

IFMC Board of Directors Meeting
9-11-2021

The Indiana Federation of Music Clubs Board of Directors met on September 11, 2021, via Zoom. In attendance were Ronda Rosenbaum, Karri York, David Mannell, Virginia Kleeberg, Stephen Gruoner, Kim VanVorst, Paula Alles, Ginny Jones, Debbie Griswold, Sarah Strickland, Kathy Elkins, Sara Kreilein, Marta Hassfurder, and Carolyn Lorenzoni. Anna Stumpf was present until concluding her Investment Committee Report.

Ronda Rosenbaum called meeting to order.

Marta Hassfurder read the NFMC Collect and gave the invocation.

Ronda Rosenbaum and Virginia Kleeberg reported on acceptance of the minutes from the June 4, 2021 meeting.

David Mannell presented the Treasurer's report (attached). David also mentioned that the NFMC Lifetime membership for immediate past president Lisa Cremer had been made. Also, a donation in memory of Sister Helen Maurer, who recently passed away, had been made to the Sisters of St. Benedict. David also reported that an ad in the program for the Indianapolis Youth Orchestra was made. Stephen Gruoner moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Marta Hassfurder seconded.

Anna Stumpf provided the Investment Committee report (attached). David moved to accept the report; Stephen Gruoner seconded.

David presented NFMC 2022 Indianapolis Conference information: June 13-18, 2022. The participants arranged to come for the 2020 conference which was cancelled agreed to come in 2022 under the same days and terms. The details and specific assignments for our membership will ramp up in January. Club members are invited to help on site, as well as behind the scenes. David reminded that IFMC pays the NFMC conference registration fee for any IFMC member who wishes to attend and indicated that any IFMC volunteer for the conference would have their parking paid as well. He explained that we would like to have the formal opening of the conference with the procession of state presidents with the respective state federation flags and indicated that we want to have each Junior Club (or festival area) select students to carry the state flags in that procession. More specific details about the students to select for this honor, including the number of students needed would be forthcoming, likely in January, but that we were to be aware of this and begin planning/preparation for it. Information about vendors booths, ads, and other information will be out in January. Among that other information will also be an invitation for each Senior Club and Junior Club to donate \$50 to the expenses of the conference. Marta Hassfurder also advised that there were those in the Indy vicinity who would be willing to host IFMC members in their homes in order to save the individual member the cost of the hotel.

Stephen Gruoner reported on the newsletter. The deadline for the fall (November) newsletter is October 15. An article featuring Sister Helen Mauer will be included; he will be getting the information from Paula Alles of Jasper. David Mannell and Lisa Cremer will provide information on the NFMC Conference for the newsletter. It was decided that information on the scholarships and awards, including those from Indiana and from NFMC be provided in the newsletter (as well as on the website). The chairs of those Indiana awards should provide the information for Stephen to list: name, purpose, requirements, deadline, and where application is available.

Award Chairman reports:

Karri York reported for Sara Kreilein who had left the meeting prior to this portion of the meeting. She said that she and Sara had recently talked and that Karri had provided Sara with all of the information and material that Karri had and used. Karri said that she was happy to help Sara with whatever she needed to assume this chairmanship and that Sara seemed enthusiastic about taking on this role.

David Mannell reported that there are 10 Sweeney Summer Camp awards available and that the information would be going out soon regarding these awards. The applications and scholarship information is posted on the IFMC website. This information will also be provided in the next newsletter.

Kathy Elkins reported on essay and poetry. For essay, she said that students in grades 7-12 enter the NFMC essay contest, but that the Indiana contest is open for anyone up through age 18. The national deadline is January 10 and the theme for 2022 is "Music is . . . Inspiration." Kathy said that students should enter at the state level first or they will not be able to earn the gold cup points. The cost is \$10 to enter the state essay contest. There is no cost at the national level. Regarding poetry, Kathy outlined the rules as an original unpublished poem on a musical theme with a musical title with a length of 8-30 lines in pdf format. National requires no identifying name on the poem, but for the state event, it would be most helpful to have the student's name and district (festival area) on the poem. The state fee for poetry is \$10 and national is \$5. She raised a question about regional and state winners; David answered that students could be both state and regional winners, and that IFMC matches the award of any regional or national winners from Indiana. She will check on our regional winner so that the matching award may be made.

Since Lisa Cremer was not present, no report was made on the Guillaume Flute Award. However, the Guillaume flute award info and application information is on the IFMC website and will also be shared in the next newsletter.

Ronda initiated discussion on the need for a new chair for Competitions and Awards to promote the Indiana and NFMC awards. Virginia suggested that this chair should "actively promote" these awards. In the discussion, it was suggested that the chairs of the various awards provide the information to be posted on the website and in the newsletter directly (including the name of the award, requirements, deadlines, and where/how the application is to be made.

Marta reported that there were no new items for By-Laws or Standing Rules and that the By-Law change on spending was approved at the last (June 2021) meeting.

Karri York addressed discussion of the website indicating that she will set up an email address specifically for receiving items for inclusion or updating on the website. No website updates will be done, however, until she receives the credentials for access. October 1st is usually the deadline for the website to be updated; it was agreed that she could have additional turn around time as she is getting the email set up and the website updated.

There was no new business, but Carolyn Lorenzoni expressed concern that those who are new to the organization and the board meetings do not necessarily know about many of the things discussed in the meeting – such as the Sweeney award. Ronda suggested that she could possibly put in some parenthetical explanations in the minutes. Marta said that it was important for board members to read and be aware of what is in the By-Laws and Standing Rules, which explain in detail the items we discuss. Also, the special awards are listed on the IFMC website. All rules and requirements are laid out for each award.

Virginia advised the festival chairs that she would be getting an email out in the next couple of weeks regarding updating festival personnel information, festival dates, certificate orders, etc. Since her deadline is October 1, she is asking for this information from the chairs by September 27. Ginny Jones indicated in the chat and in discussion that since Tom King has taken on a full-time job at DePauw he cannot continue to co-chair Bloomington. Vicki King (his wife) will assume that role. Vicki is no longer president of the Friday Musicale of Bloomington; Sarah Strickland (who was present at the meeting until the festivals discussion) is now the president of Friday Musicale of Bloomington. Virginia reported that there are no August 2021 updates for NFMC forms as of yet. She had received an email from the new NFMC Festivals Chair, Lori Jessen, with a report of the festival results. Indiana is #11 in the nation, just under Michigan with just 5 events more than Indiana. Lori has asked the state festival chairs to encourage participation in more events, especially those with no or few entries. There are quite a few of these. Virginia will include this information in the email to festival chairs.

Carolyn Lorenzoni addressed the potential need of Indy North festival for financial help with Vivace historical data upload. Ronda reported the results of the discussion in the Executive Committee meeting. The bottom line was that help was possible, but no decision would be made before details were available.

During this discussion, Carolyn mentioned the item at the bottom of the Festival Treasurer's report about residual funds at the end of a festival year could not exceed \$1,000 unless needed for start-up costs prior to receiving festival fees for the following year. Virginia stated that she did not believe there was anything in the By-Laws or Standing Rules concerning this (and Marta confirmed it), and that it was put there as the opinion of a previous state festival chair. This practice was adopted after a festival disbanded with 5,000.00 left in their checking account. The spirit of this suggestion was that festivals are collecting fees directly from students and it should be used on those students to run the festival and then award scholarships back to them. Since the IRS does not require reporting unless amounts are in excess of \$50,000, it was suggested by David that this be taken up in the next executive committee meeting.

David moved to adjourn, and Stephen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05a.m.

Submitted by,

Lisa P. Cremer