

VFMC Fall Board Zoom Meeting

September 9, 2023

Call to Order by VFMC Dr. Cheryl Davis at 10:08 a.m.

Prayer given by VFMC Chaplain Kathryn Peters

Appointment of Minute Committee:

District I: Judy Barger Edgell, District II: Cynthia Elmore, District III: Nancy Turner

District Director Reports:

District I: Judy Barger Edgell – no report

District II: Cynthia Elmore

District II has seven clubs—Loudoun Festival Club, Northern Virginia Music Teachers Assoc., Piedmont Music Club, Rappahannock Music Society, Shenandoah Valley Music Club, Springfield Music Club & Woodbridge Music Club.

Our Fall 2023 District meeting will be held on Friday, October 20 at 1:30PM at the Fredericksburg Branch Central Rappahannock Regional Library, 1201 Caroline Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. There is a Yamaha Grand Piano in the meeting room that was donated by the Rappahannock Music Society. You can park on Caroline Street or continue to the parking lot at the back of the library. Our VFMC President, Dr. Cheryl Davis, will be our honored guest for the meeting.

District II will be hosting the site for the 2024 VFMC Convention to be held April 25, 26, 27. The 27th (Saturday) will be the finals of the Mary Smart Competition. After an extensive search for a location the site selected is Holiday Inn and Conference Center, 20 Sanford Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22406. More information will be sent to each VFMC Club after our District meeting. All three districts will need to work together to accomplish our goals. Please consider the ways your club members can help with the 2024 convention. Encourage your club members to attend the convention.

District III: Nancy Turner

There are seven clubs in District III: Cadenza Music Club (President Myrna Brinkley in attendance), Historyland Music Club, Portsmouth Music Club (Susan Tury representing), Rappahannock Music Study Club (President Cheryl Davis in attendance), Richmond Music Study Club, Scherzo Music Club (President Rebecca Whitson in attendance), and South Hill Music Club (Nancy Turner in attendance). The tentative date for the 2023 Fall District III meeting will be Saturday, October 28. We may meet in person, still looking at Zoom as a possibility. The proposed host club has had a lot of issues and may not be able to accommodate the meeting.

Roll Call Taken by VFMC Recording Secretary Elizabeth Kennedy

In attendance: Sandra Anderson, Wendell Anderson, Lana Bailey, Dr. Zuill Bailey, Myrna Brinkley, Judy Caudill, Jane Cole, Dr. Cheryl Davis, Judy Barger Edgell, Cynthia Elmore, Elin Havrilla, Elizabeth

Kennedy, Debora Madsen, Sarah Munro, Kathryn Peters, Nathalie Steinbach, Nancy Turner, Susan Tury, Bonnie White, Rebecca Whitson, Kay Willett

Approval of Minutes from April 27, 2023, Board Meeting motion to approve the minutes was made by Lana Bailey. **Motion Carried**

Officer Reports:

Treasurer Report presented by VFMC Treasurer Lana Bailey

1. Completed: VFMC taxes were filed on August 2, 2023
2. Total invested funds: Current value: \$71,783 (Margaret Hunt Acct & VFMC Acct.)
3. Current checkbook balance 9/1/23 - \$2,613.14
4. All 2023-24 fillable 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
5. On August 15, 2023: 374 fillable Jr. Club Dues Statements, letter of explanation, Sr. Individual Membership Applications were emailed to Jr. Counselors. 18 fillable Sr. Club Dues Statements, 18 Associate Member Dues Statements, and 18 Student/Collegiate Enrollment Dues Statements were emailed to Sr. Club Presidents and Sr. Club Treasurers. 123 Confirmation responses were received and appreciated. Thank you to Elaine Brady for providing invaluable up-to-date contact information for Sr. Club Presidents and Treasurers.
6. Honoraria for official attendees of the 2023 NFMC Convention in Norfolk will be mailed on or before October 1st.
7. \$1,090 was received from VFMC Sr. Clubs as contributions for the NFMC Convention in Norfolk. VFMC purchased one page in the official Convention Program book.
8. Proposed 2023-24 Budget presentation

Motion to adopt the budget as read and presented by Nancy Turner. **Motion Carried**

