

The Board Directors of the Indiana Federation of Music Clubs met on January 20, 2018 at 9993 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Indiana. In attendance were Stephen Gruoner, Catherine Kling, Peg Bryan, Karri York, Marta Hassfurder, Andrea Schweizer, Sarah Sabatino, David Mannell, Virginia Kleeberg, Lisa Cremer, Jennifer Derr, Les Bryan, and Kathy Elkins via Skype.

Lisa Cremer called meeting to order and led the Collect.

Members, led by Peg Bryan, sang My Country Tis of Thee.

Andrea Schweizer gave the invocation.

Catherine Kling reported on acceptance of minutes. Virginia Kleeberg and Jennifer Derr are the reading committee.

Peg Bryan wanted it made clear who did what. She said there were some seconds recorded and some not recorded. Rhonda Rosenbaum had the Parliamentarian's book that outlines procedure for motions. It was noted that motions that were made at the executive level do not need a second. Just a motion and a vote.

David Mannell gave the Treasurer's report. A copy is attached to these minutes. Andrea Schweizer moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Catherine Kling seconded.

For the Investment committee, Les Bryan gave a report. The Investment committee report is attached to these minutes. David Mannell moved to accept the Investment committee report and Jennifer Derr seconded. Lisa Cremer said we need a vote for Investment committee members at large. The vote is to accept Stephen Gruoner and Catherine Kling as members at large in addition to Les Bryan. Investment committee term limits for at large members are as follows: Les Bryan – 2019; Stephen Gruoner – 2021; Catherine Kling – 2023.

Lisa Cremer reported on open positions: Amber Robinson is resigning as essay chairperson and asked that people talk to her after the meeting if they would like to replace Amber. Right now, English Professor, Greg Romano has this year's entries. He scans rubrics, groups by festival and then adjudicates and sends results to festival chairs (the essay chair gets all of them). The Essay chair contacts winners.

We are still looking for a publicity person. A greater social media presence (Facebook, Twitter etc.) would be nice.

Kathy Elkins had asked Lisa Cremer if we had an Indiana poetry contest. Lisa reported that at the executive committee meeting, it was discussed adding this as a festival event and awarding gold cup points. Maybe in a couple years we can treat it as an event like the essay contest. Kathy asked if we have funds to pay a professional to judge this contest. Lisa said we have \$150 for judges, but if there are only 2 poems, \$150 would be too much. Lisa suggested we add it next year as a festival entry for gold cup points and see what we get. Andrea Schweizer said it might be popular with kids who are lyricists. Peg Bryan asked what is the deadline to send to national poetry contest. Kathy already has one student with a poem. Lisa said to go ahead and give them gold cup points for the 2018 festival year. Lisa asked Kathy to get a rubric set up for the Indiana poetry contest for 2019. David Mannell moved to add the poetry event as a festival event this year and Stephen Gruoner seconded. Indiana Music in Poetry award will be the name for both festival event and poetry contest which starts in 2019. The award

would be \$50 for grades 1-12 (If enough interest, we can break down into more age groups). Ginny read requirements for national award, which included age under 19, original content, musical theme, and musically themed title. Lisa said we will keep our rules in line with national. Motion passed with vote.

Lisa Cremer also reported that Richard Glazier asked if he could come as a guest for June meeting. Lisa mentioned that we already booked the duo pianists and asked input from member on whether or not we want to ask him in 2019. The Executive committee discussed and thought it more appropriate to continue to support young artists and he is an already established artist. David Mannell asked, would it be appropriate for us to sponsor a master class given by him? Lisa suggested we could sponsor a separate event, maybe hook up with another group to co-sponsor. Lisa confirmed that we really just want to support another young artist. Andrea Schweizer had questions to clarify young artists. It was agreed that we should support young artists. Stephen Gruoner asked what about after lunch on Saturday? It was felt that people are done by that point and want to go home, and it would also be very expensive. Lisa will find out the cost for Richard. Virginia noted that the young artists are under NFMC contract. We will revisit this issue.

Jennifer Derr had questions regarding the June Convention and Honors recital. Lisa Cremer suggested using excel spreadsheet for Jennifer to work with for honors recital. Lisa noted that Rebecca Sorley said we are all set for June 1-2 for University of Indianapolis. Lisa said she would like to publicize concert more. It is on Friday night, is free and is not just for us. She would like to see kids there. Lisa said we should send invitations to senior clubs, maybe make a contest about it to generate interest. Lisa said we need to come up with a flyer for teachers to post for students to see. Jennifer Derr mentioned if they have a manager, that person can send us pictures for our publicity materials. Lisa reported that NFMC has such pictures and other materials that can be used in our publicity materials. Lisa asked Ginny to find out what accommodations the duo needs, including whether they are sharing a hotel room or need two rooms. Lisa and Jennifer will confer after meeting to sort out details.

Marta said there was no new news regarding standing rules.

Stephen Gruoner, newsletter chair said the first newsletter went out. A second newsletter will come out in April. If you have articles or information, get it into Stephen as soon as you can.

Rebecca Sorley reported via mail to Lisa on Competitions and awards. She said "We are set for the first weekend in June for the State Convention. I have sent out info about the NFMC scholarships to my e-mailing list and will do so again in a couple of weeks."

Regarding collegiate member status, Butler University is the only collegiate member. Lisa Cremer will follow up with Rebecca Sorley on this.

Karri York, Junior Composer chair said she has received one entry via google docs. She set up a google docs link so that when students go to the Indiana website they click on link to fill out everything online via google docs. Jody Nagel, from Ball State, is the judge. The national form and \$10 fee will go to David Mannell. When completing forms, students must complete all blanks for the entry to be saved. Karri stated that everyone must have a google account with gmail to file their entries. Once completed, google docs will send an email to that student confirming submission.

On the Sweeney award, Sarah Sabatino reported for Linda Sabatino. Lisa said the age requirement is currently grades 6-12. Former Sweeney recipients can't re-enter. Lisa asked "Do we want to open this

up to younger kids.” David Mannell moved to change Sweeney award application to reflect grades 1-12 the following fall, and Andrea Schweizer seconded. Motion passed.

Lisa Cremer reported on the progress of the Essay contest.

Helen Arffa reported on Festivals via email to Lisa Cremer. She said that Stephen Gruoner will be checking the theory tests and corrections from National. Indy North is the first festival this year. Also, Helen will be sending an e-form for the Junior Festival Summary with corrections for 2018 – these are to be filled out and emailed to Helen 2 weeks after the festival date. Checks along with the form would be great. The accounting form (Treasurer’s report) will be sent out with some new corrections. This is due by May 20th, also via email

Helen included the list of festivals and Lisa will post the list on the website. Also, State will purchase quicken for festivals to use. Please contact David Mannell if you are interested in reimbursement.

Lisa Cremer said ratification of an Executive committee action is needed on the past president award. Virginia Kleeberg would like an additional senior vocal award for 100.00 annually (like the Anne Adams award) for honorable mention, and the executive committee recommended that this award be called the “Virginia Kleeberg Senior Vocal Award.” Andrea Schweizer moved to ratify the award. Motion passed.

The Next meeting is Friday June 1, 2018 at University of Indianapolis. More information to follow. If anyone has publicity ideas for young artist’s performance, they should see Lisa Cremer.

The meeting was adjourned.