

**North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs
2007 Convention Minutes
El Rancho Hotel, Williston, ND
April 20, 2007**

Morning Session:

Members present: Gordon Maier, Vivian Acuff, Kris Brugamyer, Carole Flatau, Donna Koppenhaver, Carma Kulish, Doris Lambie, Odee Maier, Carolyn Nelson, Sally Nordlie, Dawn Penrose, Avis Skinner, Jan Stoffel, Sharon Westbrook, Lila Gienger, Susan Syverson, Mary Mohr, Jacki Keck, Terri Sorenson, Ruth Heley.

Members excused: Jann Belanus, Pat Grantier, Darcy Lackman, Dawn Lawrence, Gary Lawrence, Arnola Leverson, Mary Guess, Eleanor Johnson, June Skuza.

Members absent: Eileen Geske, Beth Klingenstein, Karen Knudsvig, Susan Lundberg, Margaret Marcusen, Kitty Overboe, Lynda Pearson, Deanna Qualley, Joyce Westfall.

President Gordon Maier called the Convention to order. Pledge of Allegiance recited. National Anthem sung. Collect said. Invocation by Carole Flatau.

Welcome to the Convention by Jackie Keck.

Opening remarks by E. Ward Koeser, Mayor of Williston. He talked about MUSIC. M for Mood Enhancing, U for User friendly, S for Satisfies the soul, I for Inspiration, and C for colors life.

Introductions:

Stephanie Westerfield, Regional Vice President of NE Region
Carolyn Nelson - NCR Vice President, NDFMC Board Representative
Odee Maier - Board Member-At-Large
Carole Flatau - Board Member-At-Large
Other members of the convention.

Credentials Report:

Kris Brugamyer reported that there were 17 Board Members, 4 Delegates and 1 National Guest.

Minutes:

Convention Minutes from 2005 were reviewed. **Carolyn Nelson moved that the 2005 Convention Minutes be approved. Kris Brugamyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Convention Booklet:

Jackie Keck brought the Convention Booklet forward for approval. There were corrections on the following pages:

Page 6 Carolyn Nelson email address: nelson1125@gmail.com

Page 7 Carma Kulish is the North Dakota Jr. Festival Chairman, phone number 701-483-8617, email address: ndmusic.asap@yahoo.com.

Page 7 D. Penrose email address: penrose1829@msn.com

Page 8 Jan Stoffel email address: JanStoffel@hotmail.com

Page 9 Name of St. Cecilia should be spelled St. Cecelia

Page 11 Doris Lambe should be spelled Lambie

Doris Lambie moved to accept the convention booklet with the above corrections. Donna Koppenhaver seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President's Report:

Gordon Maier #2

Carolyn Nelson reported as NCR Vice President and NDFMC Board Representative, #6.

Carole Flatau reported as National member-at-large, #7. She will be on the election committee at National convention.

Odee Maier – National member-at-large #8 and #9.

Junior Composers Institute:

Odee Maier and Carolyn Nelson reported.

Carole Flatau – Folk Songs, gave a talk on the song “Believe Me if all Those Enduring Young Charms” by Thomas Moore. Also on 4/20/1933 was the first broadcast of the “Hit Parade” and the song was “Over the Rainbow”.

Performing Delegate:

Alana Morin sang and accompanied herself on guitar. She sang “Come by The Hills” and “Go Lassie Go”, which are Irish folk songs.

Senior Club Highlights:

Bismarck/Mandan - Dawn Penrose (oral) for Darcy Lackman (not present)

Devils Lake – no one present

Fargo – Vivian Acuff - #16

Minot – Lana Simons – read report by Mary Guess #16A

Dickinson – Ruth Heley (oral) for Margaret Marcussen (not present)

Valley City/Jamestown – Carolyn Nelson (oral) for Beth Klingenstein (not present)

Grand Forks – Avis Skinner #15

Williston – Jackie Keck (oral)

Mayville – Kris Brugamyer regarding 2 teachers for Festival.

Odee Maier made a suggestion that she would be available to do a workshop on a Membership drive at the Fall Board Meeting for club presidents to try and increase the numbers at each local club.

Standing Committee Reports:

Donna Koppenhaver – Chamber Music #10

Sally Nordlie – PPA, ND was #1 in nation on Young Artist Funds last year & maybe again this year.

Doris Lambie – International Relations

Vivian Acuff – Music Outreach and Opera (Vivian gave report for Joyce Westfall).

Jan Stoffel – American Women Composers #11

Carma Kulish – Festival #22 and #13

Odee Maier – Competition and Awards #12

International Music Camp:

Joe and Joyce Alme presented the architect's drawing of the new Arts Building where the Composers Room will be located. The building should be done by June 2008 and a dedication will be held sometime during that month (perhaps the second week of June).

Lunch at El Rancho Hotel.

Performing delegates: Drummers from Williston Middle School performed several selections. Plaques were presented to Joe Alme and Joyce Alme for their years of service. A Life membership was awarded to Joe Alme for his years of service with NDFMC.

Afternoon Session:

Kris Brugamyer reported on the Composers Center Report – interest is accruing on the funds for the Composers Center, and will go to the Furnishings Fund from the CD's. That was voted on at the Spring board meeting held on 4/19/07.

Thank you to Doris Lambie, the outgoing IMC Liaison. She has worked tirelessly for the past several years to make sure that IMC has been a priority for the state. Lana Simons will take over as IMC Liaison. Good luck to both of them in their future endeavors.

Odee Maier reported that she felt that a biography should be made available in the Composers Room on each composer who is featured in the Center. Also if any of the composers wanted to put any mementos in the room that would be great. We need a person to coordinate these efforts. If you know of someone, let Odee know.

