

NORTH DAKOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

Fall board Meeting

Saturday, September 25, 2021

1:00

Virtual Zoom Platform

Roll Call: Alpha Roeszler, Robyn Vinje, Bonnie Stromme, Carol Tschakert, Kris Brugamy, Carolyn Nelson, Jill Post, Tim Baumann, Carma Kulish, Elaine Einerson, Deb Eraas, Effie Carr, Denise Anderson, Glenna Leedah, Ann Holman

IMC report - Tim Baumann

This past summer there were two tracks for IMC: IMC online (or from home) and IMC on the Road. They had people participating online from all over the country. The Andrist Family Trust covered most of the expenses for IMC on the Road. They ran programs in Minot, Bismarck, and Fargo. Due to low enrollment because of several conflicts the Grand Forks program was cancelled. Music departments from universities in all three cities participated and helped immensely.

After a long board meeting this past week they have decided to have in person camping this coming summer.

Tim and Christine have been going up to the camp about once a week to take care of maintenance around the camp to be ready for next summer.

Minutes of the Spring Board Meeting - Jill Post

Minutes were shared. Carol Tschakert moved and Denise seconded to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved.

Audit Report - Carol Tschakert

Carol went through the financial records that Kris sent. Only two mistakes were found and they were small ones that were corrected immediately.

Kris read the report from Carol which was very complimentary of all of Kris' work.

Robyn moved and Bonnie seconded that we approve the audit report. Motion passed.

Financial Report - Kris Brugamy

Total dues 06/01/20 through 05/31/21 were \$2,925.50. Expenses were very low for the board since we did not travel this year. Budget change for the year to the good is \$3,996.28.

On the Festival side we had a loss of \$7,466.00 since we had fewer participants but the same amount of expenses.

We ended up with \$75,191.33 at the end of the fiscal year which was a change of minus \$3,769.72 at the end of the year.

The Stillman Kelley Competition line item is not necessary anymore according to Carolyn. Carolyn suggested that we combine the Young Artists/Student Auditions Fund and the Stillman Kelley Competition Fund and call it the Student/Collegiate Young Artists Assistant Fund. Kris moved that we table the discussion to the spring meeting. Carolyn seconded. Motion passed.

Junior Division Financial Report – Kris Brugamy

Registration was down quite a bit this last year. But our fees are in line with the cost per student to run the Festivals.

Our total expenses were \$28,176.25 for a net loss of \$7,706.00.

NDFMC Financial Report for 06/01/21 through 09/24/21

Our total assets as of 09/24/21 is \$74,999.78 with an overall change of minus \$191.55.

Old Business

Carole Flatau Memorial Fund – There has been no more memorial money collected for Carole. There will probably not be any more money coming in from the family. We discussed ways of memorializing Carole in the state. The Fargo club has a scholarship set up in memory of her. Kris suggested and moved that we give \$1,000 from our budget carry over to give as a memorial to the Flatau family in honor of the importance Carole was for our organization. Robyn seconded. Motion passed.

Junior Composer report - Sharon Wesbrook (absent)

Sharon and Kris will take care of the Junior Composer contest together. Kris will take care of the financial part, and Sharon will deal with finding the judges.

Sharon received an email from Pat Steege informing her that they applied for the American Music Award from JCSP, and they won an award of \$500.

Jill noted that our recent national junior composer winner, Tim Gillium, was on MPR a few weeks ago as a co-host, and his fabulous composition was also played over the airwaves. He was very appreciative to the National Federation for his award.

2021-2022 roster - refer to copy for corrections as well as additions

Alpha went through the roster for 2021-2022, and we made some email and address corrections. Several of Pat Grantier's positions need to be filled, but she will remain as the chair of the NDFMC Evelyn Sampson Award.

Prairie Rose Notes - Effie Carr

We need a new volunteer editor. Discussion ensued about a few possible people to take this position over. Jill and Alpha finally volunteered to do one as a trial before deciding to take it permanently. Copies will be sent by email to each club president, and the president will be responsible for sending it along to all her members. If a member doesn't have an email address, the newsletter will be printed out and mailed by each president.

