

**National Federation of Music Clubs
North Central Region Annual Meeting
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota
July 18, 2014**

Members present: Karen Bourne (IA), Bob and Shirley Carroll (IL), Seth Custer (SC), Randall Davidson (MN), Gina Einig (IL), Sam and Andrew Ecoff (WI), Pat Grantier (ND), Heidi Hong (WI), Jeanne and Richard Hryniewicki (WI), Lori and Daryl Jessen (IA), Ellen Leapaldt (WA), Lucinda and Roger Lear (IA), Yue Lor (MN), Peter Olson (WI), Alpha Roeszler (ND), Cheryl Schmidt (MN), Pat Steege (MN), Janice Stoffel (ND), Sarah Twedt (MN), Stacy Voit (MN), and Sharon Wesbrook (ND).

The meeting of the North Central Region was called to order by Jeanne Hryniewicki at 10:00 am with 24 members and 2 guests present representing 7 states; NCR Vice President, Jeanne Hryniewicki presided with Karen Bourne acting as Secretary/Treasurer.

Jeanne Hryniewicki introduced Ellen Leapaldt, the Western Region Vice President.

Jan Stoffel, Pat Grantier, Alpha Roeszler and Sharon Wesbrook sang "Come to the Convention in 2015" in Fargo, ND.

Pat Steege introduced Yue Lor, alum of Junior Composers who is a counselor this year. He spoke briefly of his experiences this week. He praised the standard of excellence at the Studio. He thanked us for the support of the Junior Composers.

Call to Order:

Sharon Wesbrook led the NFMC Collect, the *Star Spangled Banner* and *Yankee Doodle* (complete with kazoo chorus) and gave an invocation that was dedicated to the victims of the recent Malaysian air bombing.

Those present introduced themselves and told their Federation position(s).

Carolyn Nelson is at Inspiration Point, Vivian Acuff's brother-in-law passed away, Carole Flatau's son had surgery and Mike Barnard had a heart attack in May. Odee and Gordon Maier are at his birthday celebration.

MOTION: Sam Ecoff moved to accept the agenda. **Motion passed.**

OLD BUSINESS

The 2011 and 2012 minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. Karen Bourne asked if there were any corrections or changes. There were none.

MOTION: Cheryl Schmidt moved to approve the minutes. **Motion passed.**

Karen Bourne gave the financial report. The June 30, 2014 balance is \$4226.90. The current rate of support is \$200 per state which includes \$100 for Junior Composers. In addition, each state contributes \$100 directly to Junior Composers. The transaction details are on file. **MOTION:** Gina Einig moved to approve the financial report and be filed for audit. **Motion passed.** Gina Einig will audit the checkbook at lunch.

It was noted that both JC and NCR leaders are bonded.

Heidi Hong presented a report about the Junior Composer committees. She challenged members of the NCR to be on the committee to help run JC. Discussion followed about the non-profit status of Junior Composer Studios. We decided that it is best to remain under the NFMC umbrella. Shirley Carroll made a **MOTION** to table the discussion until the Junior Composer section of the agenda. **Motion passed.**

Cindy Lear discussed NCR Bylaws. She added all of the past amendments to the current document. She will email a copy to all members for review followed by voting at the NCR Luncheon in Fargo. She is working to combine the JC and NCR bylaws.

NEW BUSINESS

We had an election for the nominee for NCR Vice President for 2015-2016. Sam Ecoff nominated Karen Bourne and Pat Steege seconded. Heidi Hong nominated Cindy Lear and Gina Einig seconded. Cheryl Schmidt and Pat Grantier **MOVED** to close nominations. **Motion passed.** Karen Bourne was elected (14-5) Forms were distributed to the states represented to submit to National for NCR VP.

Karen Bourne **MOVED** that Jeanne Hryniewicki be declared our nominee for NFMC Recording Secretary. **Motion passed.** She will send an updated resume to the State Presidents with another form to mail to Linda Maurhoff.

The NCR Secretary/Treasurer will be elected at the Fargo Convention in 2015.

The following are the NFMC and NCR Chairmen needed for 2015-2016:

Opera Award Chairman, Summer Music Center Awards, Junior Composers, Audio Visual, State Editorial Board, Mary Alice Cox Award, Public Relations Committee, Parade of American Music, International music relations. We need to fill these positions before Fargo. Jeanne will be contacting people to take these jobs.

National Representatives and Board Members at Large need to be elected at state board meetings and names submitted (with resume for Board Members at large) to Deborah Freeman.

Wisconsin presented information and shared programs from their inaugural State Festival Competition.

Minnesota thanked us for the gift for Mary Angela Strasser.

Junior Composer

Endowment report: As of May 30, 2014:

Savings \$9640.04.

