

MINNESOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

Summer All-State Meeting



July 22, 2021

(Official Minutes – approved 4-23-22)

Welcome/Call to Order:

President Nancy Fisher welcomed all ZOOM attendees at 10:00 A.M. and then turned the mic to Sarah Twedt, 1st Vice-President and meeting host, who provided a brief overview of ZOOM meeting etiquette. Prior to the meeting, each should have received:

- [Meeting Agenda](#)
- [Officer and Chair Reports - July 22 State Meeting](#) (MFMC July 22 Meeting packet)
- [MFMC Club Reports July 22 State Meeting](#)

Members Present:

Apple Valley MTA – Shirley Erickson, Sarah Twedt; **Burnsville MC** – Camille Buddecke; **Central Lakes MC** – Karen Erickson; **Chain of Lakes MC** – Fern Davidson; **Chin Rest and End Pin Society** – Faith Farr; **Club 88** – Rebecca Heerd; **Duluth MTA** – Vicki Ott, Liz Raihala, 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, Diana Giombetti; **Itasca MC** – Cathy Shields; **Keyboard Southwest** – Caroly Laufenburger, Carol Mattison; **Lake Area Bridgetones** – Renee Anderson; **Music Southwest** – Shannon Benson, Mary Kaye Rabaey; **North Suburban MC** – Deanna Anderson; **Southeast MN Federation** – Julie Gutzmer, Amy Heetland; **South Suburban MC** – Mary Wescott; **Successful Music Making** – Gwen Degner, Anna Jeanne Flesner, Christie Gergen; **Thief River Falls MC** – Kristi LaSalle; **West Central MTC** – SueEllen Michaelson, Cheryl Schmidt, Christine Schneider; **NFMC Festival Chair** – Lori Jessen

Everyone recited the *Federation Collect*.

Greetings from National Guest – Lori Jessen, NFMC Festival Chair:

Nancy introduced special guest, Lori Jessen, NFMC Board Member At-Large and National Festivals Chair. Lori challenged MFMC by citing three goals she wants to achieve during her tenure: 1) Make Festivals more of a collaborative effort; 2) Increase Festival entries; 3) Consider a state-wide competitive Festival event. “Be bold and daring in your vision!”

Secretary's Report:

Mary Kaye Rabaey, secretary, asked everyone to read/review the minutes of the April 24, 2021 Spring All-State Meeting (**pp. 1-5 MFMC July 22 Meeting packet**). Cheryl Schmidt made a motion to approve; Kristi LaSalle seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Gwen Degner presented a summary of all transactions 7/1/20 – 6/30/21 (**pp. 6-9 MFMC July 22 Meeting packet**), noting that the date on page 6 should read *June 30* instead of *April 21*. Because she will be moving sometime in mid-late September but does not yet have a new address, she made a plea for the current addresses of all club treasurers to contact when this transition does occur – especially since November marks the annual dues deadline. Gwen also requested that membership rosters be sent using WORD rather than PDF format so that she can cut and paste rather than re-type.

Festival Report:

Nadine Berg, Chair, directed members to her 2021 Festival Summary ([MFMC Festival Report](#)); little has changed since April. Her club, *Hibbing Musicale*, started using the new *VIVACE* Festivals Management program and Nadine spoke favorably of the data entry process.

Will the option of holding virtual festivals continue in 2022? Lori Jessen responded – more than likely, yes!

Gold Cup, Insurance, North Central Region:

Please refer to Sarah Twedt's reports (**pp. 9-13 MFMC July 22 Meeting packet**). A few corrections were made since the April Gold Cup report. The insurance program for next season has yet to be determined; Sarah will inform MFMC members of updates through e-mails and via the website.

Membership:

Cara Caravetta, Chair. Membership numbers this past year took a hit due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the past eight months, however, three inquiries about membership that have come through the website; it encouraging to see the website generate interest. Including the option of virtual festivals may also stimulate renewed growth and participation.

MFMC Product Line:

Cara Caravetta, Chair, noted that vendor product line information is now included on our website. She is looking for new product line items and fresh slogans; please e-mail her with ideas. Be sure to check out www.warroadthreads.com.