Finance Chair: VFMC Finance Chair Wendell Anderson presented 8 proposals that were presented and accepted by the Finance Committee

1. Renew the \$1,000 annual honorarium for VFMC Representative to NFMC Board for the 2023-25 Biennium. Motion to accept proposal by Kathryn Peters. **Motion Carried**
2. Renew the \$1500 honorarium for VFMC –elected Member-at-large nominees who are elected to the NFMC Board for the 2023-25 biennium. Honoraria will be divided among the elected VFMC nominees. Allocation not to exceed \$1,000 if only one VFMC nominee is elected and/or attends national meeting. Motion to accept proposal by Elin Havrilla. **Motion Carried**
3. Propose honoraria for official attendees at the NFMC meetings 2023-25: \$200 for NFMC chairs; \$125 for member registration. Rationale: The \$200 for NFMC Chairs is a renewal policy. The \$125 member registration for national meetings reflects the new 2023 NFMC registration fee (From previous \$100 to current \$125). Motion to accept proposal by Susan Tury.

Motion Carried

4. A \$50 honorarium for NFMC Young Artist at the 2024 VFMC Convention. Scheduled convention meals and lodging are provided. Rationale: To place parameters on YA expenditures. Motion to accept proposal by Kathryn Peters. **Motion Carried**

5. A \$2 increase in Sr. Club dues (current \$15 to become \$17 per-member minus Life Members) to balance \$2 NFMC increase in 2023. Increased dues to begin July 1, 2024. Rationale: To stabilize VFMC income following the \$2 increase in NFMC 2023-24 dues. Motion to accept proposal by Nathalie Steinbach. **Motion Carried**

6. A \$5 increase in the Required Convention fee per Senior Club (current \$20 to become \$25) to support increasing convention host expenses. Increased fee to begin July 1, 2024. Rationale: Hotel meeting room rates/printing expenses continue to increase, causing financial hardships on host districts. Motion to accept proposal by Nancy Turner. **Motion Carried**

7. A \$1 increase in Jr. Club Dues (\$35 to \$36 for the first 16 students) beginning July 1, 2024. Rationale: This is to maintain coverage of the gold cup expense. Motion to accept proposal by Jane Cole. **Motion Carried**

8. A \$5 increase in VFMC Dance Competition entry fee (current \$20 to become \$25 per entrant). Rationale: This is to bring it more in line with entry fees for other VFMC competitions. Motion by Kathryn Peters to amend proposal for the increased fee to begin July 1, 2024, 2nd by Wendell Anderson. **Motion Carried**

By Laws and Rules Chair: VFMC Lana Bailey acknowledged Rappahannock Music Society for sponsoring the Junior Composer Competition incentive awards for 2024 at \$100 - \$25 for each of the four classes.

Insignia: Judy Caudill

Inventory Balance - 4/29/23 -	\$850.50
Sales at Annual Convention -	74.45
Value of insignia on hand	\$776.05

Festival Chair: Kathryn Peters represented Melanie Nesselrodt

Melanie Nesselrodt will continue as VFMC Festival Chair. Kathryn Peters moved that any VFMC member who behaves in a manner contrary to our code of conduct at a federation event may be censured or banned from attending VFMC events, this determination shall be made by the event chair. 2nd by Sarah Munro.

Motion Carried

Competitions and Awards: Nathalie Steinbach

The Rappahannock Music Society will sponsor the "incentive awards" for the VFMC Junior Composers Contest in the amount of \$100 for the 4 incentive awards. They will be listed as Rappahannock *Music Society Incentive Award*. One \$25 incentive award for each of the four classes.

Nathalie Steinbach moved that we suspend the Dance competition until we have a Dance Chair with experience and knowledge of dance competitions who is willing to advertise the event and find judges to judge the event. 2nd by Cynthia Elmore **Motion Carried**

Margaret Hunt Vocal Award: Debora Madsen will update the admissions to be sent electronically rather than as a DVD.

