

NDFMC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Veteran's Memorial Library, Bismarck, ND

APRIL 25, 2019

Attendees: Robyn Vinje, Kris Brugamy, Carol Tschakert, Alpha Roeszler, Pat Grantier, Tim Baumann, Bonnie Stromme, Jill Post

Call to order

Robyn called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

Welcome and introduction of board members and guests

Minutes of September 29, 2018 board meeting – Jill Post

Carol had one typo correction. *Minutes were approved as read.*

IMC report – Tim Baumann

Tim thanked the Music Clubs of North Dakota for all the support over the years. Dorms and programs are starting to fill up.

NDFMC Scholarship - \$2000 available. We had decided that we would only provide up to 75% of the tuition. There were 6 applicants last year, so they received \$300 a piece. Tim brought extra applications for IMC to pass out to the board members.

Negotiations are ongoing with the Peace Garden. Parameters have been coming closer together, although there will still be a 25% to 30% raise in tuition.

There is a \$5,000,000 bill going through the legislature, with the same amount coming from Manitoba for upkeep of dorms and cactus gardens.

An award has been received for \$25,000 for re-leveling the adult faculty buildings. They were beginning to sag and were becoming unstable.

Arthur and Edith Pearson Foundation has given \$20,000 and \$10,000 for scholarship gifts. St. Joseph's Community Foundation has provided a \$2,500 matching gift. St. Cecelia's Club in Dickinson raised \$1,500 for the match. All but \$50 has been raised for that particular matching gift.

Carolyn Nelson and Tim Baumann discussed the program that lists donors from September 1 to June 1 in tiers. If NDFMC made our donation of \$1000 before June 1 our name would be listed at Federation Days in July, and we would get acknowledged for the gift.

IMC has around 30 International students from Norway, Sweden, Luxembourg, Honduras, Bosnia, Slovenia, Hong Kong, Kuwait, Lebanon, and Herzegovina. They get full scholarships for tuition, but they have to provide their own transportation.

IMC fees compared to others: \$575 to attend Shell Lake in Wisconsin; \$600 to \$650 for Blue Lake, MI; and \$1000 to \$2000 for a week at Interlochen.

The Middle School Art program is almost full.

Discussion of new state scholarships to IMC – Tim Baumann and Kris Brugamy

Two additions to the stock application: name of Music Teacher who must be a member of NDFMC, and they must be an NDFMC Junior Music Club member.

The policy for the ND Federation is that we give up to \$2000 to the camp. We give no more than up to 75% of the student's tuition. The camp has to figure out how much other help the student has received, and we give UP TO 75% of the total amount.

Budget Committee Report – Kris Brugamyer

Kris presented and explained her budget for our perusal before we vote on this tomorrow.

Student/Collegiate Club NDFMC Dues – NDSU and Minot State are both Federated colleges. Carolyn Nelson asked that they be set up as perpetual members, and NDFMC pays for their dues.

We will put “Federating colleges in the state” on our agenda for the Fall Board Meeting.

Nominating Committee Report – Eileen Geske

Still looking for Eastern VP position. Suggestion was made to call Evelyn Schafer from FMAMC. Robyn will call her tonight.

Effie Carr for State VP

Deb Eraas – VP for the West

Secretary – Jill Post

Treasurer – Kris Brugamyer

Duties for the VPs for East and West – visiting clubs, keeping up with progress of clubs, and helping with meetings if needed.

Convention Committee Report – Pat Grantier

They have been working hard for this convention. Their report is in the Bismarck Mandan Thursday Music Club report. Pat said that she thinks the whole convention will go great!

Items to be discussed at general business meeting tomorrow

Dates for biennial convention; by-laws and standing rules say “in spring” of odd-numbered years.

Possibly because Easter was so late this year Grand Forks, Minot, and Devils Lake representatives couldn't make this meeting because of so many musical conflicts. In 2021 Easter is April 4, so it might be OK to have it the third weekend of April. We will discuss it at the meeting tomorrow. Alpha will ask the presidents of the state clubs to check with symphonies around the state for the dates of their concerts.

Distribution of board meeting minutes between meetings; who needs them.

Minutes will go out to the executive board for corrections, and then after the corrections they will be sent to Carol for the website.

NDFMC website – change servers?

Carol has had trouble getting new pages put on the website. Sometimes she has waited a very long time to get a new page. Also, the NDFMC website is not user friendly. It's like a treasure hunt!

She is asking for input from members and any updates that need to be made. Kris and Michelle will keep working on Festival.

Umbrella policy for piano teachers in Junior Festival – Kris Brugamyer

Since 2001, teachers have been allowed to “umbrella” under other teachers’ clubs if it were found to be necessary. We need to encourage them to join instead. Since 2016, we have changed it to teachers need to pay \$10. Kris has realized that some teachers have only 2 to 5 students and pay the whole amount. Some teachers have up to 7 “umbrella-ing” under them. It doesn’t seem fair to those who pay the full amount that some get by just being under someone’s umbrella. There are no real policy rules on the website for this situation.

Pat moved that we form a committee to amend the policy including Michelle Kallod, and at least two teachers who have students in the Jr. Festival with Kris as chair. Alpha seconded. Approved. Joann Herman (Jamestown) could be asked.

We will talk about this tomorrow.

Devils Lake has a small Festival. We reimbursed their judge only \$77 for hotel and honorarium. Devils Lake is asking for \$90 for the hotel now, since it is difficult to get a decent hotel room for less.

New Standing Rule: Kris moved that the judges’ hotel compensation will now be the current Standing Government rate for hotel rooms. Pat seconded. Approved. Kris will have the proposed rule change for the Fall Board Meeting.

Remuneration for Junior Festival personnel?

The unanimous opinion was that we want to keep all our Federation duties as volunteer opportunities.

Remuneration for some officers?

The consensus was that we all joined as volunteers, and we want to keep our club as a volunteer organization.

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Post
Secretary NDFMC