Finance, Web Site, Half Notes Newsletter:

Please refer to Cheryl Schmidt's reports (**pp. 14-15 MFMC July 22 Meeting packet**). Cheryl asked that everyone periodically check out the website and e-mail her if there are items you feel should be included; she continues to update as requests are submitted. Information (ideas, articles, photos, etc) for the **Fall-Winter Half Notes Newsletter** may be sent any time now; she will begin the compilation process in late August.

Festival Online Report:

Please refer to Grace Kopitske's report (**pp. 15-17 MFMC July 22 Meeting packet**) for a thorough explanation of the NFMC VIVACE Festivals Management program. A ZOOM meeting is scheduled Friday, August 6 (10:00 AM) for interested MFMC members; Grace will provide an overview in greater detail and answer questions regarding the manual entry process.

International Music Camp:

Please refer to Karen Erickson's report (**p. 18 MFMC April 24 Meeting packet**).

Historian's Report:

Karen Erickson, Chair. MFMC's 100th Anniversary (60th State Convention) Celebration will be held **July 20-21, 2022** at the **Lakeville Holiday Inn**

20800 Kenrick Avenue
Lakeville, MN 55044

Mary Wescott, co-chair of the Convention Planning Committee, shared these thoughts:

- ♪ we are looking for assistance with organizing ... especially from those who live in the area
- ♪ submit ideas for activities ...
- ♪ open with a first day luncheon
- ♪ organize a student recital featuring piano – voice – strings (at least one representative from each club?)
- ♪ also include a teacher recital?

Awards & Scholarships:

Rebecca Heerdt, Chair, remarked that only two requests for MFMC Tuition Assistance Grants (may award a maximum of six at \$500.00 each) were received and that four more are available. There are also several scholarship opportunities posted on the national website.

Junior Composers Contest & Scholarships

Please refer to Sharon Kaplan's report (**pp. 19-21 MFMC July 22 Meeting packet**).

State Student Auditions:

Please refer to Liz Raihala's report (**p. 21 MFMC July 22 Meeting packet**).

NFMC Biennial Student/Collegiate Audition Awards:

Please refer to Nick Susi's report (**p. 21 MFMC July 22 Meeting packet**).

NFMC Board Representative Report

Please refer to Mary Wescott's report (**p. 22 MFMC July 22 Meeting packet**).

Musical Interlude:

Attendees listened to a small section of "*Selcouths*" – a piece written and performed by Tim Guillaume, composition student of Randall Davidson and 1st place Junior Composers winner (national level).

New Business:

1. *Budget for 2021-2022* – Cheryl Schmidt and Gwen Degner outlined the proposed budget (**p. 3 Meeting Agenda**). A motion to approve was made by Mary Wescott; Deanna Anderson seconded. Motion carried.
2. *Festival/Vivace meeting* – A ZOOM presentation on how to start the new registration process will be hosted by Grace Kopitske and facilitated by Nadine Berg Friday, August 6 at 10:00 AM. Please RSVP to attend.
3. *Recognition of Grand Cup winners, President's Cup winners and National winners* – President Nancy congratulated both students and their teachers, noting that complete details can be found in the **Spring-Summer 2021 Half Notes Newsletter**.
4. *Membership Chair* – Julie Gutzmer has agreed to assume this position; thank you to Cara Caravetta who served for the past two years.
5. *Parade of American Music and National Music Week* – Rebecca Heerdt, Chair, stated that details for both events can be found on the national website.
6. *Election of MFMC Officers* – Cheryl Schmidt made a motion to accept the slate of officers for the next two years ...
 - President: *Nancy Fisher*
 - 1st Vice-President: *Sarah Twedt*
 - Secretary: *Mary Kaye Rabaey*
 - Treasurer: *Gwen Degner*
 - Historian: *Karen Sue Erickson*
 - National Board Representative: *Mary Wescott* (appointed position)Christy LaSalle seconded. Motion carried.
7. *Next Meetings:*
 - Spring Meeting (ZOOM) – April 23, 2022
 - Biennial Convention and 100th Anniversary Celebration – July 21-22, 2022

President Nancy Fisher briefly referenced her President's Report (**p. 22 MFMC July 22 Meeting packet**) and extended a special "Thanks" to those clubs who submitted their ME 7.1 forms in a timely manner. Cara Caravetta then drew the names of three individuals who were the lucky recipients of MFMC Logowear door prizes. A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Wescott; Deanna Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Kaye Rabaey, MFMC State Secretary