

VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS
FALL BOARD MEETING
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022 MINUTES

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

The meeting was Called to Order by Dr. Cheryl Davis at 10:00a.m.

Prayer: Kathryn Peters, VFMC Chaplain

Introduction of Executive Committee

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| a. 1st Vice President | Kathryn Peters |
| b. 2nd Vice President | Judy Barger Edgell |
| c. 3rd Vice President | Lisa Thomas |
| d. Treasurer | Lana Bailey |
| e. Assistant Treasurer | Zuill Bailey |
| f. Finance Chair | Wendell Anderson |
| g. Recording Secretary | Elizabeth Kennedy |
| h. Corresponding Secretary | Elin Havrilla |
| i. Past Presidents Sandra Anderson, Marcia Chaplin, Jean Frazier, Dr. Elaine Brady | |

Appointment of 3 to review the minutes:

District I; Judy Barger Edgell District II; Lana Bailey District III; Pam Kelly **Peddy**

District Director Reports and introductions of Presidents from their Districts:

District I Director, Judy Barger Edgell; shared the plans for the 100th VFMC Convention to be held at the Holiday Inn Tanglewood in Roanoke, VA April 27-29th with high tea on Thursday along with musical guests already booked to attend. All 3 Districts of VFMC will be helping share the planning and costs of this convention.

District II Director, Cynthia Elmore Report from NFMC Conference---June 14-18 Indianapolis, Indiana Attendees from Virginia (VFMC): Cynthia Elmore, William Elmore, Lana Bailey, Zuill Bailey, Liana Valente, Cheryl Davis and Marcia Chaplin

Tuesday: A training session for State presidents was held from 9AM-5PM. Some committees, including Festival Bulletin Comm., Budget Comm., Finance Comm., Sergeant at Arms Comm., Protocol Comm. and Regional Vice Presidents Comm. held their first meetings. The first rehearsal of the Festival Chorus (comprised of conference attendees) was held. Cathy Morris, violinist, performed for the conference at an evening concert.

Wednesday: Our day began with the assembly. A pre-opening concert by the 38 th Infantry Division Band led us into the opening ceremonies. Deborah Freeman was installed as the 35 th President of NFMC. There were several business procedural reports and introductions of guests and the members of the NFMC 2022 Planning Committee. The morning's Musical Moment presented Isabella Brown, The Valentin Award winner. We then heard a very inspiring talk by Dr. James Weaver, Director of Performing Arts and Sports for National Federation of State High Schools Association. The first meeting for the NFMC Board of Directors was held right before the 5 Regional Luncheons. Virginia is in the Southeastern Region. After lunch additional divisions of NFMC held their meetings. A presentation was made by Frank Felice, an eclectic composer. The highlight of the day was The Young Artists Concert. Performing were Soprano Shaina Martinez; Cellist John Henry Crawford; and Pianist, Rachel Breen. Accompanist was Allegra Hein. States may make arrangements to have one of these talented musicians perform for their state conventions.

Thursday began with the General Session during which a Musical Moment was presented by Michael Vascones, NFMC Guitar Competition Winner. The Rose Fay Thomas Luncheon was held with a special performance by The Indianapolis Children's Choir---Josh Pedde, Artistic Director. Several NFMC divisions had afternoon meetings interspersed with 2 presentations. Former Northern Virginia resident Dr. Valerie Harris shared valuable information on ideas for virtual activities within the federation. The Happy Dog Duo made a presentation on "Habits for Musical Success." These two musicians are former winners of the NFMC Ellis Duo Piano Competition. The third presentation was "Paws and Think---

Animal Therapy" by Kelsey Burton. The evening concluded with a concert by The Circle City Ringers auditioned bronze level community handbell ensemble.

Friday The morning meeting began with Finance, Arts and Public Relations division making their reports. Following those reports a Musical Moment presented by Amy Wang, pianist, who was The Michael Edwards and Lana Bailey Awards winner. The program presenter was Chris Lewis, Executive Director of the American Songbook Foundation. Additional committee meetings were held and presentations were made by Robert Kanter and Jennifer Griffin on "How to Use the NFMC Website". Dr. Jason Sifford made a presentation titled "The same as for Professionals ---only Better!" He is a pianist, teacher and composer.

