

**North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs
Fall Board Meeting Minutes
First United Methodist, South Campus
September 30, 2006**

Members Present: Gordon Maier, Kris Brugamyer, Darcy Lackman, June Skuza, Jan Stoffel, Carolyn Nelson, Sharon Wesbrook, Vivian Acuff, Arnola Leverson, Dawn Penrose, Doris Lambie, Sally Nordlie, Odee Maier, Carma Kulish, Ruth Heley, Pat Grantier, Lynda Pearson, Terri Sorenson, Dolores Loberg, Avis Skinner, Dawn Lawrence, Donna Koppenhaver, Julie Brorby, Karen Knudsvig, Eileen Geske, Sue Syverson.

Members Excused: Carole Flatau, Susan Lundberg, Dee Meisner, Eleanor Johnson, Gary Lawrence, Deanna Qualley, Jackie Keck, Joyce Westfall, Mary Guess, Margaret Marcusen, Beth Klingenstein, Jann Belanus.

Members Absent: Kitty Overbo, Betty Carow, Tom Wellin.

President Gordon Maier called the State Fall Board meeting to order at 9:30 am. The National Anthem was sung, accompanied by Sharon Wesbrook. The NFMC Collect was said. "This is my Father's World" was sung, and invocation by Karen Knudsvig.

President's Report was read. He listed an overview of what has happened since the Spring meeting (see report). Everyone introduced themselves.

Secretary's Minutes: One correction, on page 4. The sentence should read as follows: Kris will forward the books to them **after the close of** the fiscal year. **Carolyn Nelson made a motion to approve the amended Spring Board Meeting Minutes as they were corrected, June Skuza seconded, motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Kris Brugamyer went over the Year-to-date NDFMC Financial Report: 6/1/06-9/29/06 (see reports).

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

The Audit Committee, consisting of June Skuza and Darcy Lackman, reported that everything was fine with the audit of the treasurer's books. They are to submit a written report.

Folk music was sung, led by Ruth Heley. The songs were "Alouette" and "The Keeper".

National & Regional Reports:

NCR Vice President, NDFMC Board Member, State Ratings Chairman & By-Laws Chairman -
Carolyn Nelson (see report).

Junior Composers Institute - Dawn Lawrence (see report).

Board Member at Large, Folk Music, Music in Poetry - Carole Flatau (was not present, see report).

Board Member at Large - Odee Maier (see report).

Senior Club Reports:

Bismarck - Darcy Lackman (see report).
Devils Lake - Lynda Pearson (oral report).
Fargo - Vivian Acuff (see report).
Minot - Arnola Levenson (see report).
Dickinson - Ruth Heley (see report).
SE Central Music Club - Eileen Geske (see report).
Grand Forks - Avis Skinner (see report).
Williston - Terri Sorenson (see report).
Valley Music Makers - Karen Knudsvig (no written report).

Standing Committee Chair Reports:

Jan Stoffel - Corresponding Secretary (see report).
Ruth Heley - Student Auditions (no written report).
Jan Stoffel - American Women Composers (see report).
Deanna Qualley - National Music Week Essay (see report, read by Carma Kulish).
Odee Maier - Competition and Awards Division, Membership extension (see report).
Donna Kopenhaver - Chamber Music (see report).
Doris Lambie - IMC Report (see report).
Lynda Pearson - Festival Cup Chair (no written report).
Vivian Acuff - State Music Outreach and Public Relations (see report).
Sharon Wesbrook - Junior Composers and Sacred Music (see report).
Susan Lundberg - National Music Week (see report, not present).

Lunch was served by the Fargo club. The Festival Committee held a meeting during lunch, directed by Carma Kulish.

President Gordon Maier called the meeting back to order at 1:00 pm.

Jordan Christianson on piano and Chris Schuester on Saxophone, played three selections. Jordan composed the first piece. He was an attendee at JCI.

President Maier handed out several Awards and certificates. The chairman of other committees also handed out several certificates.

Standing Committee Chair Reports (cont.):

Sally Nordlie - PPA (see report).
Pat Grantier - Student Auditions (see report).
Carma Kulish - Festivals (see report).

IMC Music Room Report:

Odee Maier read a letter from Douglas Larson, an architect working on the Center (see letter). Odee Maier also stated that Darcy Lackman's sister put together the packages (that were handed out to each club) that include 5 CD's that her sister has recorded. The clubs may use these as fundraising tools to give to people who donate money for the room or sell them. The CD's can be sold for any amount, but \$10.00 has to go to Darcy's sister. The remainder from each sale can be used by the club toward their contribution for the IMC Composers Room. More information on that will follow. Please contact Darcy Lackman for more information or how to contact her sister to obtain more CD's if necessary. Darcy Lackman gave an update on the progress made by the Committee.

