

**NDFMC CONVENTION BUSINESS MEETING
Ramada Inn, Bismarck**

APRIL 26, 2019

Attendees: Kris Brugamy, Sally Nordlie, Elaine Einerson, Glenna Leedahl, Alpha Roeszler, Carol Tschakert, Carma Kulish, Eileen Geske, Mary Leaf Schneider, Lois Swenson, Effie Carr, Gareth Faye, Mary Hoberg, Bonnie Stromme, Pat Grantier, Denise Anderson, Jill Post, Robyn Vinje, Carolyn Nelson, Gil Nelson, Teri Fay

9:00 AM – Business Session 1

Call to order

Robyn called us to order and announced that it is the 100th birthday of our state federation.

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem

Federation Collect

Federation Hymn

Introduction of all attendees

Welcome and presentation of Official Convention Program – Pat Grantier

Pat called attention to the booklet that is dedicated to Carole Flatau.

Acceptance of Official Convention Program – Robyn Vinje, President

Report of Credentials Committee

All life members get 1 vote. (Bismarck has 4, Grand Forks has 2, Fargo has 3, Dickinson has 1)

All state board members may vote.

All club presidents and 6 members from each board may vote.

There are 14 voting members present as of now.

Introduction of Guests and convention committees – Pat

Convention committee was introduced: Eileen, Mary, Gareth, Pat, Lois, Denise, Effie, (Teri missing...driving our Young Artist around)

Guests Don Geske, Marion Goetz, and Mary Leaf Schneider were introduced.

Piano music by Mary Leaf Schneider

“Spindrift” was inspired by the ocean spray on the Oregon coast.

“Fantasy on the Plains” was inspired by her newest grandson who may some day be a little cowboy.

“Enchanted Wood” was inspired by Harry Potter.

Her publisher is F. J. H. Publisher from Fort Lauderdale.

Pat played Mary’s “Merlin’s Vision” at her granddaughter’s wedding at the National Cathedral.

Mary has also written a piece for bagpipes, voice, and horn.

Minutes of June 2017 NDFMC Conventiion – Jill Post, secretary

Pat Grantier moved that the minutes be approved. Kris seconded the motion. Approved.

Financial Report – Kris Brugamy, treasurer

Membership Report -- There are 2 Federated Colleges in the state: Minot State University and NDSU. We pay their National dues.

Junior Clubs – There are 5 fewer this year.

Total Membership is 2,280 – down from 2,341 in 2017 - 2018.

Junior members: 1,929 from last time down to 1,826 this year.

ONP = Outgoing National President

PPA = Past President's Fund. There is one for state and one for National.

Financial Report for 2017-18

We are in the black \$937.86.

We gave 6 scholarships for \$300 for IMC - from the excess in Junior Division
Financial Report for 2018 – 2019.

We received \$3,660.50 from dues.

The amount that goes to the National Federation for the Festival is \$1.50 per student.

IMC Camp Scholarships haven't been awarded yet.

Students are charged \$14 all across the state for the Festival. Per entry the average cost per student is \$10.34 for the whole state.

Total income from the Festival in 2017 – 2018 was \$31,336.

Total expenses were \$36,088.61, so we are \$4,752.61 in the red.

Total income from the Festival in 2018 - 2019 was \$28,734.00.

Total expenses was \$25,246.80. The financial picture is still incomplete, but we will go in the hole less than last year.

Budget Committee Report - Proposed Budget

Proposed budget is \$8,800.00, down from \$8,900.00 from the previous two years.

Break

Nominating Committee Report – Eileen Geske

After having made many contacts, the committee is still looking for someone to be the Eastern Vice President.

Slate of Officers – Pat Grantier

Alpha Roeszler - President

Effie Carr – Vice President

Deb Eraas – Western Vice President

? – Eastern Vice President

Jill Post – secretary

Kris Brugamy – treasurer

Convention Committee Report – Pat Grantier

Pat thanked everyone for coming. There are 22 total attendees, and 23 with our Young Artist.

Continuing Business

Dates for biennial convention “in spring of odd-numbered years”

Many events are going on in April that may conflict with the next convention. The Fargo club will contact the other clubs to see when symphony concerts will be occurring so we won't have conflicts like this year for the next convention.

Update on new IMC state scholarships – Kris Brugamyer

Two years ago Tim Baumann volunteered that the IMC staff would be willing to choose the scholarship recipients.

