

**MINNESOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS**  
Summer 2020 All-State Meeting



Wednesday, July 22, 2020

*(Business Meeting - Minutes approved 4-24-21)*

**Welcome/Call to Order:**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and meeting host, Sarah Twedt, welcomed all attendees at 10:07 A.M. and provided a brief overview of ZOOM meeting etiquette. Prior to the meeting, each attendee should have received from Nancy Fisher, MFMC President.:

- July 22 State Meeting agenda
- MFMC 2020 **Officer and Committee Reports**
- MFMC 2020 **Club Reports**

**Members Present:**

**Apple Valley MTA** – Sarah Twedt; **Burnsville Area MTA** – Camille Buddecke, Jeannine Simonson; **Central Lakes MC** – Karen Erickson; **Chain of Lakes MC** – Vicki Crabtree, Mary Newton; **Chin Rest and End Pin Society** – Faith Farr; **Duluth MTA** – Vicki Ott, Liz Raihala, Nick Susi; **East Suburban MC** – Grace Kopitske, Kathy Schleusner; **Encore MC** – Cara Caravetta, Nancy Fisher; **Great River MC** – Jeanine Barret, Angela Ringsmuth; **Hibbing Musicale** – Nadine Berg, Diana Giombetti; **Itasca MC** – Cathy Shields; **Keyboard Southwest** – Carolyn Laufenburger, Carol Mattison; **Music Southwest** – Shannon Benson, Mary Kaye Rabaey; **Lake Area Bridgetones** – Renee Anderson; **North Suburban MC** – Deanna Anderson; **Renville County 88 MC** – Rebecca Heerdt, Cathy Witter; **Southeast MN Federation** – Julie Gutzmer; **South Suburban MC** – Mary Wescott; **Successful Music Making** – Gwen Degner, Anna Jeanne Flesner, Christie Gergen; **Thief River Falls MC** – Kristi LaSalle; **West Central MTC** – Cheryl Schmidt, Christine Schneider; **West Suburban MC** – Sandra Stenzel

Mary Wescott then led the membership in a recitation of the *Federation Collect*. The meeting agenda was accepted by Mary (Wescott) and Deanna Anderson seconded.

**Secretary's Report:**

Mary Kaye Rabaey, secretary, asked everyone to read/review the minutes of the July 31, 2019 All-Member Meeting as well as the June 4, 2020 and July 9, 2020 Executive Committee meetings (pages 1-9 in the **MFMC 2020 Officer and Committee Reports** document). A motion to approve the minutes was made by Vicki Crabtree and seconded by Deanna Anderson. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Gwen Degner presented a summary of all transactions 7/1/19 – 6/30/20 (pp. 10-13). Our net worth is down by \$1,763.99 from last year. Deanna Anderson made a motion to approve; Cara Caravetta seconded. Motion carried. Gwen also advised everyone to check email addresses before responding as there have been a few scam incidents with senders posing as MFMC officers typically involving requests for money. Only Gwen makes monetary requests (annual dues statements). Club treasurers were reminded to send all correspondence to her Slayton address and to follow the color codes.

### **Festival:**

Nadine Berg, Chair, directed members to her 2020 Festival Summary (pp. 14-15). In the 2021-2024 Festival bulletin, there are some new events listed *and* already several errors have been noted; it is important to check the national website for bulletin updates frequently when preparing students for competitions.

### **Certificates:**

Jeannene Simonson, Chair, is stepping down from this position. A job description may be found on page 4 of the meeting agenda.

### **Gold Cup, Insurance, North Central Region:**

Please refer to Sarah Twedt's reports (pp. 16-20) in the **MFMC 2020 Officer and Committee Reports** document.

### **Membership:**

Cara Caravetta, Chair, has been working diligently developing the MFMC product line (p.20) and plans to have an on-line catalog in place very soon. A suggestion was made regarding creating MFMC logowear face masks; she will speak to the company garment expert for advice.

