

**North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs
Spring Board Meeting Minutes
Heritage Center
April 22, 2006**

Members Present: Gordon Maier, Kris Brugamyer, Charlene Knoll, Darcy Lackman, Jan Stoffel, Carolyn Nelson, Sharon Wesbrook, Vivian Acuff, Carole Flatau, Arnola Levenson, Dawn Penrose, Doris Lambie, Sally Nordlie, Odee Maier, Barbara Larson, Carma Kulish, Ruth Heley, Susan Lundberg, Joyce Westfall, Pat Grantier, Mary Guess, Lynda Pearson, and Jann Belanus.

Members Excused: Karen Knudsvig, Dee Meisner, Charlotte Lewis, Jane Kalmbach, Eleanor Johnson, Donna Koppenhaver, Gary Lawrence, Dawn Lawrence, June Skuza, Deanna Qualley, and Jackie Keck,

Members Absent: Kitty Overboe, Betty Carow, Margaret Marcussen, Eileen Geske.

President Gordon Maier called the State Board meeting to order at 9:30 am. The Pledge of Allegiance and NFMC Collect were said. "This is my Father's World" was sung, and invocation by Charlene Knoll.

President's Report was read. He highlighted various items on his written report, one of which was the Prairie Rose Notes, our state newsletter; two issues have gone out. Also that work was started on the state web site (see report). Everyone introduced themselves.

Secretary's Minutes: Carolyn Nelson made a motion to approve the Spring Convention Minutes as they stand, Odee Maier seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kris Brugamyer went over the Year-to-date NDFMC Financial Report: 6/1/05-4/21/06 (see reports).

Kris made a motion to file the Treasurer's Report for Audit. Carma Kulish seconded. Motion carried.

Senior Club Reports:

- Bismarck - Darcy Lackman (see report).
- Grand Forks - Barbara Larson (see report).
- Devils Lake - Lynda Pearson (oral report).
- Fargo - Vivian Acuff (see report).
- Minot - Mary Guess for Jane Kalmbach (see report).
- Dickinson - Ruth Heley (see report).
- Williston - Jackie Keck (see report).

Carole Flatau then led the group in a rousing rendition of "My Darling Clementine" with explanations of the verses. Carole wrote and sang two new verses to the song.

National & Regional Reports:

- NCR Vice President and NDFMC Board Member - Carolyn Nelson (see report).
- Junior Composers Institute - Dawn Lawrence (read by Odee Maier, see report).
- Board Member at Large - Odee Maier (see report).
- Board Member at Large - Carole Flatau (no report).

Sampson Endowment Committee Report:

Sharon Wesbrook, Carole Flatau, Carolyn Nelson, Margaret Marcusson made up the Committee. Sharon reviewed the Application and Rules with the Board. Several changes were suggested. The committee will make the appropriate changes.

Sharon moved that the Evelyn Sampson working document and rules (with revisions) be approved. Carma Kulish seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Committee Chair Reports:

Carma Kulish reported on the Festival committee, there were a total of 10 sites this year and attendance was down (verbal report).

IMC Music Room Report:

Darcy Lackman gave an update on the progress made by the Committee and if it should recommend to the Board that we undertake naming a room at IMC in the new library building. The committee feels that the Board should go forward if funds can be raised. The proposed room would be named the Composers Center - which will house music and showcase ND composers. Donation letters with a pamphlet will be mailed to all the ND members. Jackie Keck is designing the pamphlet. The committee had prepared a Resolution, which was distributed to the Board. Dwight Vaught, IMC representative, spoke about the new building and the room in particular, showing an architect drawing and explaining what was involved in the project. A question and answer session followed.

Darcy Lackman read the Resolution for "The Composers Center". She moved that the Resolution be adopted. Kris Brugamyser seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Kris Brugamyser moved that the NDFMC raise \$25,000 needed to support the IMC's building project by requesting outside grant money and then matching NDFMC membership donations at the rate of 50 cents on the dollar from the Gay King fund, as needed. Doris Lambie seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

The Gold Cup Report: Given by Lynda Pearson. Jann Belanus needs to know how many gold cups did each site award. Each site is to get the information to her as soon as possible (see report).

Committee Chair Reports (continued):

Carole Flatau - Folk Music (see report).

Sally Nordlie - PPA (see report).

Ruth Heley - Western Vice President (see report).

Joyce Westfall - Opera (verbal report).

Vivian Acuff - State Outreach (see report).

Jan Stoffel - NDFMC Corresponding Secretary & American Women Composers (see report).

Sharon Wesbrook - Junior Composers (see report).

Pat Grantier - Student Auditions (see report).

Charlotte Lewis - Crusade for Strings (see report).

No report was available from Karen Knudsvig as the Essay chairperson or Eleanor Johnson as historian.

Old Business:

Odee Maier reported that the NDFMC Fall Board Meeting will be held on August 1-6, 2006 in Minneapolis, MN. NDFMC was to provide luncheon centerpieces, but the MN group decided to proceed with designs of their own (see report). The five states will share in the cost of the centerpieces.

