

North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs  
State Convention - Williston, North Dakota  
June 14,15,16, 1999

Members Present: Carolyn Nelson, Jackie Keck, Mary Christine Larson, Doris Lambie, Ouida Keck, Odee Maier, Terri Sorenson, Jean Laqua, Linda Nutz, Laurie Gunderson, Eleanor Johnson, Eloise Halvorson, Pat Sondrall, Vivian Acuff, Sally Nordlie, Dolores Loberg, Donna Koppenhaver, Kris Brugamyer, Ruth Heley, Della Heid, Charlene Knoll, Aasta Brusven, Noella Utgaard, Barbara Tininenko, Bette Hildebrand, Gilbert Nelson, Gordie Maier

President Carolyn Nelson called the meeting to order.

Williston Thursday Club President, Laurie Gunderson welcomed guests. Ward Koeser, Mayor of Williston also welcomed guests and gave an inspirational tribute to club members. His interpretation of the word "MUSIC" proved he was truly interested in music clubs and it's endeavors. He included the following message:

Music: Motivates  
Unites  
Soothes  
Inspires  
Comforts

National Board Member, Doris Lambie, thanked board members and guests for their support and encouragement.

Jackie Keck presented the official program to State President Carolyn Nelson.  
Former Senator Jim Yockim was the parliamentarian.  
Dr. Ouida Keck, President of the National Federation of Music Clubs was introduced.  
Barb Tininenko reported there were 31 registered for the convention.

National Board Reports were presented by Doris Lambie, Odee Maier, Donna Koppenhaver and Carolyn Nelson. Copies of all reports are included with the master minutes. Northern Lights District Coordinator, Donna Koppenhaver had no written report since that committee has disbanded. Carolyn Nelson reported that her data base numbers does not match with the members and this problem needs to be solved. Club members were asked to review data base reports and make necessary corrections. Carolyn also reported that Valley City and Jamestown have asked to be considered the Southeast Central Club. She also requested that club presidents send her interesting project reports, which she can include in her newsletter.

State Treasurer, Odee Maier presented an incomplete report at this convention, but will work with the incoming treasurer to ensure an accurate report is in place. A report will be sent to members in the near future. The following figures are correct and in place:

Checking Account Balance:	\$7545.15		
Savings Account:		\$12,051.25 (of which	\$2,477.01 is the Stillman Kelley CD)
Gay King:	\$13,254.69		
Young Artist CD:	\$15,077.69	(4.65% earnings rate)	
Total Assets:	\$47,837.78		

Members spent some time discussing ways to spend the \$100 prize money received for the float at Nationals. A decision will be made at a future date. It was also noted that the Grand Forks Thursday Musical Club received \$100 for attaining 100 years.

Senior Club reports were given by club presidents. Copies are attached to the master minutes and are available at your request..

Eloise Halvorson reported that she is still accepting reports or materials for inclusion in the centennial scrapbook.

Doris moved/Odee seconded to accept the proposed 1999-2000 budget as presented by the committee...motion carried.

Odee moved/Donna Koppenhaver seconded a motion to continue to support Inspirational Fine Arts with dues of \$25 and co-host a reception, but we would not pay any other expenses...motion carried.

"Precious Memories" was the Tuesday Luncheon theme. A "Medley of Shaker Melodies" was provided by James E. Keck of Williston, 50 year members, Della Heid, Aasta Brusven, Eloise Halvorson, and Eleanor Johnson were honored. District Coordinator, Donna Koppenhaver, National Investment Chair, Gordon Maier, Eleanor Johnson, Jr. Festival District Coordinator and National Council of Presidents Vice Chair, Carolyn Nelson were all recognized. Dr. Ouida Keck, National Federation of Music Clubs President was the guest speaker. SE District Vice President, Pat Sondrall ended the noon luncheon with her rendition of Elvis Presley's "Love Me Tender." She was accompanied by Mary Christine Larson.

National President, Ouida Keck led a rap session. She informed club members that re-structuring and simplification of national by-laws is necessary because of the small number of programs organizing them. She also stated that meetings need to be more affordable and eventually only one meeting a year and alternating the time of year would become a reality. She reminded members to promote membership of new blood through membership drives and public relation programming. Ouida noted that music clubs are #5 in the nation in awarding scholarships. We do need guidance on how to use resources and felt a program on PR should be implemented.

Reports are a concern for many clubs. Simplification in this area is needed. It is felt that every music club member should receive a music club magazine as part of the membership fee.

American Music Month will change from February to November. National Music Month will remain in May.

New National Awards:  
Accompaniment Award - college to adult. Must audition for this award.  
Adult Festival - Tie in with Junior Festival  
Lucile Ward Award To Bouvard Music Center

State President, Carolyn Nelson said we should attempt to federate colleges.  
Membership packets containing national, state and local club activities are being put together by Odee and Ouida. Information may include: membership card, national brochures, state specialties, junior festival information, local club scholarships, membership pins, etc.

