

MINNESOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

Summer 2018 All-Member Meetings

Spanky's Stone Search

Frazee, MN
Thursday, July 12, 2018

Light of Christ Lutheran Church

Delano, MN
Thursday, July 26

(Frazee Meeting)

Call to Order:

President Mary Wescott called the first meeting to order at 10:35 A.M. by leading everyone in the recitation of the *Federation Collect*. With Nancy Fisher at the piano, "The Star Spangled Banner" and "How Can I Keep from Singing" were sung.

Members Present:

Apple Valley MTA – Sarah Twedt; **Central Lakes MC** – Karen Erickson; **Detroit Lakes MC** – Beth Benjamin, Jennifer Turnwall, Sharon Wesbrook; **Encore MC** – Cara Caravetta, Nancy Fisher, Shelly Trott; **Great River MC** – Jeanine Barrett, Marcia Benson, Susan Mergen; **Itasca MC** – Cathy Shields; **Music Southwest** – Mary Kaye Rabaey; **North Suburban MC** – Dawn Onufrock, Dianne Thompson; **South Suburban MTA** – Mary Wescott; **Thief River Falls MC** – Beverley Hepper. Kirstin Olson; **Other** – Melody Bober and Karen Bourne

Old Business:

Mary asked members present to view the agenda, found in the booklet (prepared by Vice President, Nancy Fisher) each should have received upon arrival. In an effort to streamline the business portion of the meeting, all committee reports are included in the booklet and can be read later at one's convenience. She then addressed the current MFMC By-Laws revision project: the committee (Cheryl Schmidt, Peggy Karsten, Rennae Petersen and Mary Pieh) has some recommendations for changes. It is a requirement of parliamentary procedure that every member of MFMC receive a copy of the By-Laws and Constitution 45 days prior to taking a vote on any addendums. Following a brief discussion on how to relay this information to the entire membership in a timely manner, Nancy Fisher made a motion: When the final draft of the By-Laws has been completed, it will be sent to each club president to share with club members. A vote will be taken within each club and the results sent back to the By-laws Committee. Cara Caravetta seconded. Motion carried (among clubs present at Frazee meeting ... to be completed at Delano meeting).

New Business:

Mary and Sarah Twedt attended the on-line registration session at the national meeting in Milwaukee. The plan is to have it in place for the 2019 festivals; however, it is still a long way from completion. Sarah suggested waiting until it's actually done and tested before scheduling a training session for Minnesota members.

Before assigning Festival materials, everyone needs to pay attention to the Bulletin directives; there are six pages of revision as of June 30, 2018.

A representative from each club may pick up a President's Guide and a Leadership Guide book as well as a large poster with the new MFMC logo to be displayed at all MFMC club events.

Cathy Shields made a motion to adjourn this segment of the summer meeting; Dawn Onufrock seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Kaye Rabaey, MFMC State Secretary

Following the business meeting, Mary welcomed special guest Karen Bourne, North Central Region Representative, and then introduced Melody Bober, composer from nearby Detroit Lakes.

A recital of Melody Bober compositions was presented by students of member teachers: Marcia Benson, Nancy Fisher, Susan Mergen, and Sharon Wesbrook. At the conclusion of the recital, Melody offered verbal comments on each student's performance.

(Defano Meeting)

Call to Order:

President Mary Wescott called the first meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. by leading everyone in the recitation of the *Federation Collect*. With Sue Quist at the piano, “*The Star Spangled Banner*” and “*How Can I Keep from Singing*” were sung.

Members Present:

Apple Valley MTA – Pat Steege; **Burnsville Area MC** – Kathy Wilson; **Chain of Lakes MC** – Sharon Kaplan; **Duluth MTA** – Vicki Ott, Liz Raihala; **East Suburban MC** – Elizabeth Everitt, Grace Kopitske; **Great River MC** – Gayle Gunnerson, Mary Kovell, Lois Muelich, Angela Ringsmuth; **Hibbing Musicale** – Nadine Berg; **Itasca MC** – Gwen Degner; **Keyboard Southwest** – Carolyn Laufenberger; **Music Southwest** – Mary Kaye Rabaey; **Renville County Club 88** – Rebecca Heerdt, Lizz Strandberg, Mara Strandberg; **Southeast MN Federation** – Judy Safe; **Successful Music Makers** – Anna Jeanne Flesner, Christie Gergen; **South Suburban MTA** – Mary Wescott; **Tuesday Music Club** – Joan Lundgren, Sue Quist, Ruth Wollenberg; **West Central MTC** – Mary Pieh, Cheryl Schmidt; **Other** – Wynn-Anne Rossi

Old Business:

Mary asked members to refer to the agenda found in the meeting booklet (prepared by Nancy Fisher, State Vice President --- Thank You!!!) each should have received upon arrival. In an effort to streamline the business portion of the meeting, all committee reports are included in the booklet and can be read later at one's convenience.

She then addressed the current MFMC By-Laws revision project and called on By-Laws Committee Chair, Cheryl Schmidt, to elaborate. Cheryl stated that the committee had met on Tuesday, July 24 and is preparing recommendations for changes. It is a requirement of parliamentary procedure that every member of MFMC receive a copy of the By-Laws and Constitution at least 30 days prior to taking a vote on any addendums. When the document is completed, the Executive Committee will review it and a special *HALF NOTES* edition will be mailed to the statewide membership (if all goes as planned, the vote will be part of the agenda for the April 27, 2019 meeting in St. Cloud).

New Business:

Mary and Sarah Twedt attended the on-line registration session at the national meeting in Milwaukee. The plan is to have it in place for the 2019-2020 festival season. When the system is up and running, an on-line training workshop will be offered (September or early October 2019 in St. Cloud?).

Other:

Pat Steege quickly summarized this year's Junior Composers Summer programs which just held their final salon on July 21.

Sharon Kaplan, Junior Composers Contest Chair, encouraged teachers to make time to “create” at each student lesson and submit compositions for the Junior Composers Contest ... “don’t worry if it’s not “A” quality work; that feedback from others is what stimulates growth!”

Gwen Degner, State Treasurer, read thank you notes from students who received scholarships to participate in the 2018 Junior Composers Summer Camp.

Mary Kaye Rabaey, State Secretary, read a section of the minutes from the Frazee meeting on July 12; a motion initiated by Nancy Fisher regarding the distribution of the revised By-Laws to the membership is no longer necessary and will be dropped because Cheryl Schmidt clearly outlined the directives in her presentation (see above).

Mary asked for feedback regarding this year’s regional meeting format. Comments from the floor reflected both the positives and the negatives of continuing in this manner. It is imperative that members let the Executive Committee what can be done to increase statewide participation.

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Pat Steege made a motion to adjourn; Cheryl Schmidt seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Kaye Rabaey, MFMC State Secretary

Following the business meeting, attendees moved to the church sanctuary where Mary welcomed composer Wynn-Anne Rossi, who then conducted a master class that featured six students – representing member teachers: Christie Gergen, Sharon Kaplan, Sue Quist, and Lizz Strandburg – performing her works as well as one student’s original piece.

Wynn-Anne concluded the program by offering insights on introducing and encouraging composition right from the start of formal music lessons.