Odee Maier moved that NDFMC pay \$100.00 toward the centerpiece costs. Pat Grantier seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Odee Maier moved that NDFMC pay up to \$200.00 for the Friday night reception. Jan Stoffel seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

The 2007 convention will be held April 19-21, 2007 in Williston, ND. Gordon looked into having a Young Artist, but Williston feels that it can't get public support. Williston will provide a night of music instead. He will also be inviting someone from National. Carma Kulish will check with Williston regarding the Festival luncheon and Gold Cup performers.

Odee Maier reported on Membership Extension (see report). Two editions of the Newsletter have gone out. Ruth Heley requested that copies of the Newsletter be sent to all colleges in ND to keep them aware of what is going on, even if they aren't Federated members. Odee will add them to them to the mailing list.

Kris Brugamyer and Odee Maier presented copies of the State Roster Directory, listing all members. They indicated that a new Directory will be printed in even years in January, and that an addendum will be printed in the odd years.

Gordon Maier is working on the web site. Odee Maier and Pat Grantier are continuing to work on the even year auditions.

Arnola Levenson reported that the piano project for the Minot Club has been abandoned due to the lack of fundraising possibilities.

New Business:

Jamestown/Valley City club will host IMC Federation Day on July 28, 2006.

The Fall Board meeting will be held on September 30, 2006 in Fargo, possibly at the First United Methodist Church. More details will be forthcoming.

Sharon Wesbrook reported on the Festival Judge's workshop. It was felt that the time and dollars spent on making the presentations, etc. weren't necessary. The State thanks Sharon and Arnola for their hard work on this project.

Carolyn Nelson moved to discontinue the State Festival Judge's Workshops. Charlene Knoll seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Jan Stoffel talked about a festival handbook that was put together by Christine Wolf. If you need information, it can be obtained from Jan. Carole Flatau mentioned that NDFMC should not endorse any individual's commercial work, such as the handbook.

Audit Committee: Kris Brugamyer said that there were problems with the Standing Rules. In Meetings-Section E-3 there was a conflict with language in Officers-Treas-Sect A-5.6. Kris proposed that the language in Officers-Treas-Sect A-5.6 be left alone and the wording in Meetings-Section E-3 be changed.

Kris Brugamyer moved the following change be made to the NDFMC Standing Rules, Meetings of the Federation, section E-3 (p 4) be changed as follows: The President shall appoint two members to the Audit committee in the spring of each year for the purpose of auditing the books of NDFMC after each June. The committee shall report its work to the Board at the following fall meeting. Odee Maier second the motion. Motion carried.

President Gordon Maier appointed two people to the Audit Committee: June Skuza and Darcy Lackman will do the 2005-2006 audit of the books. Kris will forward the books to them at the fiscal year.

Revisions Committee: Four people are needed to look at changes in the By-Laws. President Gordon Maier appointed Carolyn Nelson, Kris Brugamyler, Doris Lambie, and Donna Koppenhaver.

Carolyn Nelson said that the National President had apparently disallowed a National Board Member due to the fact that the member lived in a different state than where the club was physically located. We may also have that problem in ND. She wanted NDFMC to support her in her bringing a letter to the National Board stating that where a person resides isn't relevant, it's where the person is a member and pays local and state dues.

Jan Stoffel moved that NDFMC support the individual state's right to choose their national board member. Kris Brugamyler seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Kris Brugamyler brought forward the idea of creating a Past State Presidents Memorial Fund. The Fund would honor the memory of the past state presidents after their death. There have been 25 past presidents, so a total of \$2,500.00 would be taken from the Gay King Fund and set aside. Fourteen (14) past state presidents have passed away and she recommended taking \$100 per president and putting aside the \$1,400 to use for matching funds for the IMC Composer Room.

Kris Brugamyler moved that NDFMC create a Past State Presidents Memorial Fund, in honor of NDFMC's past 25 state presidents, by transferring \$2,500.00 from the Gay King Fund to begin this fund. Thereafter, the state will put all state PPA dues into this new fund. Ruth Heley seconded the Motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Kris Brugamyler moved that local clubs honor their members who are past state presidents, at their death, by notifying the State President (who will notify the State Treasurer) so that a donation of \$100.00 may be sent to IMC in honor of that past state president. These donations shall come out of the Past State Presidents Memorial Fund. Jan Stoffel seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Kris Brugamyler moved that \$1,400 be used as part of the State's obligation to match member funds for the IMC Composers Room building fund commitment. Carma Kulish seconded the Motion. Discussion followed.

Odee Maier moved that we amend the above motion to put the \$1,400.00 toward accoutrements in the Composers Room, not toward the \$25,000 building fund commitment. Sharon Wesbrook seconded the amended motion. Discussion followed. The amended motion was voted on and motion was denied.

The original motion by Kris Brugamyler, as it stood in the original wording was voted on, and motion was denied.

Carolyn Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mary Guess. Motion carried. President Gordon Maier then closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Penrose
NDFMC State Secretary