Standing Committee Reports (cont).

Carole Flatau – Folk Music and Poetry

Carolyn Nelson – Arts Advocacy Report and Sr. Reporting Club Reports

Sharon Wesbrook – Junior Composers Report #14

Ruth Heley – referenced Pat Grantier's report on the Student Auditions #13A

Revisions Committee:

Kris Brugamyer (see handout #19 and 20) reported on the proposed revisions to the By-Laws.

Kris Brugamyer moved that the changes to the By-Laws be approved. Jan Stoffel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Kris Brugamyer gave the treasurer's report (#1, 2 and 3). #1 was approved for audit on 4/19. The previous reports had been presented for information on 4/19. Report #4, 2006 Final Report was given for information only. Report #5, 2006-2007 completed report will be available at the Fall board meeting.

Gold cups are costing more. We may have to raise fees by \$2.00 and Festivals may also need additional funds to continue. Each \$1 that fees are raised, equals an additional \$2500 raised. The first gold cup costs \$13, \$16 for the second, \$25 for the third, \$35 for the fourth, \$45 for the fifth, and \$60 for the Presidential cup. A report will be given by Kris Brugamyer at the Fall meeting.

Budget Report:

Kris Brugamyer, #21, Kris moved the adoption of the budget. Carma Kulish seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Performing delegate:

Lila Gienger, from Bismarck/Mandan, played two selections, "La Habanera" by Ernesto Lecuona and "Odion" a Brazilian Tango by Ernesto Nazareth.

Nominating Committee Report:

Jan Stoffel reported on the following list of officers for the next two year term:

Lila Gienger, President, Pat Grantier, Vice President, Kris Brugamy for Treasurer. **Carma Kulish moved that the slate of officers be approved. Carolyn Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.** Further nominations were taken from the floor for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, Eastern vice president and Western vice president. No further nominations were made. **Jan Stoffel moved that nominations cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers. Carole Flatau seconded the motion. Motion carried.** The office of secretary will be filled by Dawn Penrose and Eastern vice president will be filled by Sally Nordlie until further notice.

Performing delegate:

Jackie Keck played and sang selections from the Passport (she had passed out). She accompanied herself on the autoharp.

Friday Evening Banquet was held at the El Rancho Hotel. Stephanie Westerfield, the national representative spoke and held installation of officers. Concert was held at the First Lutheran Church in Williston (see sheet). Freewill offering was taken, and a dessert reception followed in the Parlor.

Saturday Morning White Breakfast was held at the El Rancho Hotel, where the deceased members were honored. Jackie Keck performed prelude music prior to the breakfast. Carole Flatau was chaplain (see brochure for names).

Saturday Morning Session:

President Gordon Maier opened the session.

Odee Maier reported that she would like to see the Student Audition Competition continue for the next even numbered year (2008). **Odee Maier made a motion that they continue through 2008. Carolyn Nelson seconded. Motion carried.**

Carolyn Nelson reported on the JCI scholarships. **Carolyn Nelson moved that five scholarships be awarded on a perpetual basis and that each award be for \$200. Doris Lambie seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Carole Flatau moved that the Treasurer be authorized to receive contributions that are tax deductible which are designated for a specific purpose or person and to remit such funds for that purpose or person. Lila Gienger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Silent Auction proceeds:

A total of \$140.60 was raised by the Silent Auction to help offset Convention expenses.

Courtesy Resolution:

A courtesy resolution was presented and read by Odee Maier (see attached). **Carma Kulish moved its adoption, Jan Stoffel seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Jackie Keck performed two folk song selections.

Old Business:
None.

New Business:

President Gordon Maier presented his thoughts in regard to some of the matters that were left undone during his tenure as President. The matters were as follows: extended terms for officers; having four regional vice presidents instead of the two current VP's and four members at large; and a central location for all board meetings and conventions. **Odee Maier moved the appointment of the past state presidents to sit on a committee to research possibilities on how to handle extended terms for officers; having four regional vice presidents instead of the two current VP's and four members at large; a central location for all board meetings and conventions; and any other ideas that might help streamline NDFMC operations and that a preliminary findings report be made to the Fall Board meeting with proposed changes. Lila Gienger seconded the motion.** Discussion followed. Carma Kulish called the question of quitting discussion. Motion failed. Discussion continued. President called the motion. **Motion carried.**

Invitation:

Grand Forks/Devils Lake issued an invitation for the 2009 Convention. It was accepted by Lila Gienger, incoming President.

A Life Membership was presented to Lila Gienger as incoming President.

Announcements:

NCR will hold their meeting in Minneapolis in conjunction with JCI, July 13-14, 2007.

The national convention will be held in Salt Lake City, UT the latter part of June. President Gordon Maier and Carolyn Nelson will represent our state. It was suggested that Lila also attend. She will try and make it.

Carolyn Nelson thanked Gordon Maier for his tenure as President and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Closing Remarks:

President Gordon Maier made closing remarks. He thanked the Williston and Minot Clubs for doing such a great job in putting together the convention. He also thanked all convention participants for coming and doing such a great job.

President Gordon Maier presented incoming president, Lila Gienger with the State President pin and box.

Carole Flatau gave another talk on the founding of Rome that happened this day in history and sang a folk song.

Benediction, sang "The Gift of Song" by Lana Bailey.

Adjournment motion made by Lila Gienger, seconded by Sharon Wesbrook. Motion carried.

Festival Luncheon held at El Rancho Hotel dining room followed by the Festival Recital where Gold Cup winners performed.