

# MINNESOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

## Spring All-State Meeting



Saturday, April 24, 2021

*(Minutes approved 7-22-21)*

### **Welcome/Call to Order:**

President Nancy Fisher welcomed all ZOOM attendees at 9:30 A.M. and provided a brief overview of ZOOM meeting etiquette. Prior to the meeting, each should have received from Sarah Twedt, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and meeting host:

- Meeting agenda
- Officer and Committee Reports (**MFMC April 24 Meeting packet**)

### **Members Present:**

**Apple Valley MTA** – Sarah Twedt; **Central Lakes MC** – Karen Erickson; **Chain of Lakes MC** – Sharon Kaplan; **Chin Rest and End Pin Society** – Faith Farr; **Duluth MTA** – Nick Susi; **East Suburban MC** – Grace Kopitske, Kathy Schleusner; **Encore MC** – Trina Billingsley, Cara Caravetta, Nancy Fisher; **Great River MC** – Angela Ringsmuth; **Hibbing Musicale** – Nadine Berg; **Music Southwest** – Mary Kaye Rabaey; **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

Everyone recited the *Federation Collect*.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Mary Kaye Rabaey, secretary, asked everyone to read/review the minutes of the July 22, 2020 All-Member Meeting (**pp. 7-11 MFMC April 24 Meeting packet**). Mary Wescott made a motion to approve; Cara Caravetta seconded. Motion carried.

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

Treasurer Gwen Degner presented a summary of all transactions 7/1/20 – 4/21/21 (**pp. 15-18 MFMC April 24 Meeting packet**). She pointed out that several funds had been transferred to the Heritage Savings Account. Our net worth has increased \$23,967.98 since June 30, 2020 to a current \$150,036.05. On the positive side, no expenses were incurred this past year for “in-person” meetings; unfortunately, COVID-19 has also

resulted in declines of membership numbers and festival participation. Motion made by Sharon Kaplan to approve; Faith Farr seconded. Motion carried. Anyone not receiving their national publications (MUSIC CLUBS Magazine, JUNIOR KEY NOTES Magazine) should contact Gwen and provide a current e-mail address/ mailing address.

### **Festival/Certificates:**

Nadine Berg, Chair, directed members to her 2021 Festival Summary (**pp. 13-14 MFMC April 24 Meeting packet**). Participation was down by almost 20% from 2020. A brief sharing of this year's festival formats and experiences followed.

Nadine has also assumed the role of Certificates Chair. The creation of a generic certificate template was briefly discussed; Grace Kopitske stated that VIVACE had attempted this but it is more a "printer" issue – each printer "grabs" paper differently and can affect word placement.

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

Please refer to Sarah Twedt's reports (**pp. 19-25 MFMC April 24 Meeting packet**). Some of the highlights include:

- ♪ Minnesota can boast two Grand Cup winners and three President's Cup winners
- ♪ The number of Festival Cup entrants has been steadily dropping since 2010
- ♪ The NFMC meetings scheduled for June, in Virginia, have been cancelled; executive meetings will be held virtually
- ♪ This year's Junior Composers Institute will be moving to the University of Wisconsin – River Falls, due to civil unrest in the twin cities

### **Membership:**

Cara Caravetta, Chair, remarked that, as predicted, the pandemic has resulted in a decrease of membership. In the past eight months, two inquiries about membership have come through the website. Sharon Kaplan suggested reaching out to college pedagogy programs; as respected teachers in our communities, we need to emphasize the value of private lessons.

In addition, Cara briefly touched on the Logowear project; she and Nancy (Fisher) are planning a club fundraiser (with a small percentage of the profits going to our state organization). For more information, check out [www.warroadthreads.com](http://www.warroadthreads.com)

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

Please refer to Cheryl Schmidt's reports (**p. 27 MFMC April 24 Meeting packet**). Of note --- 2020-2021 is Lousie Lundin's 20<sup>th</sup> year serving as our website manager.

### **Festival Online Report:**

Grace Kopitske, Chair, recommended that everyone take a look at the Winter 2021 issue of JUNIOR KEYNOTES MAGZINE, pp. 8-9 for a "how to" on getting started with the new system. She is our contact person and available to answer questions.

### **Historian's Report:**

Karen Erickson, Chair, stated that the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration scheduled for July has been postponed. She expressed much appreciation to Mary Wescott for “making and unmaking” the venue and special guest arrangements.

### **International Music Camp:**

Please refer to Karen Erickson's report (**p. 30 MFMC April 24 Meeting packet**). An application and letters of reference were received from Annika Nosbush; she would like to attend IMC the summer of 2022. A motion was made by Karen Sue to offer her a \$450.00 scholarship. Nadine Berg seconded. Motion carried.

A brief discussion followed regarding audition recordings for scholarships and awards. Sharon Kaplan suggested that materials be submitted using MP3 or MP4 formats instead of a CD.

### **Awards & Scholarships:**

Rebecca Heerdt, Chair, was absent; no report available

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

Please refer to Sharon Kaplan's report (**p. 31 MFMC April 24 Meeting packet**). Sharon commented that it would be nice to see some more teachers participate and perhaps having the winning composers' compositions shared (video) at future meetings would spark interest. Those in attendance responded favorably.

### **State Student Auditions:**

Liz Raihala, Chair, was absent; no report available.

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

Please refer to Nick Susi's report (**p. 32 MFMC April 24 Meeting packet**).

### **NFMC Board Representative Report**

Mary Wescott, our Regional Rep, addressed the numerous errors that continue to pop up in the **2021-2024 Festival Bulletin**. One big item of concern is the number of pieces currently unavailable or out of print. She would like to include a music store manager (with knowledge of publishing companies) as part of the selection committee.

### **Old Business:**

1. *Festival Online System* – Grace reiterated what she had stated earlier – start by reading the Winter 2021 JUNIOR KEYNOTES MAGAZINE, pp. 8-9. There is also information on the national website. She recommends that smaller clubs (with 100 students or less) get started by using manual entry into the VIVACE system (up to eight people have access to the records).

♪ Submit an application

- ♪ Festival Managers need to meet with Grace and Sarah
- ♪ National would like EVERYONE to get “on-board” with-in the next 4-5 years
- ♪ It will be tricky to track student history during the transition period; teachers will need to “dig deeper” to find necessary information

2. *100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update* – Karen Sue Erickson and Mary Wescott stated that first on the agenda is to pick a date ... do we call it a “*101<sup>st</sup> Celebration?*” Anyone with thoughts or ideas regarding what to include is encouraged to contact either of them.

**New Business:**

1. *Nominating Committee needed to propose a slate of officers to present at State Meeting on July 22, 2021* – Cheryl Schmidt and Mary Wescott agreed to be part of the committee but would like to include a third person representing the northern part of the state (Cheryl offered to serve as Chair).

2. *Next meeting* – The 2021 Summer All-Member Meeting will again be held in ZOOM format: Thursday, July 22.

President Nancy Fisher wrapped up the meeting by thanking everyone for their continuous involvement and dedication to MFMC in spite of a tumultuous past year. A motion to adjourn was made by Sarah Twedt; Sharon Kaplan seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Kaye Rabaey, MFMC State Secretary

Reports available upon request.