Junior Composer Report – Sharon Wesbrook's report

This past summer the JCSP was held at the University of Wisconsin. The facilities were wonderful. This past year 15 students participated in person and 4 online.

Evelyn Sampson issue - Pat Grantier

Discussion began, but since Pat was unable to attend today, Kris moved that we table the discussion to the spring meeting. Robyn seconded. Motion passed.

Junior Festival update - Effie Carr

Right now they are just collecting information on how many students will be participating, and when and where the Festivals will be occurring. They are using Vivace online for the application forms. Deb Eraas and Effie Carr reported that they each had held their Festivals in person.

Gold Cup report - Bonnie Stromme

A total of 333 cups were awarded this past year which included two Grand Cups and one President's Cup.

Historian report - Carma Kulish

Carma reminded us that each club is responsible for its own history. The state historian is not the historian for each separate club. There is apparently no scrapbook for the NDFMC. The archives have some material from the state. However, Carolyn reported that she received a call from the archives saying they had duplicates and other documents that they couldn't keep, and wondered what should they do with them. She thinks they were discarded. Carma had given a good report on the history of the state club at the Bismarck convention, and Alpha asked Carma to make a written report that could eventually be put up on the new website.

State Web Site - Carol Tschakert

Carol has picked out a theme and has a site that is paid for but is having trouble getting it going.

NCR Report - Robyn Vinje

The North Central Region met via zoom on July 23 this past summer. Mary Wescott who is the chair of the region's Festivals reported that attendance had decreased by 30% this past year. Robyn has asked to be relieved of the position of chair of Schools and Colleges. Cheryl Schmidt will be the new chair. Lucinda Lear is the new national chair of Schools and Colleges. She feels that the college music departments don't need to be federated. The students could be individual members. Robyn, along with Cheryl, will check with other club presidents in the state to get their opinions on whether the college music departments should be federated.

National is discussing ways of cutting back some programs and streamlining the board by making the state presidents be the representative to the board.

NFMC updates - Carolyn Nelson

The National office is reorganizing. Jennifer Griffin is full time. The other two employees are part time. They are hoping to make these two positions into one full time assistant position.

Overtones, Junior Keynotes, and Together We Sing have had problems with the print company, but should be back out by next week.

The National Senior Clubs rating didn't have North Dakota's numbers included. There were several communication problems in dealing with the people in charge since both Alpha and Kris did their part in sending their reports in.

Carolyn was appointed the chair of the reorganization committee this past week. She thinks a board of 63 is unnecessary and unwieldy. She is looking for ideas to improve the National organization.

Tuition for IMC is now \$600 for Early Bird.

NFMC 2022 Conference updates

The convention will be in Indianapolis this summer. The information should be online soon. In the spring we will discuss how much we can help people go to the National convention.

The manual for this year is still not on the website. It's hard to keep everything updated and communicating to everyone when those updates come in.

The 2023 North Dakota Convention

Kris made a motion that we pursue the NFMC Ellis Young Artists winners and national guest Sara Twedt for our convention in Fargo in the spring of 2023. Bonnie seconded. Motion passed.

Review of Club Reports

Kris will be writing a check to the St. Cecilia Club for \$100 in honor of their centennial. Deb Erasas will be sending two copies of their yearbook to Alpha to send in to National. Deb wondered who to contact if she wanted to visit the Williston club. It would be Ann Holman.

Members who have died recently (spelling of names?)

Dickinson - Rowing Holzing

Bismarck - June Skuza, Carol Samuelson, Sonby Sammens, Albert Lansburger

Grand Forks - Rose Raymond, Clione Strinden, Mischief Sherwood, Gretchen Ryan,

Maymory Blackmore, Esther Lee, Delores Commens, Karen Bendy

Fargo – Vivian Acuff, Carole Flatau

These names should be sent into the memorials chair for the Fargo convention. Eileen Geske will be putting the memorial service together.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Post, Secretary