

MINNESOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

Summer All Member State Meeting Minutes
MFMC 55th Biennial Convention
Saint Mary's Catholic Church --- Willmar, MN
Tuesday, August 9, 2011

Call to Order:

President Pat Steege called the meeting to order at 9:20 and introduced the current officers in attendance. The Federation Collect was read.

Kathy Wilson led us in singing the August song from the official NFMC songbook, **Together We Sing**, "Clementine." She encouraged clubs to make singing a part of every official meeting and, if they haven't already done so, to purchase copies of **Together We Sing** (latest edition now available on website – \$1.25 each) and use them!

Members Present:

Apple Valley MTA – Pat Steege, Sarah Twedt; **Burnsville Area MTA** – Peggy Skrogstad, Kathy Wilson; **Central Lakes MC** – Dawn Carlson, Karen Sue Erickson, Mercedes Hagen; **Chain of Lakes Music Club** – Sharon Kaplan; **Encore Music Club** – Nichole Jensen; **Great River Music Club** – Heidi Hansen, Ann Oleksowicz; **Hibbing Musicale** – Nadine Berg, Roy Berg; **Itasca Music Club** – Gwen Degner; Music **Southwest** – Anna Jean Flesner, Dana Funk, Mary Kaye Rabaey, Stacey Voit; **North Suburban Music Club** – Jackie Schaefer; **Renville County Club 88** – Rebecca Heerd; **South Suburban MTA** – Mary Wescott; **Southeast Minnesota Federation MC** – Zoe Abrahamson; **Thief River Falls Music Club** – Kristi LaSalle; **Tuesday Music Club of Minneapolis** – Sue Ulfeng, Ruth Wollenberg; **West Central Music Teachers Club** – Jill Fry. . . Reanna Gislason, Nancy Hall, Peggy Karsten, Sue Michelson, Cheryl Schmidt, Christine Schneider, Sharon Willen, Judy Zylstra; **Willmar Musicale** – Daphne Evenson, Linda Hanson, Verna Patrick, Mary Pieh, Myra Quale

Secretary's Report: Secretary Mary Kaye Rabaey presented the minutes of the previous meeting on May 7, 2011. The minutes were approved and placed on file.

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

It was also announced that, as of this morning, Peggy Skrogstad has agreed to succeed Nadine as MFMC State Treasurer. Nadine will remain in her official position for one more year, working closely with Peggy to prepare for a transfer of duties in August of 2012.

Pat then called attention to the current high balance in the club checking account and suggested that a small committee be formed to generate ideas for using some of this money to establish a grant to assist music organizations presenting a financial need. In addition to Pat and Nadine, Rebecca Heerdt and Kathy Wilson agreed to be a part of the committee.

Correspondence: Mary Kaye read “Thank You” notes from each of the Junior Composers Summer Camp scholarship winners: Luke Gion, Chris Neiner, Dylan Perese, Rachel Pompa and Andy Troska.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Election of Officers – Mary Wescott explained the (frustrating --- accompanying hand-out offers some “food for thought”) process of recruiting volunteers to fill the officer positions and presented the following list:

President --- Pat Steege
1st Vice-President --- Stacey Voit
2nd Vice-President --- Mary Wescott
Secretary --- Mary Kaye Rabaey
Treasurer --- Peggy Skrogstad
National Board Representative – Sarah Twedt
Historian – Cheryl Schmidt

Peggy Karsten made a motion for a “white” ballot, Sharon Kaplan seconded. Motion carried.

Report from National Convention – Pat and Sarah Twedt attended the NFMC Biennial Convention in McLean, VA on June 6-12. A hand-out highlighting some of the events was provided. Several questions were raised regarding festival registrations and reports for next year; Sarah explained what the national office wants to see happen in this regard but until an official directive is sent, everyone should continue with the old process. Mary Wescott added that it can’t hurt to start collecting students’ middle names and birthdays now.

Committee Reports:

Adult Composers’ Critique: Betty Olson, Chair, strongly encouraged members to participate in this event. There was only one 2011 entry, “*Hot-Diggity Dog*” by Marica Benson and Heidi Hansen; they received \$100.00. The Virginia Kendrick scholarship fund supports the monetary award given to the winner. Any amateur composer, at least 18 years of age or older, submitting material for this competition will receive feedback and advice on how to improve from expert judges. One need not be an MFMC member to participate.

