

**North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs
Fall Board Meeting
Jamestown College, Jamestown, ND
September 22, 2007**

Members present: Lila Gienger , Gordon Maier, Kris Brugamyer, Carole Flatau, Donna Koppenhaver, Carma Kulish, Doris Lambie, Odee Maier, Dawn Penrose, Avis Skinner, Pat Grantier, Sharon Wesbrook, Kitty Overboe, June Skuza, Lynda Pearson, Darcy Lackman, Eileen Geske.

Members excused: Carolyn Nelson, Beth Klingenstein, Jacki Keck, Lana Simons, Terri Sorenson, Mary Hoberg, Dolores Loberg.

Members absent: Sally Nordlie, Arnola Levenson, Jan Stoffel, Karen Knudsvig, Susan Lundberg, Jann Belanus, Dawn Lawrence, Mary Guess, Joyce Westfall.

President Lila Gienger called the meeting to order. Pat Grantier, VP, led the Invocation. The Federation Collect was recited, and the song "You'll Never Walk Alone" was sung accompanied by Pat Grantier. Lila commented on the Focus for the Year. Each club should make membership and advertising of the meetings a priority. More club members are needed to help fill positions at the local and state level.

Secretary's Minutes: Carma Kulish moved that the Secretary's Minutes be approved as written from the Spring Board meeting, June Skuza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kris Brugamyer (see handouts #1, 2, 3, 4, 5). Gold cup prices have increased in price two times. Kris put together some numbers for festival fees and brought a report to the Fall Board meeting. We need a price increase of at least \$1.50 to break even. June Skuza made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and file for audit. Pat Grantier seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Audit Report: Darcy Lackman and June Skuza audited the treasurer's books for the past year and reported that everything was in order.

Committee Chair Reports:

Junior Festival/Gold Cups: Lynda Pearson reported on Gold Cups (see report).

Pat Grantier moved that we keep the Festival and Gold Cup fees the same for the next year and look at possible increases next year. Darcy Lackman seconded the motion. Show of hands, 7 Yes, 8 No. Motion failed. Carma Kulish moved that we raise the Gold Cup fee by \$2.00 for the next two years and then look at the issue again at that time. Festival fee will be \$7.00/Gold Cup fee will be \$5.00 for a total of \$12.00. Odee Maier seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Music Camp: Doris Lambie reported on IMC (see report).

Student Auditions: Pat Grantier gave an oral report.

Kris Brugamyer moved that the NDFMC state Student Auditions competitions continue to be held in the odd-numbered years, and to promote other student/collegiate competitions during the even-numbered years. Eileen Geske seconded. Motion passed.

IMC Composers Center: Odee Maier gave a report (see report). The committee, consisting of Odee Maier, Carma Kulish and Carole Flatau, has been working on the layout of the room. Pat Grantier moved that the Committee members make decisions regarding the layout of electrical, etc. Doris Lambie seconded. Motion passed.

National & Regional Reports:

Folk Music: Carole Flatau had the group sing "Lorena" by Joseph Philbrick Webster, arranged by Carole Flatau.

National First Vice President: Gordon Maier presented Carolyn Nelson's report (see report).

Board Member at Large/American Music Division: Odee Maier was elected to this position at the last NFMC convention (see report).

Past President's Report: Gordon Maier presented his report (see report). We need to reorganize the Standing Committee structure that the state uses. The changes to the Standing Committee Structure are located on the reverse side of his report. At that time, Kris Brugamyer handed out Proposed Changes to the Sept. 30, 2006 Update of Standing Rules. Both sets of changes will be taken up later this afternoon.

Sharon Wesbrook presented a Past President's Pin to Gordon Maier. Meeting was recessed until the afternoon.

Lunch was held at the Buffalo Grill, Jamestown. A tour of the Vorhees Chapel and organ demonstration were provided by Dr. William Wojnar. Reconvened the meeting at 2:45 pm.

New Business:

Kris Brugamyer presented the proposed changes to the Standing Rules, as printed in the handout everyone got in the morning with her financial reports. It was agreed that at the end of the last item on the page a list of the hosting clubs should be added beginning with 2007 and go through 2015 so that each club will be listed once, in rotation order. **Kris Brugamyer moved to approve proposed amendments to the Standing Rules as printed, with the addition of adding the hostess rotation under Federation Day at IMC (pg. 8) from 2007-2015. Carole Flatau seconded. Motion passed.**

Gordie Maier moved to approve the proposed amendments to the Standing Rules as printed on the back of his Past President Report (listed in black/red printing). Carole Flatau seconded. Motion passed.

Gordie and Odee Maier presented the Fargo-Moorhead Area Music Club's fundraising idea "Buy a Key" for raising funds to buy a keyboard for the Composers Center at the IMC. They displayed a poster with a keyboard printed on it, and for \$15 a key, a person can write their name on a key and "own" it.

Discussion was held on how to fund the newsletter, Prairie Rose Notes. Odee Maier had been paying the expenses. It costs between \$1,000.00 and \$1,500.00 a year to send out three (3) issues of 500 subscriptions. Carole Flatau offered to use her publishing company, Noteworthy Publications, to underwrite the costs of the Winter issue. Everyone thanked her for her generosity. The Fall issue was around \$500.00 since it had 4 more pages of printing this time. **Pat Grantier moved that we use budget carryover money to pay for the Fall 2007 issue. Carma Kulish seconded. Motion passed.**

Written reports were accepted from Sharon Wesbrook for Junior Composers Contest and Donna Koppenhaver for Chamber Music Report. Written reports were accepted from local clubs: Grand Forks, Bismarck-Mandan, and Fargo-Moorhead. Written report was accepted for Dawn Lawrence regarding the NCR's President and Grand cup totals.

The date for the next board meeting will be Saturday, April 12, 2008, at Jamestown College. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Penrose, State Secretary