

NORTH DAKOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

Spring Board Meeting

Saturday, April 24, 2021

1:00 pm

Virtual Zoom Platform

NDFMC Attendees:

Alpha Roeszler, Kris Brugamy, Effie Carr, Robyn Vinje, Tim Baumann, Denise Anderson, Pat Grantier, Ann Holman, Jan Nelson, Carol Tschakert, Carolyn Nelson, Bonnie Stromme, Jill Post, Elaine Einarson (by phone)

Approval of Minutes of September 2019

The amended minutes had been sent to all members of the board. Kris moved that we accept the minutes as amended. Carolyn seconded. Approved.

Approval of Executive Committee to give \$50 bonus to Jr. Composer judge

Kris explained that in February the Junior Composer judge had to deal with several technical issues and was such a good sport that Sharon Westbrook wanted to give him an extra \$50. The decision had been approved by the executive committee by email. Pat moved and Robyn seconded to approve the executive committee's decision. Approved.

NFMC updates - Carolyn

The website was down for a while during a time that several entry fees were due. This caused a bit of consternation. Our national membership has decreased causing a \$15,000 impact on the budget. There were 37 entries for the Young Artist awards, but many of the other awards had none or very few entries. Next year's national meeting will be in Indianapolis. NDSU did not renew their membership this year, but we will try to make a contact this year and get UND to renew as well.

Financial Reports - Kris Brugamy

Membership

We were down 1 Student/Collegiate Club and down 10 Junior Clubs. There were no clubs that were umbrellaed this past year.

Total Senior Club Members this year – 278, down from 338 last year.

Total Student/Collegiate Club members this year – 78, down from 1,230 last year. (Colleges didn't renew their membership.)

Total Membership in 2020 – 2021 is 1,660 compared to 3,314 last year primarily due to the lack of college membership

Financial Report

We collected \$2,925.50 this year which was around \$300 less than last year because of decreased membership. Our CD came due this year making our total interest \$1,920.51 compared to \$61.00 last year which was only from savings and checking accounts.

Overall Budget Change was \$4,217.98 to the positive.

Partial NDFMC Jr. Division Financial Report

Total Income this year was \$19,668.00 and total expenses was \$24,468.26. The change was down \$4,800.26.

IMC Update - Tim Baumann

Plans for International Music Camp are completed for this summer. The camp will be offering digital IMC at home, with the added possibility of zoom lessons that can be either weekly or biweekly. A new contribution this year is IMC On The Road. It will be a series of day camps for concert band offered at three sites: Fargo, Grand Forks, and Bismarck. There will be two camps at each site for both middle school and high school.

There will be no residential camping this year since the Canadian border is still closed, and about 40% of the campers and faculty are Canadian. Also, the recommendations from the CDC and North Dakota Smart Restart were not favorable to having a congregant camping experience. The range for fees for all these offerings is \$20 to \$250.

The camp will be hosting some cleaning and maintaining days later on, with volunteers able to stay at the camp with food service, but the dates are not set yet.

NDFMC is able to award up to \$2,000 to the camp in scholarships. Kris and Tim will have a conversation later on to determine how we can award that amount to the camp.

Junior Composer Updates – Report from Sharon Wesbrook who could not attend today.

Junior Composer Institute

Sharon reports that JCI will not be held in Minneapolis this year but will be at the University of Wisconsin River Falls. The two reasons are the construction happening around the University of Minnesota and the trials of police officers involved in the killing of George Floyd. The JCI will be run concurrently with COI online program. The residential program will be for one week only. The fee for the residential camp is \$1,200 and the online program is \$800. The Evelyn Sampson Award can be used for either camp.

Ann Holman brought up the possibility of helping to get scholarship money for their composer's camp in Williston. They will wait a year or two to see if the region or the state will recognize them and be able to help with scholarship awards.

Alpha read a letter from Kris concerning the Junior Composers.

Judge's Fees and Entry Fees

Sharon will not be continuing as chair. Kris will take over as interim chair since she already takes care of the monetary part. Sharon will secure the judges for the contest.

Kris made a motion to change the Junior Composer Contest judge's fee from \$100 to \$150 starting in 2022. Pat seconded. Approved.

Kris made a motion to change the entry fees for Junior Composer Contest from a tiered version of \$15, \$17, and \$20 to a single entry fee of \$25 per student regardless of class. This will leave \$17 for our budget. Ann seconded the motion. Approved.