Endowment \$7656.02

Total: \$17296.06

Contributions include 3 donations (\$150, \$300, \$500) and 2 memorials (\$25 each)
Interest accounted for \$875.

Pat Steege gave Lori Cannestra's JC Treasurer Report. She recommended adjusting the budget and fees; adding grant investigation and increasing NCR funding.

The budget is around \$40,000-\$50,000. The closing balance is \$2567.00

Randall Davidson (JC General Director) and Seth Custer (JC Program Director) reported that there is a lot of retention with the students. Max Friedman said it was great to win a contest based exclusively for JC. He won the Sinfonia Contest this year and his piece will be performed tonight. There is great congeniality in the group. Randall announced his resignation after 13 years due to his work load and composing load. He plans to be involved during the weeks of JC. There is a design problem with the board. He suggested either taking it on as a real project or making it its own non-profit. Seth praised the students this year. The yearly design is problematic. He is willing to set up the website and the pedagogical design. He is willing to work with the guest artists in the fall and then promotion will happen in the spring. He will take Randall's place.

Sam Ecoff expressed our gratitude for Seth's, Randall's and Pat's labors and work.

BREAK FOR LUNCH

MOTION: Sam Ecoff **moved** that the 2013-14 JC report be filed for audit. **Motion passed.**

Pat Steege shared the demographics of the JC for 2014. 31 students attended. Studio: 12; returning students: 19. Pat will make a list of jobs she will have to relinquish as she is moving to South Dakota. Odee bought recording equipment. The Songwriters are not self-sustaining. This year there are only 6 students. Whether or not they are included in

the future needs to be evaluated. A change of venue has been discussed, but other options are more expensive. The technology lab could be dropped which would help the budget by \$1200. A small midi keyboard (or two) would be nice to have. The few students who don't have laptops could either rent or have some be donated. Investigating a professional fundraiser/grant writer who receives a cut of what they make is going to happen. Sharon Wesbrook **MOVED** that we give Jeanne the authority to appoint an NCR person to hire a professional fundraiser. **Motion Passed.** Sharon Wesbrook **MOVED** that we authorize Jeanne to appoint an NCR person to hire a professional grant writer. **Motion Passed.** Sarah Twedt will provide up to \$500 for "seed money" to get the project started. Pat Grantier will talk to Carolyn Nelson about getting some funds from the Endowment.

Heidi Hong passed a sheet to sign up for JC committees.

Jeanne announced the regional and national winners for the Junior Composers Competition.

State Presidents are now eligible to hold a National Chairmanship after being a State President for one term.

National Festival fees are moved back to \$2.

Three active senior clubs are needed in a State to qualify them to have a NFMC Board Rep.

Teachers may not charge more than the allotted festival fee.

Jan Stoffel passed out the forms for the Opera contest.

Carole Flatau resigned as Public Relations Chairman for NCR.

Jeanne read Peggy Radmer, NCR Festivals chairman's report.

MCM and Junior Keynotes have an Aug 1 deadline for submission to State news editor Pat Grantier, Patg@bis.midco.net Nov 1 and Feb 1 are the next two deadline dates.

MOTION: Sam Ecoff **moved** to appoint Dr. Seth Custer JC General Director, 2015, and Pat Steege JC Administrative Director. **Motion passed.**

Concerning the Lake Harriet Concert: the bus is leaving from Middlebrook Dorm at 6:45 PM. There will be a two-block walk to the concert location. We will have a blocked off area to together. We will return 9:30 and have a reception at the Hilton Garden Inn Room 329.

The dates for 2015 Junior Composers will be July 13-25. The theme in 2015:
Symphonic Winds.

The makeup of the JC Board was discussed: included are the State Presidents (or their designee), the NCR VP and Secretary/Treasurer, the JC Treasurer, Program Director, Administrative Director and General Director. The JC positions should not be included on the board, but, rather, subject to the board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reception in Hyrniewicki room 329 tonight after the concert.

The 2015 NFMC Biennial Convention will be held from June 16-20, 2015 in Fargo ND.

2015 NCR Days will be held from July 24-25 in Minneapolis, MN.

JC Salons tomorrow: Morning session from 9-11:30; afternoon session from 1-2:30.

Please send news to Jeanne for the fall NCR newsletter.

After the meeting, Keynote speaker Ellen Leapaltd, NFMC Western Regional Vice President spoke. Her topic: Music Transforms. Juniors are our future.

Heidi led a sing-a-long including *Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes*, *America the Beautiful*, *America (My Country Tis of Thee)* and *God Bless America*.

MOTION: Jan Stoffel **MOVED** to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Bourne

NCR Secretary/Treasurer