

North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs
Fall Board Meeting Minutes (draft for approval)
September 16, 2017
University of Jamestown

Members Present: President – Robyn Vinje, Vice-president – Alpha Roeszler, Secretary – Jill Post, Treasurer – Kris Brugamyer, Carol Tschakert, Pat Grantier, Lana Simons, Debbie Eraas, Carolyn Nelson, Carole Flatau, Mavis Ness, Jean Olson, Jan Stoffel, Bonnie Stromme

1. Call to Order by President Robyn Vinje

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem

Federation Collect

Federation Hymn

Invocation by Carole Flatau, Chaplain

Song of the Month Carole Flatau, Leader Alpha Roeszler, Accompanist

Daisy Bell

By the Light of the Silvery Moon

Introduction of Attendees

2. Secretary's Report

a. Minutes of the Spring Board meeting in Minot, May 4, 2017

Pat G. moved & Alpha R. seconded to approve minutes as corrected.

Motion carried.

b. Minutes of the State Convention, May 5 – 6, 2017

Carolyn N. moved & Kris B. seconded to approve minutes as corrected.

Motion carried.

3. Audit Committee Report – Carol Tschakert

a. Debbie Tight and Carol had a few questions as to nomenclature of certain funds.

PPA is Past President's Assembly and contributes to Young Artists Fund.

Junior Division Financial Report is under Chair's Expenses.

Carol T. moved that we accept the audit report. Mavis N. seconded. Motion carried.

4. Financial Reports – Kris Brugamyer, Treasurer

a. There is an additional \$4 for teachers who enrolled students in the Festival under another teacher's club.

b. The PPA contribution is \$ 1.00 to National and \$1.00 to State.

c. Carolyn N. relates that all Festival fees must be in the National office by June 1.

d. State convention Financial Report from May, 2017.

e. Carolyn N. reminded us that there is an additional \$200 available for Young Artists

(Sweeney Miller Award) from National.

There is also an additional \$100 available for accompanists from National for Young Artists.

f. NDFMC Financial Report for 06/01/17 through 09/15/17

g. National now accepts electronic checks – now it is optional. Next year it will be mandatory.

h. Reports filed for audit.

5. Announcements

a. NCR – Robyn reported that she and Alpha presented Frances Nelson a gift from the NCR for being their guest at their meeting in July. She shared the thank you note that she received from Frances.

b. Robyn passed around a roster for corrections.

- c. Several vacant board positions. Robyn asked for suggestions.
- d. Robyn asked everyone to fill out and send in the Scholarship Survey by February 1, 2018.
- e. Robyn asked everyone who had pictures from the State Convention to send them to Karen Bourne.
- f. Robyn passed out Awards of Merit from National Music Week.
- g. Robyn reported on our attempts to get the state college and universities to become Federated.
NDFMC pays the fee to National, and we don't pay anything to the State.

6. Continuing Business

- a. Selection process for new NDFMC scholarships (2 to IMC & 1 to JCSP).
Tim Baumann would like to be involved in the policy for this scholarship. Should it be need based or solely based on talent? Kris B. moved that she work with Tim Baumann from IMC to create a policy for scholarships to be completed no later than the Spring Board Meeting of 2018. Bonnie Stromme seconded. Motion carried.
- b. Bismarck Convention
Consensus for date is April 25, 26, & 27 of 2019.
No particular plans have been made. Deborah Freeman and Young Artists are also being considered as guests of the convention.
- c. NDFMC website – Carol Tschakert
New pages and documents:
Senior Clubs File.
Junior Awards File.
Dues Forms and Festival information is up.
Announcements page – ND people who have a national office or award are on this page.
Special dates for events and conventions.
Carol T. will add any information that is sent to her from any club in the state.
Alpha R. passed around the Fargo-Moorhead Area Music Club business cards and postcards she has made for promoting our club.
- d. Date for the Spring Board meeting
April 14, 2018 at Jamestown.

Break

7. New Business

- a. Proposed amendments to Standing Rules – Kris Brugamyer
Kris B. moved and Carole F. seconded that we approve all the changes that Kris proposed.
Motion carried. The Standing Rules, as amended, are attached to these minutes.

8. Reports

- a. *Prairie Rose News* - Pat Grantier will be publishing the *Prairie Rose News* from now on. She asks for interesting and appropriate content sent to her by email so she doesn't have to retype the articles. She suggests October 1st as a deadline with publication to be later in the fall. Her budget is \$1,500 for 4 issues over the duration of the biennium.
- b. Junior Composer Update – Carole F. relayed that Sharon has a very complete report in our material.
- c. Lana S. reported on the past State Convention in Minot this past May. Their club has around 30 members but only 4 people worked on the convention. They found 50 year members from the State Archives.
- d. National Convention Report – Carolyn Nelson
Many dates and deadlines have changed. She passed out a sheet of notes from the National office.
Interlude is the summer newsletter from National and it is downloadable from the website.
Carolyn N. encourages us to use the Young Artists for any of our programs if possible.

Her convention presentation on the finances of the National Federation is on the National website.
e. Kris B. mentioned that she is effectively the president of the St. Cecelia's Club and that they are hoping to place their scholarship money into the Heritage Foundation. (They now only have 50% of what they used to have in the Dickinson Foundation).

9. The Gift of Song – Alpha R. accompanied on piano

Jill Post, NDFMC Secretary