Arts Advocacy: Sarah Twedt, Chair, distributed an arts advocacy survey (yellow sheet) that she would like every club president to discuss, complete and return to her by April of 2012. Sarah has been the MFMC Arts Advocacy chair since 2003

and is also the National Arts Advocacy chair.

Festival: Dawn Carlson, Chair, encouraged all attendees to stay for the festival meeting tomorrow morning (Wednesday) at 9:00 (same location). Again, she reminded everyone to **please read** the rules and keep checking the “Bulletin Adjustments” posted on the national website.

Festival Extension: Mary Angela Strasser, Chair, was absent.

Festival Gold Cups: Sarah Twedt, Chair, provided everyone with a handout summarizing this year’s activity.

Festival Logowear: Tamie Morken, Chair, was absent.

Half Notes Newsletter: Pat reminded everyone that publication is now only issued once a year. Any website updates should go through Pat. The website has a lock on the membership roster. Members can access it with:

Username: **xxxx**

Password: **xxxxxxx**

Historian: Cheryl Schmidt , Chair, set up an impressive display in the church lobby; everyone was encouraged to make time to view it. She is still working with Louise to get all archival material on-line. There are several old scrapbooks that need work. Cheryl will complete her term in two years . . .

Insurance Coordinator: Tamie Morken, Chair, was absent

International Music Camp Summer Scholarships: No report given. Karen Erickson is the new Chair of this committee.

Joyce Walsh Award: Cheryl Schmidt, Chair, encouraged others who may have students with disabilities (especially blind and deaf) to apply for this award; there is money available at both the state and national levels.

Junior Composers’ Contest: Pat Steege, Chair, noted that the deadline for next year’s competition is January 14, 2012.

Junior Composers’ Summer Programs and Scholarship Winners: Using the old familiar phrase, “a picture’s worth a thousand words,” Pat Steege, Chair, shared a delightful slide presentation highlighting the participants and activities that took place during the 2011 JC events

Membership: Mary Wescott, Chair, provided a handout including a map and a list of clubs showing the location of each club within the state of Minnesota. She refers interested parties to the club president in their area. Mary wondered if she should also contact club presidents and inform them when someone is

considering membership. The general response from convention attendees was favorable.

Opera: Roy Berg, Co-Chair, reviewed several opera performance opportunities available for late August and throughout the Fall and Winter months. A great source for updated information is the Twin Cities Opera Guild website.

Parade of American Music: Kathy Wilson, Chair, noted that November is American Music Month so now is the time to plan concerts in nursing homes, create library displays and “think of as many ways as you can to promote American Music in your community!”

Student Auditions and Awards: Pat announced that Ann Oleksowicz has agreed to assume the chair position of this committee. Ann introduced herself and explained the audition process.

Teacher Trust Grant: Karen Sue Erickson, Chair, indicated that, once again, there were no applicants. A \$200.00 grant is available; information can be found on the MFMC website. She also indicated that she and Mary Angela Strasser will be switching roles, Mary Angela assuming the Chair of this committee and Karen taking over the Chair of *International Music Camp Summer Scholarships*.

Other:

On behalf of all attendees, Pat expressed appreciation to Peggy Karsten and Cheryl Schmidt, co-chairs as well as other members the West Central Music Teachers Club and Willmar Musicale who were part of the 55th Biennial Convention Planning Committee.

Representatives of the 17 clubs in attendance each gave a brief summary of past year's activities.

Pat had the opportunity to attend the 80th anniversary of Willmar Musicale in June 2011.

Announcements:

Upcoming meetings will be held in the following locations:

April 2012 – **MFMC Spring Meeting** in Duluth hosted by Duluth Music Teachers (Julie Ciurleo)

May 6-13, 2012 – **National Music Week: “Music . . . Sounds that Inspire”**

June 19-24, 2012 – **NFMC Convention** in Indianapolis, IN

July 9-21, 2012 – **Junior Composers Summer Camps** at the U of M – Minneapolis

July 20, 2012 – **North Central Region Meeting** at the U of M – Minneapolis

August 2012 – **MFMC Fall Meeting** in Hibbing

April 2013 – **MFMC Spring Meeting** hosted by ???

August 2013 – **MFMC Biennial Convention** hosted by Apple Valley clubs

A motion was made by Peggy Karsten to adjourn the meeting; Kathy Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried. (11:40 A.M.)

Mary Kaye Rabaey, MFMC Secretary