

Iowa Federation of Music Clubs Fall Board Meeting

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Rieman's Music, Des Moines, IA

President Dawn Steggerda called the IFMC Fall Board Meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance at 10:05 a.m. on September 30, 2023. Federation Collect was read and followed with a prayer and the Federation Hymn.

Roll Call: Linda Allebach, Jeanette Hinkeldey, Debbie Laird, Cindy Lear, Nicholas Roth, Charles Schmidt, and Dawn Steggerda

Secretary's Minutes were approved as written.

President Dawn Steggerda presented her report of the National Convention. Heidi Hong from our North Central Region was elected 1st Vice President and will be next National President. NFMC is celebrating 125 years as an organization and insignia pins were distributed to board members as part of the celebration. Iowa will be hosting the 2024 National Conference.

Neither **Vice-President** Charles Schmidt nor **Recording Secretary** Jeanette Hinkeldey had anything to report.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Cindy Lear. Our current checking account balance is \$10,044.76. Festival Cup Fund (which is kept in the checking account) has \$2580.01. Money Market balance is \$17,237.35.

Motion: Cindy proposed that IFMC use funds in the Money Market Account to pay the registration fee for each member attending the 2024 National Conference in Davenport. (\$125 per member for full convention or \$50 per member for one day attendance.) This was approved by consensus.

Budget for 2024 was presented and approved.

2024 National Conference Committee Update was presented by Cindy Lear. She has been busy applying for several grants to help defray convention expenses: Arts and Midwest Grant and Gaming Funds Meeting Grant. Davenport board members suggested to apply for the Doris and Victor Day Foundation for Quad-Cities enrichment to help cover the costs of the Happy Dog Duo. Some activities being planned include a ride on the Celebration Belle on Tuesday; the addition of teaching workshops being led by Melody Bober, Helen Marlais, and Jason Sifford throughout the conference and Happy Dog Duo has been contacted to play the Double Grand Pleyel Piano on Thursday evening at Asbury Methodist Church.

Local members are being asked to assist Cindy and the conference committee with some of the following information, items, or assistance: Caterer (hog roast) for the Thursday evening meal at Asbury Methodist Church (Smokin' Butt BBQ was suggested); Shuttle bus; 3 pianos; local publicity for Happy Dog Duo concert; name of local florist; name(s) of local jazz musicians for Rose Fay Thomas Fellows luncheon and pre-concert dinner; people to welcome guests to the Celebration Belle and to assist guests with directions and attractions throughout the convention.

Swag Bags with gifts will be presented to each conference attendee. Each Iowa Club is being asked to consider donating an item to fill 200 bags. The club may also ask a local company to help with this donation. Some ideas are to purchase 200 pieces of one type of candy, peppermint, gum, pencil/pen, notebook, etc. A club may also choose to go to a local Iowa business/plant to seek a donation to help promote Iowa specialties such as popcorn, Twin Bings, Quaker Oats product, honey, etc.

National Board Member Cindy Lear noted that Liability Insurance did increase to \$20 per day. The next Federation Festival Bulletin will be on-line and only members will have access to it. Books will be printed in limited quantities. National is planning to make the Jr. Keynotes magazine an online only publication.

National is also proposing to add both Musically Advanced 3 and 4 levels to the Piano Event in the next bulletin and to add a Pop, Rock, Anime Piano Event as well. This will be discussed and voted by the National Board in a future meeting.

Student Collegiate Division. Cindy is encouraging members to advertise the NFMC Award Opportunities by printing them from the NFMC website and posting on college and university music bulletin boards.

Sr. Clubs are encouraged to apply for National awards for their programs. Currently there is a new Sacred music and Jazz music award to go to clubs who feature programs in either of these areas.

Adult Advisor, Gloria Faust is encouraged to let members know that money is available to defray registration costs for the 2024 National Conference.

Sounding Board Editor, Debbie Laird is planning to send the next publication out around October 30. She is also working on an Iowa insignia design.

The next board meeting will be on Saturday, April 6 at 10 a.m. at Rieman's Music Store in Des Moines. This will only be a board meeting to finalize details for the National Conference that will be held June 12-15, 2024 in Davenport.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Hinkeldey, Recording Secretary