Kris Brugamyer reported that \$5,150.00 has been raised by the Clubs and individuals. The State will contribute \$2,575 for the matching 2-1 program, and \$100.00 from the PPA on behalf of Della for a total of

\$7,825.00. There is already \$6,780.00 at IMC. That means that \$14,605 has been raised toward the goal of \$25,000. The balance that remains to be raised is \$10,395. We are 43% towards the goal. Grants still need to be completed and sent to the proper entity. Doris Lambie also gave a few comments on the Composer Room.

President Maier reported that Dawn Lawrence was given the Rose Fay Thomas Fellow award at the NFMC board meeting attended in August.

Kris Brugamy presented several changes to the By-Laws which she reviewed (see handout).

Further changes are as follows: on page 1, Article 2 - Meetings of the Federation, cross out Section 2 Nominating Committee. Only Section 3 should be listed and Collegiate should be underlined as it is an addition. Article 4, Section 2 should read as follows: "At the Fall Board meeting of the year preceding the Biennial Convention, a Nominating Committee of three shall be elected to product a slate of officers". The remainder of that section should be deleted. The changes to Article 7, 8, 9, and 15 stand as corrected.

Proposed changes to the NDFMC Standing Rules, under Membership, add section B. Student/Collegiate Division. It should read as follows: "The members of the Student/Collegiate Division are limited to young people between the ages of 19 and 26..." (the rest remains the same).

In Meetings of the Federation, Section A. Conventions shall be rotated within the state between the four regions. Mayville should be changed to read Buxton in 2005 and 2013.

In NDFMC Special Funds, Section A, Number 1, delete "the" at the end of the first sentence. In the sixth line, it should read, "performers within the NDFMC who compete in". In Number 5, Gold Program shall be changed to Festival Cup Program). In Number 6, all references to Gold shall be changed to Festival. In Number 7, the ages shall read 14-19.

All other changes made were correct.

Kris Brugamy moved the adoption of the Standing Rules as revised and corrected. June Skuza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kris Brugamy moved that the By-Laws be given preliminary approval to bring to the Convention in the Spring. Pat Grantier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Election of the Nominating Committee: **Odee Maier moved that the At Large Board Members be the nominating committee to bring names to the Convention. The members are as follows: June Skuza, Arnola Levenson, Dawn Lawrence, and Jan Stoffel. Carolyn Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Election of State Representative to National Board: **Doris Lambie moved that Carolyn Nelson be the State Representative. Donna Koppenhaver seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Jan Stoffel made a motion to cease and that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Carolyn Nelson. Carma Kulish seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Nomination of National Board Members at Large: **Dawn Lawrence nominated Odee Maier. Carma Kulish nominated Carole Flatau. Jan Stoffel made a motion to cease and that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Carole Flatau and Odee Maier to be proposed as National Board Members at Large. Ruth Heley seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Old Business:

President G. Maier mentioned that the Spring Convention will be held in Williston, ND from April 19-21, 2007. There will not be a Young Artist, and that he had invited Stephanie Westerfield, VP for the NE Region to be the Guest. No response from her yet.

Dreams Progress (see report). Odee Maier gave a report on the progress of ND Dreaming. Dream #1 is going well. Dream #2 is not going so well on the Student Auditions and nothing has been done on the Apple For the Teacher awards. Dream #3 was discussed earlier regarding the IMC Composer Center. Gordon Maier worked on the web site and it is up and running.

Karen Knudsvig thanked the Maiers for doing the newsletter and website construction, etc.

New Business:

President G. Maier reported that NFMC was commenting on the Evelyn Sampson award and how it was geographically limited to North Dakota teachers' students. Discussion followed and President G. Maier will report to NFMC that the rules will stay the same.

Donna Koppenhaver read a resolution and motion for Carolyn Nelson to be the NFMC 1st VP. The resolution read as follows:

WHEREAS Members of the North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs endorse the candidacy of NDFMC Past President Carolyn Nelson for the position of First Vice-President of the National Federation of Music clubs,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT President Gordon Maier write a letter of introduction to the National board members, presidents of the member states and other interested parties informing them of our support of her candidacy; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT Other NDFMC members who have served or are now serving in positions of National or Regional standing invited to co-sign the letter.

Jan Stoffel seconded the motion and resolution. Motion carried.

Odee Maier made a motion that up to \$500 from the Evelyn Sampson's Fund be made available for Carolyn's campaign for the NFMS 1st VP position. Doris Lambie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Donna Koppenhaver thanked Odee Maier for starting the NCR region.

Carolyn Nelson made a motion that \$500 from the Gay King Fund be forwarded to the Elizabeth Paris Scholarship fund. Odee Maier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dawn Lawrence reported as National Cup Chairman (see report). Each club is to turn in their old cups to Dawn or Odee. If you want to replace the old ones with new cups, please contact Dawn Lawrence. She mentioned that each club could keep one of each size for display purposes only. The new cups will have a little different color gold and were nicer. Each club should send their shipping bill to the state treasurer for reimbursement.

The NFMC Benediction was said by the group. President G. Maier then adjourned and closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Penrose
NDFMC State Secretary