

**North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs**  
**Spring Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 23, 2016, 12:00PM**  
**Reiland Fine Arts Center, University of Jamestown, Jamestown, ND**

Members Present: President – Robyn Vinje, Secretary – Carol Tschakert, Treasurer – Kris Brugamyer, Jan Stoffel, Mavis Ness, Sally Nordlie, Agnes Hamerlik, Deborah Eraas, Eileen Geske, Carolyn Nelson, Sharon Wesbrook, Bonnie Stromme, Pat Grantier, Carma Kulish, Don Geske (guest).

1. Call to order by President, Robyn Vinje  
National Anthem, accompanied by Sharon Wesbrook  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Opening song – *“Little Brown Church in the Dale”*  
Introduction of Attendees
2. Secretary’s Report - Minutes of fall board meeting from Sept 26, 2015 were reviewed by Carol Tschakert. Motion by Pat Grantier to approve minutes, seconded by Mavis Ness. All in favor, minutes approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Kris Brugamyer shared a report she compiled comparing 2015-16 membership and contributions with 2014-15 membership and contributions. She noted that there were no college clubs this past year. Kris reviewed the NDFMC financial report for 6/1/2015 thru 4/22/2016. Kris presented a draft 2015-2016 NDFMC Junior Division (Festival) Financial Report. (Kris noted that board approval is not required for regular financial reports.)
4. Activity Reports:
  - Junior Composers - Sharon Wesbrook shared highlights from her report of JC activity. Submitted written report.
  - Junior Festival – Michelle Kallod’s submitted report compares four years of participation.
  - Gold Cup Report – Bonnie Stromme compiled 2016 report. Submitted written report.
5. NFMC Finance Division – Chair, Carolyn Nelson, spoke about the national office’s effort to transition to Quickbooks. In the past, they used a paper trail. Now they are trying to find a better method of tracking and managing funds. They are looking at implementing entrant fees for all national scholarships. Carolyn is planning to make a proposal for graduated entry fees for most scholarships at the Tulsa conference.  
Carolyn encouraged participation at the 2016 Conference (June 21-25) in Tulsa. Since Pat Grantier (ND State Representative to NFMC) can’t make the trip to Tulsa, that frees up \$600 for someone else to attend. Robyn V asked if others were considering attending. There was discussion on who could use the funds.

Carma K moved to give Carole Flatau \$600 to cover some of her expenses. Motion was seconded by Sharon W. All in favor, motion carried.  
Carolyn N moved to give Carol Tschakert and Alpha Roeszler each \$500 for travel to Tulsa, with the funds to come from the Fargo residual monies. Motion was seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

6. Committee and Club Reports:

Opera - Jan Stoffel requested opera reports be sent to her. She received an outreach report from Bismarck.

Competitions/Awards - Pat Grantier sent information to college music depts., hasn't received anything back. Need to encourage students to apply for Evelyn Sampson scholarship.

Junior Composers Board - Sharon Wesbrook reported only 3 have registered for teacher training institute (TTI).

Sally Nordlie reported our state continues to be good contributors to Young Artist.

Prairie Rose Notes - Written report submitted by Mavis Ness.

Schumann Music Guild - Deb Eraas reported the Minot club has a new name. The major purpose for the rename was to bring educational learning to the community. She reviewed their initial public programs held this year. They were pleased with attendance numbers. Written report submitted by Arnola Leverson.

Western Region - Written report submitted by Deb Eraas, VP.

Thursday Music Club of Grand Forks - Written report submitted by Agnes Hamerlik.

Fargo-Moorhead Area Music Club - Written report submitted by Jill Post

7. 2017 Convention in Minot - Deb E gave a preview of the NDFMC Convention in Minot on May 4-6 at the Grand Hotel. Proposed agenda was submitted for review. Pat G mentioned applying for grant monies to help with the expenses.

8. Treasurer Bonding - Kris updated the group on the bonding issue. It costs \$50 for every \$10K of insurance. We have been paying \$100/yr, so bonded amount was raised to \$20K. Carma K moved to table decision on amount to be bonded for until the fall meeting. Motion was seconded. All approved, motion carried.

9. Open Committee Chair Positions - still seeking Historian and Music in Schools/Colleges. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please forward names to Robyn V.

Sharon W accompanied the group on "Goober Peas" from "Together We Sing", before taking a break.

10. Kris Brugamy, NDFMC parliamentarian, presented an informative talk on "Parliamentary Procedure in a Nutshell."

11. New Business:

- a. Festival Judges' Fees – Discussion was heard on concerns of fees being paid to judges, has been set at \$100/day for at least the past 16 years. Carma K moved to increase the fee to \$150 a day. Motion was seconded by Pat G. Kris B moved to amend the motion to include a prorated amount be \$20 an hour for less than a full day. Amended motion was seconded. All approved, motion to amend carried. All approved the motion as amended, amended motion carried.
- b. Carolyn N moved to reallocate the \$14 festival fee to \$11 to festival and \$3 to the cup. Motion was seconded by Carma K. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. Umbrella policy - Kris addressed the 'umbrella' policy as it was intended 16 years ago and how it is currently being used. Discussion was held on the topic. Kris B moved to add a paragraph to the 2001 umbrella-ing policy:  
'Umbrella-ing teachers must pay \$10.00 to the NDFMC to cover a mandatory Junior Keynotes magazine subscription (\$6.00) and state umbrella-ing dues (\$4.00).'  
Motion was seconded by Carolyn N. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. Teachers' training (TTI) through Jr. Composers July 11-13, 2016 - Sharon W asked if we want to offer support to attendees. The tuition is \$350. Carolyn N moved to provide \$100 for up to 5 people who are members of NDFMC. Motion was seconded by Pat G. All in favor, motion carried. Applications are to be made to Sharon Westbrook, with a deadline of May 5.  
Kris B moved that the funds come from the Evelyn Sampson fund. Motion was seconded by Barb S. All in favor, motion carried.
- e. Appointment of Audit Committee - We are seeking two people to serve on the audit committee. After some discussion, Robyn said she will ask people from Fargo area.
- f. Prairie Rose Notes - Can we make the newsletter an e-mail publication? A concern is that not all who get this publication now have an email account. Mavis plans to do only one more printed issue (April).
- g. Term Limits for Club Officers – Robyn asked if any clubs have term limits for elected officers. Carolyn N said National has no concerns about term limits and the state shouldn't either.

Fall board meeting – tentative date, Sept. 24, 2016, noon, in Jamestown, Reiland Fine Arts Center, University of Jamestown campus

Meeting Adjourned.

Everyone sang "Gift of Song" from "Together We Sing" book.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Tschakert, NDFMC Secretary