Junior Festival Update - Effie Carr

Total students participating this year in the State Junior Festival was 1,262 (not counting Valley City who has not held theirs yet). Numbers were down quite a bit from Fargo, Grand Forks, and Minot. All the other information is in her report.

Effie received a note from Mary Wescott from National saying that they want to honor students who have received the President's Cup and Grand Cup by highlighting them in the Junior Keynotes magazine. The deadline for sending in names for the article is May 15.

Effie has started working with Vivace software for reporting and organizing Festival information. She is encouraging everyone to use it since once it's loaded it will make reporting so much easier.

Gold Cup Reports - Bonnie Stromme

A total of 303 Gold Cups were awarded for the Junior competition, 1 President Cup and 1 Grand Cup in Bismarck, and 1 Grand Cup was awarded in Grand Forks. One more student will be auditioning the last week of April in Fargo.

The COVID waiver was discussed, and most experts agreed it wasn't valid.

Extension of State officers until the next State Convention

Kris read the section of our bylaws that stipulated that we remain in our office until the next election which will be at the State Convention in 2023.

Decision of dates for NDFMC Convention in Fargo

We had to cancel the 2021 convention in Fargo since COVID was still active and the church where we were planning to meet was closed through the end of May. Other venues were not viable.

Robyn moved that we have the next State Convention in Fargo in 2023, keeping it in the odd year as our bylaws required. Kris seconded. Approved.

Prairie Rose Notes - Pat Grantier

Effie Carr has been doing the technical part of the Prairie Rose Notes, and that has made Pat's job so much easier and enjoyable. Pat receives several other newsletters from other states. She suggests that it would be more economical to send our newsletter out entirely by email. More color pictures could be added without the cost of expensive printing and postage. She usually has 80 copies printed, but sends out around 65. She made the suggestion that each club president or other designated officer could make the few copies needed to send to those without email. There would be no expense for NDFMC if we followed this proposal. Kris has a data base for all the email of our members. We are leaving it up to Pat and Effie to decide how they want to continue. Pat will be working on the next issue before she moves.

Audit Committee – Carol Tschakert

Carol will set up a committee to audit the treasurer's books in August

State Web Site – Carol Tschakert

We had lost our web host last summer. Carol has researched some other state and regions' websites. She found that the Wisconsin State Music Club's website was hosted by WordPress, and she is now looking at that digital platform for our website. She believes we should use it on the web rather than downloading the software and finding someone else to host it. The Premium version would be the best for our needs, and the price is \$96 a year. Carol is now exploring themes that she can use, and she has been experimenting at adding pages and content. Carol will make sure that we can keep NDFMC as our domain name. The Premium version will give us 30 gigabytes of data. Carol can pay the fee with her credit card, and Kris can reimburse her. Jill moved that Carol engage Word Press so she can start working on our website. Bonnie seconded. Approved.

Amending Standing Rules – Kris

These Standing Rules with the changes will be sent along with the minutes.

- Page 2 – 3 Kris moved that corrections be made. Carol seconded. Approved
Pat wondered if Festival and Cup chairmen shouldn't also get a subscription to Junior Keynotes. We can talk about it in the fall.
- Page 3 Kris moved that we make these corrections. Jill seconded. Approved.
- Page 4 Kris moved to make corrections. Effie seconded. Approved.
- Page 6 Kris moved to make corrections and Pat seconded. Discussion ensued.
Approved.
- Page 9 Kris moved to make corrections and Carol seconded. Approved.
There is one more paragraph that didn't get in the Standing Rules that has already been approved. We will also be changing the judge's fee to \$150.

Carol Flatau Memorial Fund

We discussed whether or not to set up a fund in memory of Carol Flatau. Fargo has already set up a scholarship fund in memory of her. Discussion will continue in the fall.

Fall Board Meeting

Alpha brought up the fall board meeting and whether to have it in person or by zoom. We decided to wait and see what happens with the pandemic before making any decision.

Club Reports

Alpha praised all the presidents' reports illustrating all the clever ideas that the various clubs came up with throughout the year.

Denise suggested we amend the schedules in the Standing Rules for the State Conventions and Federation Days for International Music Camp in the fall. Kris made a motion that those two schedules be moved down two years. Robyn seconded. Approved.

Alpha mentioned that the Williston club is having their hundredth anniversary this year. The NDFMC will be sending their club \$100.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Jill Post, NDFMC Secretary