

MINNESOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

Spring 2020 Executive Committee Meeting (ZOOM)

Thursday, June 4 --- 3:00 PM

President Nancy Fisher called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM, inviting members to briefly share how each has been coping with the COVID-19 “Stay at Home” order.

Members present: Nadine Berg, Cara Caravetta, Gwen Degner, Karen Erickson, Nancy Fisher, Rebecca Heerdt, Grace Kopitske, Mary Kaye Rabaey, Cheryl Schmidt, Sarah Twedt, and Mary Wescott.

Discussion regarding the logistics of the *Summer 2020 All-Member Meeting* resulted in the following:

- Date: Wednesday, July 22 --- 10:00 AM
- Will NOT be an “in person” event; a ZOOM format will be used
- Attendance will be limited to club presidents and festival managers (or their representatives)
- An Executive Committee planning meeting (ZOOM) will be held on Thursday, July 9 --- 3:00 PM

Grace addressed the current status of on-line registration which has been placed on “hold” during the pandemic. It is unrealistic to expect it to be up and running for the 2020-2021 Festival season, especially without “hand-on” training.

Next on the agenda, Karen Sue and Mary shared what they had accomplished so far in planning for MFMC’s 100th Anniversary Celebration/Convention scheduled for the summer of 2021, including a preliminary budget of \$13,485.00. Nancy suggested that, since funds dedicated for this year’s National Convention and State Meeting would not be used, perhaps we could add \$1000.00 to the budget to commission a piece written by a Minnesota composer in honor of the anniversary. The development of an official “100th Anniversary” logo to place on nametags, lanyards, and convention bags was mentioned. Cara is researching the possibility of creating “gift chocolates” with the MFMC logo (\$3.00 for each 3” x 3-1/4” square); estimate cost would be about \$600.00. Cheryl recommended also adding 15% to the proposed budget for unanticipated expenses. A motion was made by Cheryl and seconded by Mary Kaye to approve the adjusted 2021 Convention budget of \$17,250.00. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kaye Rabaey
MFMC State Secretary

Tentative **100th Anniversary Celebration/Convention** highlights:

- Date: July 2021
- Location: Lakeville *Holiday Inn*
- Special Guests: Ellis Duo?
Dr. George and Ouida Keck?

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Minutes of the June 4 Executive Committee meeting were presented. Sarah made a motion to approve; motion carried

An agenda for the July 22 State Meeting was determined:

- Sarah will host --- welcome participants, address meeting protocols and ZOOM etiquette
- Call to order/attendance: Nancy
- Federation Collect: Nancy
- **Reports** --- chairpersons will greet members and briefly highlight their areas, but not read report (all reports will have been compiled and sent to attendees prior to meeting)
- **Old Business** ---
 - 1) MFMC Mass Email System: Cheryl suggested adding a “no reply” line to all mass mailings, reminding people to contact a specific person for follow-up if needed. Sarah will cover this ...
 - 2) Festival Online System: Due to a temporary halt in the development process (COVID-19), online registration WILL NOT be up and running for the 2020-2021 Festival season.
- **New Business** ---
 - 1) Budget for 2020-2021: Cheryl and Gwen
 - 2) MFMC 100th Anniversary Celebration 2021: Karen and Mary W
 - 3) Parade of American Music and National Music Week: Rebecca
 - 4) Nominations for Festival Certificates Chairperson (Jeannene Simonson replacement): Nancy (This prompted a lengthy discussion regarding MFMC’s current practice of creating its own “*Consecutive Superior*” certificates and it being explicitly forbidden in the 2020-2024 NFMC Festivals Bulletin. No formal action was taken but Nadine and Mary W may wish to pursue *why* this is frowned upon by National executives.)
 - 5) MFMC as a fiscal agent (see below)
- **Information Sessions in addition to business meeting?** ---

Nadine expressed concern regarding including anything else in ZOOM format and the need to avoid being too lengthy. With current COVID-19 restrictions and uncertainty surrounding live public events, it was suggested that perhaps a future webinar on

how to hold a virtual festival should be considered; the membership needs to know we are actively working in their behalf and looking for creative ideas to keep festivals going. Grace, Sarah, and Nadine will do some research; the cost to MFMC should be minimal.

Gwen summarized highlights/changes in her July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 Treasurer's Report. Cheryl indicated that she is finalizing details for the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget and will forward it the Finance Committee before sending to the rest of the Executive Committee for approval prior to the state meeting.

Cheryl then made a motion that MFMC will no longer serve as a fiscal agent for senior clubs or other entities, and that those organizations be encouraged to apply for their own federal and state tax identification numbers, and obtain their own 501c(3) or EIN status through the IRS. Following a brief discussion (Cheryl suggested offering another webinar to the membership on how to set up a 501c ...), Cara seconded; motion carried.

As Festival "Gold Cup" Chair, Sarah pointed out that the larger cups do not pay for themselves through fees (the current yearly state cup fee is \$6.00; a Grand Cup or President's Cup typically costs about \$90.00) and that the number of recipients each year continues to rise. Cheryl made a motion that the "\$.35 per student" annual stipend given to the Festival Cup Chair be instead a flat rate of \$1500.00 per year. Nadine seconded; motion carried.

Nancy shared a few notes from the NFMC Presidents' virtual meeting, including a **Technology Tips Newsletter**, and changes where students seeking various scholarships now need apply directly to the National Chairs because several states can no longer afford to manage competitions and offer monetary awards at the state level (details on NFMC website).

An inquiry from a senior club asking if MFMC could provide financial support to set up a website resulted in the group consensus that, if done for one club, assistance would need to be made available for all 23 clubs (another webinar option?).

On-line annual dues payment option ... not yet!

Meeting adjourned 4:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kaye Rabaey
State MFMC Secretary