### **Finance, Web Site, Half Notes Newsletter:**

Please refer to Cheryl Schmidt's reports. (pp. 20-22)

### **Festival Online Report:**

Grace Kopitske, Chair, detailed the current status of **Vivace** – NFMC's new Festival Management Website. (pp. 22-23)

### **International Music Camp:**

Karen Erickson, Chair, informed attendees that, because there was no camp this year, scholarships will again be offered to the 2020 recipients should they decide to apply to the 2021 IMC Summer Season. (p. 24)

### **Awards & Scholarships:**

Rebecca Heerdt, Chair, noted that the Tuition Assistance Grant deadline has passed but qualifying applications will be considered on a "first come, first served" basis until

the yearly budgeted amount has been reached. She also mentioned the need for applications to be complete. (p. 24)

### **Junior Composers Contest & Scholarships**

Sharon Kaplan, Chair, was not present so Nancy shared updated details from her report:

- Scholarship recipient Stephen Elsinger decided not to participate in JCC this summer and returned his award.
- Sharon wants to step down from this position and is asking for a replacement; anyone interested may contact her for details and a job description. (pp. 25-26)

### **State Student Auditions:**

Liz Raihala, Chair, referred teachers with interested students (high school juniors and seniors) to check the MFMC website for updated information.

### **NFMC Biennial Student/Collegiate Audition Awards:**

Nick Susi, Chair, stated that information for these auditions may be found on the National website. He intends to make Minnesota college professors aware of this opportunity with the hope of increasing our level of participation; 2021 is competition year. (p. 26)

### **Old Business:**

1. *MFMC Mass Email System* – Project is completed and operational. Thanks to Jo Janssens for developing this project for MFMC. Members are not getting these emails ([admin@mfm.net](mailto:admin@mfm.net)): make sure your SPAM filter allows delivery and that MFMC has your current email address.

2. *Festival Online System – Vivace* – MFMC is not moving ahead with any club using the online system until it is completely ready and our state discusses, at length, the best way to get our data into the system.

### **New Business:**

1. *Budget for 2020-2021* – Cheryl and Gwen directed attendees to page 2 of the meeting agenda and outlined the proposed budget for the new fiscal year. A motion was made by Deanna Anderson to approve and seconded by Sarah Twedt. Motion carried.

2. *MFMC 100th Anniversary Celebration 2021* – Mary Wescott and Karen Erickson shared details of what they have in place at this point:

- Date: July 14-15, 2021
- Location: Lakeville Holiday Inn
- Schmitt Music will provide on-site store
- Special guests include George and Ouida Keck, and the Ellis Duo
- All living “past presidents” will be invited

Anyone with additional ideas or interested in being part of the committee is encouraged to contact either Mary or Karen.

3. *Parade of American Music & National Music Week* – With current COVID-19 restrictions, participation may be limited this year but Rebecca Heerdt, American Music Chair, suggested checking the many fun activities detailed on the National website and adapting them as needed.

4. *Nominations for Festival Certificates Chairperson* – Nancy requested that names of nominees for this position be sent to her (see job description on page 4).

5. *MFMC will no longer serve as a fiscal agent for senior clubs or other entities*, and those organizations are encouraged to apply for their own federal and state tax identification numbers, and obtain their own 501c(3) or EIN status through the IRS. This decision by the Executive Committee is the result of advice from an accountant who stated such activity is a bit more complicated than what MFMC desires.

6. *Member Support* – Nancy solicited interest from attendees in pursuing the following webinars:

- How to host Virtual Festival if necessary (dependent on club location AND situation at the time – it may be possible to hold live festivals)
- How to apply for 501c(3) status.

President's Report – Nancy Fisher (pp. 27-29)

Six lucky attendees' names were drawn and received MFMC logowear items as door prizes (thanks to Cara ☺)!

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Kaye Rabaey, MFMC State Secretary

*Addendum ...*

## **Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs**

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, July 30, 2020

A motion was made by Mary Kaye Rabaey that the Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs Board of Directors authorizes an account at Heritage Bank for the Heritage Direct Savings Account. Mary Wescott seconded.

Open for discussion. No discussion.

Voting was done electronically via email which is permitted per MFMC bylaws.

All in favor of the motion:

Yes: 10

Any opposed:

No: 0

Motion passed.

Submitted by,

Mary Kaye Rabaey, MFMC State Secretary

### **Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs Board of Directors**

Nancy Fisher, State President

Sarah Twedt, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Cara Caravetta, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Gwen Degner, Treasurer

Mary Kaye Rabaey, Secretary

Nadine Berg, Festival Chair

Karen Erickson, Historian

Mary Wescott, National Board Representative

Cheryl Schmidt, Finance Chair

Grace Kopitske, Festival Online Registration Administrator