The policy shall give no more than \$2000 per year. They are giving no more than 75% of the total cost. Last year 6 students each received \$300. These scholarships come from the money in the Junior Division Fund. The scholarships are awarded on a need basis. The application deadline is May 3, 2019. Application forms are on the IMC website.

If a student wants to join a club, but is not a piano student under some NDFMC member, he or she can become a student member for \$13. We need to make teachers who are members of NDFMC aware of these scholarships for IMC.

Kris will write an article for the newsletter in the fall about these scholarships.

We need to make a system for promoting these scholarships for the Fall meeting.

New Business

Distribution of secretary's minutes of meetings; who needs them and when.

We will get them distributed to the executive board for corrections within a week or two. After corrections they will be sent to the website.

An email will be sent around to all members that they are on the web.

NDFMC website; change servers?

Carol Tschakert gave a report on the website. Gordy Maier asked her to take over the website four years ago. Carol can add data, but she cannot add a page. Adding a page sometimes takes a very long time. She asked each club to send her information about their club. There was further discussion about the website, but no specific decisions were made.

Umbrella policy for piano teachers in Junior Festival – Kris Brugamyer

Kris explained the discussion we had at the board meeting:

(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.

Break for Lunch

Rhapsody, the delightful women's chorus from the Bismarck/Mandan club, performed during lunch. A gift was given to Kris for her first 20 years of service as treasurer! Gil and Carolyn Nelson were celebrating 60 years of marriage. Teri Fay gave a short, enlightening presentation on events happening one hundred years ago in 1919.

Remuneration for Junior Festival personnel

Robyn announced that some states pay their Festival workers. Discussion ensued about paying our volunteer workers. The board's unanimous decision was that we should keep this organization as a volunteer organization. It is legal to reimburse for expenses for Festival, but the extra work involved in paying people would make so much more work for the treasurer. It also would make for a slippery slope as to who gets paid and who doesn't.

Pat Grantier moved that we remain a volunteer organization, a status that we have maintained over a hundred years. Carma seconded. Approved

Remuneration for some officers

Our unanimous conclusion was just made clear in the last discussion.

Oral reports by NDFMC officers

Budget Review and Vote to Approve – Kris Brugamy

Kris had some corrections to add to the budget proposal.

Under **EXPENSES/NCR Travel: President**, add "or alternate."

Under **EXPENSES/NCR Travel: Past State President**, add "or alternate."

Under **EXPENSES/NCR Travel: State Representative**, add "or alternate."

Kris moved that we adopt the Budget as amended. Motion carried. Budget was approved.

The hotel allotment is now \$77 for judges to stay overnight for the Festival in Devils Lake. At the board meeting, Kris asked for the standing rule to be changed to "hotel up to the current government rate."

The vote for the slate of officers was unanimous by paper ballot.

Alpha Roeszler - President

Effie Carr – VP

Deb Eraas – Western VP

No candidate at this time – Eastern VP

Jill Post – Secretary

Kris Brugamy – Treasurer

(Duties for Western VP and Eastern VP are: to be a conduit between clubs in their district and the board)

Alpha Roeszler invited us to attend the State Convention some time in the spring of 2021.

National guest Carolyn Nelson - presentation on NFMC Finance

As a reminder: Out of all our dues, \$6 from each member goes to the National Federation. The State Federation gets \$8. \$1.00 out of our national dues is for Founders Day Pennies.

There are 110 scholarships available. Some scholarships go to multiple students. Our NFMC budget is \$382,000 a year.

The Powerpoint presentation and text that goes along with it are on the NFMC website.

This whole presentation was very informative.

Announcements

Carolyn's address in the roster needs to be changed: 305 should be 350.

Also Alpha's phone number in a few places on the roster is wrong. Should be 701-799-2465 for cell. 701-234-9449 for home.

Alpha discussed reports due for jazz, folk music, Together We Sing, Music in Poetry for Regional, Senior Club annual summary.

Choral Report award is \$100.

Carolyn will make a list of club awards for the Fall Newsletter.

Our State Fall Board Meeting is tentatively set for Saturday, September 28, 2019.

Pat asked that we send events into the Newsletter along with pictures!

The Gift of Song was sung acappella.

Meeting is adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Post, NDFMC Secretary

Addendum: After the meeting had concluded, Elaine Einarson and Glenna Leedahh volunteered to be the Co-Vice Presidents for the Eastern District. These will be voted on by the board at the fall meeting.