—It was discussed to discontinue logo wear. Nancy Fisher moved and Nadine Berg seconded. Attachment 3

Insurance Coordinator. Tamie Morken has resigned this position. It was discussed that the second vice president needed a state responsibility. Nancy Fisher of Encore accepted this position. Please note you will be hearing from her about the location of your festival and other sites that need to be insured.

Junior Composer Summer Camp Program and Teacher Training. Please look at attachment 4 & 5.

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS REPORT;

Rebecca Heerdt is the chairperson of this vast program. It has concerned Rebecca and the members of her committee how we will continue to fund these programs without a self sustaining amount of income.

Areas discussed MFMC State Student Auditions. Apotential of \$7,200. Could be used in a two year term.

Georgia Chapman Piano Study: Roll this money into the general fund and discontinue this CD. Students would be considered under the TAG Program.

Joyce Walsh Junior Disability Award: This is a National Award and is on the Nationals Website

Junior Composers Institute and Studio Award: We have set aside \$1,600. For those needy students. Pat has a 5th Student that would qualify for this award and we agreed to increase an additional \$400. For this year. Nadine Berg so moved and Nichole Jensen seconded.

International Music Camp: We will continue to provide two scholarships a year not to exceed \$400. Per student. This is a tuition only award.

Scholarship for Challenged Student: This was addressed by Cheryl Schmidt. The wording of this award requires too much information from outside sources. Heather Hahn and Nancy Fisher moved and seconded that this award be discontinued and picked up under the TAG awards.

Teacher Trust Grant: \$500 will be available to teachers the seek this grant. \$250, \$150 and \$100. Can be awarded in a year.

Tuition Assistance Grant: We have budgeted \$2500. For each year. It was increased to \$3,000. For this year. The Deadline for application is 7/10/2015. This item will be looked at every year to see how much money we can award.

Young Artist Auditions: We might have to provide transportation to the site.

Grand Cup Winners: It was recommended that all potential Grand Cup Winners be alerted when the Festival Reports are initially given in December. This year we awarded five \$500. Awards. It would be nice to have some idea how much money might be needed.

We had a musical interlude by Jonas Fisher. He is one of the Grand Cup Winners this year and Stacey Voit presented him a check of \$500. He played Prelude in G. Opus 32 No. 5 by Roachmaninoff and Toccata in E Flat minor by Khachaturian. In addition we watched a video of Credence,, a quintet that he had written in Junior Composers Camp last summer. A job well done Jonas.

Student/Collegiate Division Report

Student/Collegiate Scholarship Auditions—Marcia Benson is the Chair
Gretchen E. Van Roy Music Education Scholarship—Cheryl Schmidt is the National Chairperson. For inquiries look at the National Website or contact Cheryl Schmidt.

Wendall Irish Viola Award: Stacey Voit will bring up in July meeting

Senior Division Reports:

Arts Advocacy—Sarah Twedt-no report
Historian—Karen Erickson has agreed to be Chairperson
Opera: Nadine Berg presented a short report look at attachment
Parade of American Music: Kathy Wilson resigned from this position and Heather Hahn agreed to take this over for Kathy.
Half Notes Newsletter: It came to our attention that over half of the Digital Half Notes were not opened and 27 were completely rejected. This is a time and Money saver for the State. Please make sure the all email addresses are updated. 27 copies will be sent to those who were completely rejected.
Website: How to Become a Member. We need to work on this area of the Website so it is more user friendly. Mary Wescott agreed to help Louise Lundin This area prior to our all state meeting.

Membership and Roster: Is available on the website. Please contact your club President of how to access if you do not know, or Mary Wescott.

NFMC Board Report: Cheryl Schmidt gave us a discussion of what is happening National Level. Seeing the National Meeting is in Fargo, ND., she is hoping that

Minnesota has a very good turn out at that event.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM. A great luncheon was served to all attending members by the Encore Club.