

March 11, 2020

Dear VFMC Members,

VFMC CONVENTION

Due to the onset and rapid spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and our concern for the safety and health of all VFMC members, the upcoming VFMC Convention has been cancelled for this year. Work has already begun for next year's convention where we will celebrate 100 years as the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs! More information will be forthcoming. Please make a concerted effort to schedule this convention on your calendar and join us for the celebration. We hope to have a very good turnout for this important event!

MARY SMART COMPETITION

Additionally, the Mary Smart Competition has been cancelled for this year - both the preliminaries and the finals.

FINANCE MEETING

Plans are in the works for an actual or a "virtual" finance meeting to be held sometime in the late spring/early summer depending on the situation as time goes on. We will discuss any financial concerns within the VFMC so that the treasurer can close the books for this year and present the budget for next year.

SENIOR CLUB REPORTS (CLUB PRESIDENTS & REPORTING CHAIRS)

Senior Club Presidents, please remember to submit the NFMC Senior Club Reports to the appropriate Chairs. Certificates for all those will be presented at the 2021 VFMC Convention. Likewise, reporting chairs should carry through with their duties in regard to the NFMC Reports (including sending the Certificate Request Forms to Elin Havrilla). All information regarding NFMC Senior Club Reports can be found on the website (www.vfmc-music.org). From the home page click on Member Info and then Senior Club Reports (NFMC).

OTHER REPORTS

Senior Club Presidents, please remember to send me your year-end reports about your club's activities as well as the 2020 Senior Club Activity Form (attached below).

Thank you for your understanding. I was excited about the convention this year, being the 100th anniversary, but I am sure that postponing the celebration until next year is the most prudent and safe decision for all. I am saddened that I will miss seeing all of you this spring, but hopefully we can resume our activities safely in the Fall with the District Meetings. I look forward to next year and especially to spending time with all of you at the convention.

Sincerely,

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