The afternoon began with a fabulous concert by the Festival Chorus, directed by Dan Anderson. He has taught middle and high school choirs, has been involved in church music, and is a clinician and festival conductor. There were afternoon Division meetings and a Council of State Presidents Meeting. For the evening banquet Adam Bodony was the guest speaker. He is Director of Orchestras at Purdue University and Artistic Director of Indianapolis Youth Orchestra. The evening concert was presented by Michael Rector and Sylvia Hong, the winners of the NFMC Ellis Duo Award.

Saturday Our week concluded with the Memorial Service ---a time of

remembrance for NFMC members who died during this past year. The Board of Directors meeting followed this service. Seventeen-year-old Taylor Mermoud led off the meeting sharing her NMW Award winning essay. She is an accomplished harpist and winner of many competitions and awards.

A busy, but most enjoyable week!! There are 3 overall thoughts I would like to share with you---

The musical presentations were outstanding! The workshops and presentations were informative! The entire week was a wonderful opportunity to learn and appreciate that it takes people from all areas of NFMC working together to provide all the opportunities and programs available to members.

NFMC Convention June 13-17, 2023 Norfolk, Virginia

Cynthia H. Elmore Virginia Representative to NFMC Board of Directors.

District III Director: **In Nancy Turner's absence, Pam Kelly Peddy gave the reports.**

Roll Call: Present were Patricia Becraft, Judy Caudill, Dr. Cheryl Davis, Judy Barger Edgell, Brenda Hayth, Sandra Anderson, Wendell Anderson, Lana Bailey, Dr. Zuill Bailey, Dr. Elaine Brady, Paul Brady, Marcia Chaplin, Cynthia Elmore, Margaret Gupta, Elin Havrilla, Pam Kelly **Peddy**, Elizabeth Kennedy, Samantha Luck, Debora Madsen, Rebecca Padrick, Kathryn Peters, Nathalie Steinbach, Susan Tury, Dr. Lian Valente, Kay Willet

Approval of June 10th minutes; Motion by Dr Zuill Bailey to approve the minutes 2nd by Kathryn Peters so carried.

Treasurer's Report: Lana Bailey and Dr. Zuill Bailey presented the following;

1. VFMC taxes were filed on July 28, 2022
2. All 2022-23 Dues Forms have been posted on the VFMC website
 - a. Sr. Club Dues Statement
 - b. Jr. Club Dues Statement
 - c. Associate Member Dues Statement
 - d. Student/Collegiate Mass Enrollment Dues Statement
3. On August 15, 2022:
 - 400 Jr Club Dues Statements, letters of explanation, Sr. Individual Membership Applications were emailed to Jr. Counselors.
 - 19 Senior Club Dues Statements, 19 Associate Member Dues Statements, and
 - 19 Student/Collegiate Enrollment Dues Statements were emailed to Sr. Club Presidents and Sr. Club Treasurers.
 - 2 Jr. Club Dues Statements were mailed.

Confirmation responses were appreciated.

4. As of 9/16/22, received _____ Jr. Club Counselor Dues
_____ Sr. Individual Dues
_____ Sr. Club Dues

Thank you to Elaine Brady for providing invaluable up-to-date contact information for Sr. Club Presidents, Treasurers, and Festival Chairs.

5. NFMC registration fee for Norfolk Convention was raised to \$125.

2023 is NFMC's 125th year since its founding in 1898.

6. Honoraria for attendees of the 2022 NFMC Conference in Indianapolis will be mailed on October 1st.

7. With a convention held in April, the budget presentation cannot include some of VFMC's largest annual expenditures which makes an April presentation a "projection" rather than a report of the actual state of finances.

Those expenditures include:

- (1) Annual Festival fees to NFMC
- (2) Remaining gold cup orders
- (3) VFMC Convention expenses

Proposal: I propose that the complete VFMC Finance Report and proposed budget be presented at the Fall Board Meeting.

Rationale: Presenting the annual finance report and proposed budget at the Fall Board Meeting presents an accurate accounting of the completed year and serves as a guide for the proposed Budget. A motion was made by Dr. Zuill Bailey to accept the Proposal 2nd by Wendell Anderson

Did the motion pass?

NFMC Convention: Dr. Liana Valente shared with us this year's NFMC Convention Theme, "125yrs and Still Making Waves". The NFMC Convention will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Norfolk, VA June 12-17, 2023. The young artist competition will be held at the hotel Mon-Wed with a concert on Wednesday night. Jr. Day is on Saturday working with young composers Jeremiah Evans will be giving a clinic that day. There will be a river cruise on Tuesday evening.

