

IFMC Board Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2022

The IFMC board of directors met via zoom. Those in attendance were: Ronda Rosenbaum, Lisa Cremer, Peg Bryan, Karri York, Virginia Kleeberg, Marta Hassfurder, Anna Stumpf, Paula Alles, Ginny Jones, Kathy Elkins, Carolyn Lorenzoni, Stephen Gruoner, Debbie Griswold. Those persons unable to attend were: Kim VanVorst, David Mannell and Jennifer Derr.

The meeting was called to order by Ronda Rosenbaum. Marta Hassfurder read the Collect and gave the invocation.

A motion was made to adopt the agenda by Stephen Gruoner and seconded by Marta Hassfurder.

Lisa Cremer reported that the minutes from the September meeting were already accepted by the reading committee. Karri York has posted them on the website.

David Mannell was unable to attend the meeting. Ronda presented the treasurer report in his absence. Junior members have increased from last year while Senior membership is down slightly. Lisa reported regarding a payment of 400.00 for Indy North assistance to import their data into Vivace instead of manual entry. NFMC charged them 600.00. Indy North was able to pay 200.00 and IFMC paid the remaining 400.00. An executive decision was made after the last meeting to assist this area. A question was asked regarding where this payment was shown in the treasurer report. David was contacted via text during the meeting. He indicated that it was under the Misc. expense line. In his Quicken records, it is a separate line item with a description of what it was paid for and to whom. David said he can take it out on the report and put it as a separate line item. Ronda agreed that it should be listed that way so David will prepare an updated treasurer report with that showing. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Stephen Gruoner. Anna Stumpf seconded the motion.

Anna Stumpf presented the Investment Committee report. The accounts remain strong and stable. Monies were taken out to fund scholarships as we normally do. Ronda thanked Anna for her work on this committee! Stephen Gruoner moved to accept the Investment report and Lisa Cremer seconded the motion.

Ronda reported on the state Honors Recital and Convention. IUPUI will be hosting the event. Ronda asked for donations for the welcome bags for the students. 60 bags are usually made for the participants. Lisa mentioned that IFMC would possibly provide catering for the Friday night meetings instead of our usual Saturday luncheon. The current plan is for Saturday to be only the competition and awards ceremony due to lingering Covid concerns. There will not be an extended program this year.

Ronda reported on the NFMC Convention June 14-18, 2022. It will be held at the Sheraton Hotel. Any IFMC member will have their registration covered by IFMC and any volunteer will

also receive their parking paid for. All senior clubs will be asked to donate \$50 per club toward expenses. Should the conference be cancelled, those funds will be returned. A March 1 deadline was set for this. Vendor booths and advertising documents will also be posted on website. Students will be needed to process with the state flags for the opening ceremony and items for hospitality bags will be needed.

Sara Kreillein was not at the meeting due to illness. The Junior Composers contest deadline is Jan. 30. The links on the website are not live at the moment. Karri York will work with Sara to get this fixed on our website. For now, members will need to copy and paste the link in their browser.

Lisa reported on the Sweeney award. There are 10 – \$300.00 awards for summer camps available. The deadline is April 15th. The Guillaume Flute award is also hoping to see some applicants this year. Both forms have been updated on the site.

Kathy Elkins reported on Essay and Poetry. All info is on the website. Jan. 10 is a hard deadline for NFMC, but she will take IN entries until the 17th. She encouraged all to enter both at National and Indiana contests. Indiana students will be able to receive IFMC Cup points for these events.

Marta reported that there are no additions for Bylaws or Standing Rules. Discussion was held about recorded accompaniments. In 2009, there was a motion to allow this. Ginny stated that in the National Bulletin it states in the rules that live accompaniment is required. Carolyn Lorenzoni reported that Indy North has hired one accompanist for all vocal entries. The accompanist will come for one day and rehearse with ALL students. The students will contribute towards the fee for the accompanist. It will prove to be more cost effective for students. Because of Covid, the board thinks that it is appropriate for this year to have recorded accompaniment. But after Covid, live will be required as the National rule states. **A motion was made by Stephen Gruoner that when it is physically untenable (i.e., Covid-19) to have a live accompanist present during the local festival, a recorded accompaniment is permissible. Virginia Kleeberg seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.** Live accompanists will always be required for local playoffs and state playoffs.

Stephen Gruoner reported on the Newsletter. He asked about Memorial Donations for the two other sisters that passed away in Ferdinand, IN. IFMC made a memorial donation honoring Sister Helen Maurer. Discussion was held. Cards from IFMC were sent out for the passing of both Sister Mary Karen Hill and Sister Theresita Schenk. It was decided that a memorial donation for Sister Helen was appropriate because she was the only one who held an IFMC position in the past. April 1 will be the deadline for submission for the spring newsletter.

Karri asked for everyone to put eyes on the website to see if there is anything missing or anything that needs to be added. Please send all website info to indianafederation@gmail.com If links are not live, please let us know!

Ginny Kleeberg led discussion of Festival issues/concerns:

Sight-singing: The Executive Committee has directed that Karri York and David Mannell use the Hendricks County Festival vocal sight-singing binder and other materials to prepare IFMC sight-singing repertoire following the Sight-playing/Sight-singing syllabus in the current Bulletin, similar to the Years A and B for piano sight-reading. This repertoire will be available for use in Indiana Festivals 2022.

NFMC Superior Certificates: Ginny read an email received from Lori Jessen, NFMC Festivals Chair regarding the likely delay in festival areas receiving the NFMC Superior Certificates since NFMC has had to change printers and the new printer has had to start from scratch. Festival area chairs who requested certificates are to inform Ginny if/when they receive theirs so that she can report to NFMC.

Vivace:

Sight reading: For those areas using Vivace for festival registrations, the sight-reading registering procedure is different from last year. Ginny outlined the process and encouraged anyone who needed assistance to let her know and she will send the step by step instructions.

Progression for Festival events: Questions had been raised about whether students could repeat a class regardless of rating in piano hymns or American Patriotic/Folk Song events. There was a recent Bulletin update that addressed/clarified this issue. Vivace will give an error message where a student's progression is not in accordance with the rules. Ginny encouraged festival chairs to check the Bulletin AND the Bulletin updates for progression information, and any other festival procedure questions. Chairs should contact Ginny if answers are not found in those resources.

After the meeting was adjourned, general discussion of festival specific matters ensued with festival chairs. Ginny will send a summary email to festival chairs covering this and the other festival-related matters discussed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Stephen Gruoner and seconded by Marta Hassfurther.

Meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be June 3, 2022, which will be the annual meeting in person at IUPUI.