

**MINNESOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS**  
**Spring All Member State Meeting Agenda**  
**Calvary Lutheran Church, Willmar, MN**  
**April 18, 2009**

**9:00 a.m. Registration/Coffee**

**10:00 a.m. Business Meeting**

Vice President Pat Steege called the meeting to order. The Federation Collect was read. Those present were asked to sign the attendance sheet.

**Members Present:**

**Apple Valley MTA:** Pat Steege, Sarah Twedt; **Burnsville Area MTA:** Kathy Wilson;  
**Central Lakes MC:** Karen Sue Erickson; **Encore MC:** Heather Hahn; **Hibbing Musicale:**  
 Nadine Berg, Mary Angela Strasser, Walter Strasser; **Keyboard Southwest:** Carol Mattison;  
**Music Southwest:** Stacey Voit; **North Suburban:** Gloria Kroeger; **Renville County Club 88:**  
 Dale Degner, Gwen Degner; **Tuesday MC:** Carolyn Engstrand, Jane Jensen, Joan Lundgren, Sue  
 Ulfeng; **West Central MTC:** Joanne Halvorson, Georgia Hanson, Peggy Karsten, Su Michelson,  
 Cheryl Schmidt, Sharon Willen.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Gwen Degner presented the minutes of the meeting of August 13, 2008. Deanna Andersen and Marianne Nold should be listed as members of the North Suburban Music Club. The minutes were placed on file as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Nadine Berg presented the treasurer's report which was placed on file.

**MFMC Membership:** There was no report from Mary Westcott, Chair.

**Correspondence:** There was none.

**Condolences** were expressed to Karen Erickson and Sue Ulfeng on the recent loss of their husbands.

**Old Business:**

Kathy Wilson moved that MFMC increase the festival fee paid by the student by \$1.00 per student per event bringing the total to \$5.00. Dale Degner seconded the motion. Kathy amended the motion to add that the current MFMC subsidy of \$.50 be reevaluated at the Spring 2010 meeting. Motion carried as amended.

## **New Business:**

2009 North Central Region Days will be held July 10 and 11, in Minneapolis at Augsburg College in conjunction with the Junior Composers Institute. The NCR Board meeting will be held on Friday, July 10th. NCR board members will then attend the final recital of the students' original compositions on Saturday morning, July 11th. All teachers in the North Central Region are welcome to attend NCR days.

Cheryl Schmidt moved that we give Calvary Lutheran \$150 for hosting our meeting today. Walt Strasser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The nominating committee of Cheryl Schmidt, Kathy Wilson, and Stacey Voit will present a slate of officers at August convention.

Cheryl Schmidt moved that MFMC create an MFMC Adult Festival Club with dues of \$3. Walt Strasser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Junior Division:**

Festivals: Cora Barr, Chair, was absent. Cora is stepping down from this position, so a new chair is needed.

Gold Cup: Barb Thompson, Chair, was absent.

International Music Camp Summer Scholarships Mary Angela Strasser reported that there were three applicants. She moved that flutist Michelle Bromschwig and vocalist Ariana Groen be funded for a week of study at the IMC. Jane Jensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Junior Composer Contest: Pat Steege, Chair, reported that there were 21 entrants, 7 of whom advanced to regional judging. Winners were Allison Eide, Madeline Oines, Rachel Pompa, Christopher Neiner, Brenden Ying, Jared Hoeft, and Kate Meyer.

Jared Hoeft and Christopher Neiner have advanced to the national competition.

Junior Composer Institute Scholarships: Pat Steege, Chair, reported that the Junior Composers Institute will be held at Augsburg College, Minneapolis. This year the focus will be on composing vocal music. Jared Hoeft, Kate Meyer, and Christopher Neiner, will each receive scholarships in the amount of \$400.

Peggy Karsten moved that Graeme Shields receive the fourth scholarship in the amount of \$400. Cheryl Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

In conjunction with JCI, there will be a teacher workshop, "Teaching Teachers How to Teach Composing," on July 11.

Junior Disability Award: Cheryl Schmidt, Chair, reported that there were no applicants.

Minnesota Music Scholarships for Challenged Students: Cheryl Schmidt, Chair, reported that there were no applicants.

MFMC Insurance Coordinator: Kathy Wilson reported that she would like to hand the job to someone else.

Junior Festival: Mary Angela Strasser reported that the newest festival took place in Rochester this year. She will gladly help anyone who wants to establish a new site.

Logowear Pat Steege reported for Carolyn Axt. 200 items were sold. Carolyn is willing to continue to serve as logowear chair.

### **Student/Collegiate Division:**

2008 State Student Auditions: Liz Raihala, Chair, was absent. Nadine reported that the 2008 winner was Allison Buivid. A replacement is needed to fill Liz's position.

Georgia Chapman Piano Study Award: Mary Angela Strasser reported for Sheila Shusterich, chair. There were two requests for funding, a new applicant and a previous recipient of the award. Sheila recommends that the new request be funded in the amount of \$600, and would like discussion about giving the award to a student more than once.

Walt Strasser moved that we limit eligibility for the scholarship to no more than two times. Peggy Karsten seconded motion. Motion carried.

Mary Angela moved that we award the scholarship to both the new applicant and the returning student. Peggy Karstens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Senior Division:**

Historian: Cheryl Schmidt, Chair, reported that she has compiled biographical information about Virginia Kendrick. Her photo and biography are posted on our website. She continues to assemble and review MFMC historical information. Her goal is to include MFMC history in the state library system.

Opera Report: There was no report from Roy and Nadine Berg, Chairs.

Arts Advocacy: Sarah Twedt, Chair, reported on current arts issues in the Minnesota legislature, and encouraged members to contact their legislators. She distributed arts advocacy packets. Senior Club Reports are due May 15 to Sarah.

Sarah will show a video of the Nancy Hanks Lecture by Wynton Marsalis, "The Ballad of the American Arts," in her home. Sarah was privileged to attend the lecture at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, which was given as part of Arts of Advocacy Day.

Recommended web resources include: [www.Americansforthearts.org](http://www.Americansforthearts.org), [mncitizensforthearts.org](http://mncitizensforthearts.org), [VH1savethemusic.com](http://VH1savethemusic.com), [supportmusic.com](http://supportmusic.com), and <http://www.musiccouncil.org/>.

Rose Zygmanski Teacher Trust Grants: Karen Erickson, Chair, reported that there were no applications.

Parade of American Music: Kathy Wilson, Chair, had no report.

Adult Composer's Critique: Betty Olson, Chair, was absent. Sarah Twedt reported that there was one entrant.

Half Notes Newsletter and Web Site: Pat Steege reported for Louise Lundin, Editor. The deadline for the next Half Notes (to be mailed June 15) is April 30. Submissions to Half Notes and changes for the website should be sent to Pat Steege.

Music in Poetry : There was no report from Verna Patrick, Chair.

### **Announcements:**

2009 National Music Week: May 3-10, 2009 – 86th annual observance – Music...Poetry of the Heart

### **Future Meeting Dates:**

2009 NFMC Biennial Convention: June 1-7, 2009 – Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, FL.

2009 MFMC State Convention: Alexandria MN – August 12-13, 2009 – Calvary Lutheran Church. Karen Sue Erickson shared plans for this convention. There will be an Honors Recital on Wednesday and meetings on Thursday.

2010 NFMC Fall Session: August 3-8, 2010 – Pittsburgh, PA.

### **11:50 a.m. Musical Interlude**

Jared Hoeft "Flight"  
Christopher Neiner, "Variations on an Original Theme in E"

### **12:00 Noon Luncheon**

Submitted by Gwen Degner, MFMC Secretary