Doris Lambie asked that teachers be encouraged to encourage students to apply for the Stillman-Kelley scholarship. This award comes to the central region every four (4) years - next time is 2003.

New Junior Festival bulletins will be available beginning the year 2001-2002.

State President, Carolyn Nelson noted that we could perhaps do a better job promoting clubs and remembering the youth of our communities by watching for newspaper articles or other news media for news of students winning awards. She also recommended that we send congratulatory notes to these students. We should be concerned about college students as well.

A White Breakfast was held on Wednesday, June 16, 1999. A tape made in 1972 by harpist, Martha Huset was played during breakfast. Past State Presidents were recognized. A memorial service was held in honor of the following people who passed away during the 1997-1999 years: June Fettig and Mildred Hokenstad (Bismarck-Mandan), Helen Hall and Gracia Thompson (Fargo-Moorhead), Anna Jo Bridston, Harriett Hertsgaard, Jo Lunde, Florence Henrickson (Grand Forks Thursday Musical Club), Martha Huset (Williston Thursday Musical Club), and Special Senior Member, Dr. Merton Utgaard. There were two (2) additional memorials - those names will be included in the 1999 fall state board minutes.

**The meeting reconvened 9:45 am.**

State President Carolyn Nelson thanked the Williston Club for the concert held Tuesday evening.

Barb Tininenko reported the final credential report with 31 registered and 5 of 8 clubs were represented. Devils Lake, Minot and Jamestown/Valley City were absent.

Mary Christine Larson handed out "Outreach" certificates for the 1998-99 year.

Kris Brugamy presented the following slate of officers for the 1999-2001 biennium:

Carolyn Nelson	-	President
Bette Hildebrand	-	Secretary
Kris Brugamy	-	Treasurer
Vice Presidents:		
NE District	-	Sharon Wesbrook
SE District	-	Pat Sondrall

Doris Lambie nominated Sharon Wesbrook as State First Vice President/Dolores Loberg seconded...motion carried.

Kris Brugamy nominated Ruth Heley to serve as SW & NW Regional Vice Presidents/Doris Lambie seconded...motion carried.

Aasta Brusven moved nominations cease and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot...motion carried.

Odee Maier moved/Donna Koppenhaver seconded to pay \$400 expenses for Kris Brugamy to attend the Treasurer's Training Seminar at Huntsville...motion carried.

Odee Maier moved/Donna Koppenhaver seconded a motion to pay \$400 expenses for Eleanor Johnson to attend the Junior Festival seminar in Huntsville...motion carried.

Jackie Keck moved/Pat Sondrall seconded a motion allowing Carolyn Nelson to appoint a group to work with her and Noella Utgaard on a memorial for Dr. Merton Utgaard...motion carried.

The State Convention in 2001 will be held in the NE Region.

After much discussion, Jean Laqua moved that we extend an invitation to the National Federation to hold the Fall Board Meeting in North Dakota in the year 2001/Dolores Loberg seconded...motion carried.

National President, Ouida Keck explained the guidelines to follow in preparation for the meeting. Some expectation we should look forward to are:

Manpower, financial commitment, all clubs in North Dakota would be expected to participate and support this endeavor, which could be done through fund-raisers, personal donations, grant money, corporate donations, etc. She suggested working with our local convention bureau. Other items to consider would be pianos, young artists, speakers, meals, hotel rooms, student winners, registration materials, decorations, badges, programs, and call (\$3500 printing & postage). Meetings would run from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM for 3 consecutive days with little or no time for touring. She suggested that we could figure \$60-\$65 per person as income times 200-300 people less expenses, which would be the cost to North Dakota Clubs. The average is from \$10,000 - \$15,000 (ours could be on the lower end of this scale). She also suggested going simple.

Fund-raising ideas include: gold note cards (Grand Forks), Teddy Bears, Afghan raffle, selling bears or T-shirts at Junior Festival, T-shirts (the Bismarck Club designed a T-shirt logo but has never used it).

The invitation to host the 2001 fall NFMC board meeting needs to be completed by August 2, 1999. The location in North Dakota will be decided at a later date with the final decision being made by the National Federation. A written proposal by clubs interested in having the meeting in their city should be completed and mailed to Carolyn Nelson by the end of July, 1999. The National Federation makes all final decisions, signs contracts, etc.

Persons must be federated to perform at the National Board Meeting. This will serve as an incentive for clubs to federate local colleges.

Federation Day at IMC will be July 30, 1999, host club is Bismarck-Mandan.

Officers were installed by Ouida Keck.

Carolyn thanked everyone for coming. She noted that we must have a vision and involve more people in that vision. Keep college students involved, consider ancestral background as a program, pursue music library at IMC, and promote cultural programs were a few ideas she shared with us. Carolyn's new theme is "Music Of The Plains - A Cultural Mosaic." Her song is "Hymn of Promise" by Natalie Sleeth.

Meeting adjourned!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bette Hildebrand  
Secretary