Committee Reports:

Southeastern Division Report: Sandra Anderson they are preparing for the Convention

Insignia: Judy Caudill we have \$742.75 in merchandise on hand.

Sacred Music: Brenda Hayth, Chair

On March 13, 2022, a letter was sent to all club Presidents reminding them that Sacred Music club reports were due on April 1, 2022. Even though covid was still lingering and as clubs are trying to get back to normalcy, I encouraged them to use sacred music for comfort, joy, peace, and hope in community and club events when possible.

Lynchburg Music Teachers Association, Tazewell Music Club, and Thursday Morning Music Club sent reports. The Thursday Morning Music Club reported they were able to take a special Christmas music program to nursing homes which included sacred music. In March, they also had an inspiring program of music with Anna Preston and the Botetourt Children's Choir which included sacred music.

The club reports, state report, and documentation information, were mailed to the National Chairman on April 20, 2022.

The club Presidents were also given information about the Elizabeth Greiger Wiegand Sacred Music of the Faith Biennial award and the Ruth Morse Wilson Handbell Choir Annual Award.

Margaret Hunt Competition: Debora Madsen, Chair reported that there is \$420.00 in the Margaret Hunt fund, but there were not enough participants to hold the competition this year. Discussion to change the requirements of submissions from a DVD format to another digital format.

Mary Smart Competition: Marcia Chaplin, Chair reported that the competition will be held in District II on April 15 with a March 31 deadline for entries. Final Competition will be held on April 29th.

NFMC Claire Whitehurst Piano Competition: Marcia Chaplin, Chair reported that this biennial event will be held again in 2024. She also shared that she will be running for the position of NFMC 1st Vice President this year and hopes we will support her in this role.

Competition and Awards Report: Nathalie Steinbach, chair presented the following report:

We did not present many awards this year for our VFMC competitions.

Dance - none this year

Margaret Hunt Vocal Award- only **one** applicant; not enough to hold the competition, so no award

Mary Smart - none this year

Nancy Holback Milne – none this year

One competition was held:

Junior Composers Contest – 50 entries

One student, Hannah Tse was the first student in the State of Virginia to earn a 90 point gold cup in composition!

Three students earned a 75 point gold cup in composition.

Katelynne Maitland

Alexis Thai-Nguyen

Cassandra Urann

One of our students, Josh Tomiak, advanced to the national competition.

Nancy Holback Milne: Susan Tury, Chair reported that we **have** four awards to present this year for 2020,2021,2022, & 2023 at the VFMC Convention.

NFMC Awards:

Festival Chair appointment: We had a discussion about the need to fill the vacancy of Festival Chair. No Festivals can be held until we have a Festival Chair. Festival Chair duties include but are not limited to: Collect reports from 10 Festival, Get Everyone on Vivace, Order Certificates for Festivals, Collect Information from National and Send Reports. Cheryl Davis will have a meeting via Zoom with all District chairs and cochairs to find a nominee for this position. Samantha Luck mentioned she may be interested in filling this vacancy.

Looking for chairs for:

Music in Schools and Colleges, Crusade for Strings, Music in Poetry, Chamber music, Choral music

Club President Reports: **None**

Old Business: **None**

New Business:

1. Election of VFMC Representative to the NFMC Board: Lana Bailey nominated Cynthia Elmore to be our Representative to the NFMC Board. Nathalie Steinbach 2nd the motion. **Motion Carried**

2. Election of nominees for Member(s) At Large to the NFMC Board: Cynthia Elmore nominated Dr. Zuill Bailey 2nd by Patricia Becraft. Katheryn Peters Nominated Wendell Anderson 2nd by Dr. Zuill Bailey. Nominees were accepted by majority voted.

3. Candidacy Announcement: **None**

4. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Election of 2023-2025 Officers: Dr. Zuill Bailey nominated Judy Barger Edgell 2nd by Susan Tury. Dr. Zuill Bailey nominated Nathalie Steinbach 2nd by Cynthia

Elmore. Both were unanimously accepted to be the chairs of the Nominating Committee for the Election of the 2023-2025 Officers.

Other: **None**

Announcements: **None**

Closing prayer: Kathryn Peters, Chaplain

Meeting Adjourned at 11:50 a.m.