NFMC Representative at Large: Cynthia Elmore NFMC CONVENTION (JUNE 12-17-2023) Norfolk, VA
Report from Cynthia Elmore, Virginia Representative to NFMC Board of Directors

Our home for the week was the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside hotel where all meetings, workshops and musical performances took place. Our first gathering was Tuesday evening as we embarked on a dinner cruise along the Elizabeth River with excellent views of ships of the Navy's Atlantic Fleet. On Wednesday the convention opened with our first general session followed by the Regional Luncheons. We (Virginians) are members of the Southeastern Region with Joel Adams from North Carolina presiding. The Young Artist competitions had been ongoing since Monday and the winners were presented in concert that evening. The winners are Michael Celentano (tenor), Leland Philip Ko (cellist), Krista Renee Pape (soprano) and Anna Han (piano). Thursday's activities began with elections for Members-at-Large for the Board of Directors. Three Virginians were elected---they are Zuill Bailey, Wendell Anderson, and Liana Valente. The general session convened at 8:30 and included musical moments, introductions of various division members and a workshop. A pre-luncheon concert by soprano Denise Nicole Battle was followed by the Rose Faye Thomas Luncheon. Several divisions of NFMC held their meetings in the afternoon interspersed with several workshops. The evening concert was given by jazz pianist Cyrus Chestnut. Friday morning's first meeting was of the newly elected board followed by the Annual Business meeting and general session. Division meetings and workshops continued throughout the morning. Our afternoon began with the Festival Chorus Concert---NFMC members who had signed up to be in the choir had been practicing since Tuesday and their final concert was spectacular. Various Committees and divisions had afternoon meetings. The formal banquet honoring State Presidents concluded with Installation of officers for 2023-2025. To close our very busy day a concert was presented by Matthew Sabatella. His music illuminates the between music and the story and people of the United States. Saturday began with the Memorial Breakfast--- a time to remember those NFMC members we have lost during the past year. The service was led by NFMC Chaplain Karen Herndon. The NFMC Board met for the final time of the convention. We were treated to Garima Patel sharing her winning NMW essay for Virginia. She is 12 years old and lives in Salem, Virginia. Junior Day was also being held this morning with composer Jeremiah Evans conducting a workshop for junior composers and their teachers. The convention adjourned at noon. NFMC Convention 2024 will be held June 11-15 in Davenport, Iowa. The music was spectacular and business sessions were efficient and informative. Virginia should be very proud of the many VFMC members who hold positions in NFMC. So many people working together makes the NFMC the truly wonderful organization that it is!

Club President Reports:

District I – Tazewell Music Club Bonnie White shared that they have 10 members.

District II – Loudon Festival Club Kay Willett represented Jeri Bennett, their festival date is March 2, 2024, at Riverside HS.

Northern VA Music Teachers Assoc. Sarah Munro reported that their festival is scheduled for March 15-16, 2024.

Piedmont Music Kathryn Peters reported that they have 22 members. Their festival is scheduled for February 23-24, 2024, the Mary Smart District II will also be held in Manassas.

Shenandoah Club Melanie Nesselrodt

Rappahannock Music Society Elizabeth Kennedy reported that they have 30 members. They have 2 Festivals scheduled for the year: Jazz, Rags, & Blues festival in the fall and Sonata/Sonatina Festival in the Spring. We have 5 Recitals scheduled for our students to participate in: For Boys Only, More the Merrier, Gold Cup, Honors Recital from our Scholarship Competition, and National Music Week Recital. We will also be hosting a brunch/luncheon in December and May with music presentations by our members and invited guest performers.

Woodbridge Music Club Cynthia Elmore shared how they have raised money for Ukraine by having special guest performances with donations given to the Ukrainian people. They meet online on Thursdays.

District III - Credenza Music Club Myrna Brinkley shared that they are a festival only club, they have their festival scheduled for March 2, 2024, with 20-25 teachers participating. District III Mary Smart Preliminaries location TBD

Rappahannock Music Study Club Dr. Cheryl Davis

Scherzo Music Club Rebecca Whitson shared that they have 24 members. They are working on making a new logo for their club, Dr. Liana Valente will be presenting at one of their meetings. They meet September- May on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Closing Prayer – by VFMC Chaplain Kathryn Peters

Meeting Adjourned – by VFMC President Dr. Cheryl Davis at 12:00 p.m.