



Florida Federation of Music Clubs, Inc.

Member of National Federation of Music Clubs, Inc.



FFMC 97th Convention
 June 2-4, 2016
 Wyndham Garden Hotel, Gainesville, FL

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
 Friday, June 3, 2016

Call to Order Bess Stallings, President, called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M.

Roll Call Quorum: 12
 Members present: 22

		Present	Absent	Present in another position
FFMC Officers:				
President	Bess Stallings	X		
Vice President	Cheryl Poe	X		
Treasurer	Suzanne Carpenter	X		
Recording Secretary	Philip LeGrand	X		
Appointed Positions:				
Corresponding Secretary				
Archivist	Lisa Smith	X		
Chaplain	Vickie Stake		X	
Council of District & State Presidents	Ann Stockton	X		
Financial Secretary	Peggy Willis	X		
Past FFMC Presidents:				
	Sally Moxon		X	
	Dr. Isabella Laude		X	
	Connie Lill	X		
	Bonnie Hinley		X	
	Michael Edwards	X		
	Ann Stockton	X		
District Presidents:				
Bay Ridge	Dave Stockton	X		
Capital	Loretta Hake		X	
Lake	Victoria Schultz		X	
Royal Poinciana	Rob Coopman		X	
St. John's	Lisa Smith	X		
Seminole	Marian Cox	X		
Suwannee	Claudia Brill		X	
FFMC Division and Committee				

Chairman:				
		Present	Absent	Present in another position
Administration Division	Bess Stallings			X
Bylaws Committee	Philip LeGrand			X
Directory Chairman	Bess Stallings			X
Protocol	Host District			
Sergeant-at-Arms	James Stallings			X
American Music Division	Patricia Clarke	X		
Parade of American Music	Anne & Bill Pray	X	X	
Folk Music	Petra & Joshua Sussman		X	
Arts Division	Victoria Schultz		X	
Chamber Music	Sherry Pollock		X	
Choral Music	Judy McLaurin		X	
Crusade for Strings	Kathy Rodgers		X	
International Music	Cecilia Laude		X	
Music in Poetry	Cecilia Laude		X	
Music Therapy	Cheryl Poe			X
Sacred Music	Anne Pray			X
Together We Sing	Wilma Greenwood		X	
National Music Week	Sybil Catala		X	
National Music Week Essay	Marian Cox			X
Opera Department	Chai Chien			X
Competition & Awards Division	Michael Edwards			X
Ragtime Piano Auditions	Rob Coopman		X	
Stephen Foster/Jeanie Auditions	Connie Lill			X
Summer Music Award	Elaine Knight	X		
Young Artist Department	Michael Edwards			X
Biennial Competition	Michael Edwards			X
Finance Division	Rob Coopman		X	
Budget	Rob Coopman		X	
Development	Lisa Moore	X		
Florida Fellows	Connie Lill			X
Insignia	David Stockton			X
Memorial and Recognition Fund	Wilma Greenwood		X	
Past Presidents Assembly	Dr. Isabella Laude		X	
Junior Division	Vickie Stake		X	
Claire Ulrich Whitehurst Piano Award	Suzanne Carpenter			X
Essay Contest	Marian Cox			X
Festival Cups	Lisa Moore			X
Frances Rands Beery Classical Ballet Memorial Award	Dr. Monica Laude		X	
Junior Composition Awards	Sherry Pollock		X	
Festivals	Lisa Smith			X
Technology Consultant	Lisa Moore			X
New Member Liaison	Lisa Moore			X

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Membership and Education Division	Lisa Moore			X
Senior Club Reporting & Evaluation & Yearbook	Lisa Moore			X
Public Relations Division	Cheryl Poe			X
Sharps & Flats Newsletter	Bess Stallings			X
Student/Collegiate Music Educations Awards & Scholarships	Michael Edwards			X
Webmaster	Lisa Moore			X
Bay Ridge District Senior Club Presidents:				
Concert Club	Kimberly Capsas		X	
Friday Morning Musicale (Tampa)	Dr. Jerome Lowe	X		
Lake Wales Music Club	Lois Lucas	X		
Lowes Music Club	Dr. Jerome Lowe			X
The Tuesday Music Club (Lakeland)	Judy McLaurin		X	
Wauchula Wednesday Musicale	James Stallings	X		
Capital District Senior Club Presidents:				
Choctaw Bay Music Club	Lisa Cyr	X		
Lake District Senior Club Presidents:				
East Coast Music Club	Tim Murphy		X	
Lake County Ladies Chorus	Lena Catalano		X	
Orlando Music Club	Balina Smith		X	
Sanford-Seminole Performing Arts Society	Alice-Margaret Byerts		X	
South Metro Music Club of Central FL	Sherry Pollock		X	
Wednesday Music Club of Central Florida	Joan Bond		X	
Royal Poinciana District Senior Club Presidents:				
Coral Gables Music Club	Freda Janney		X	
Miami Music Club	Dr. Jay B. Hess		X	
Morning Musicale of Fort Lauderdale, Inc.	Catherine Gavin		X	
Music Club of Hollywood Florida	Chai L. Chien	X		
South Miami Music Club	Laura Wilcox		X	
St. John's District Senior Club Presidents:				
Harmony Club	Sonya Prescott Hilton		X	
Seminole District Senior Club Presidents:				
Calusa Musicale	Amy Maneval		X	
EFMusic Senior Club	Elizabeth Farrell		X	
Gulf Coast Music Club	Avis Romm		X	
Musical Manatees	Geri Zandstra		X	

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Sarasota Music Club	Mary Webb	X		
Suwannee District Senior Club Presidents:				
The Foundation for the Promotion of Music President	Linda Blessing	X		

Professional present:	
Parliamentarian	Louis Rose
Guests:	
Bill Pray, Club Delegate	Marilyn Fisher, Bay Ridge Dist. Treasurer
Violet Mandese, Club Delegate	Janet Jackson, Club Treasurer
Barbara Young	Betty Walsh
Dr. Stella Memuseso	

Invocation	Louis Rose provided the invocation.				
Minutes	The minutes were reviewed by the readers and distributed to all members of the Executive Committee, District Presidents and Club Presidents.				
Readers of Minutes	Bess Stallings appointed readers of the minutes: Philip LeGrand, Chairman, Connie Lill, and Lisa Smith.				
Parliamentarian	Bess Stallings introduced our parliamentarian, Louis Rose. Moved and seconded approved.				
Reports:					
Business Conducted by Executive Committee via E-mail	None				
Treasurer's Report	<p>Suzanne Carpenter, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. Report is attached. She reported that all our obligations as a non-profit are filed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Corporation renewal was completed with the Florida Dept. of State. 2. Registration was renewed with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs. 3. Our tax-exempt status was renewed and is valid through 1/31/2021. 4. Fidelity bonds were issued on our President and Treasurer, signers on the FFMC account, as well as for District and Senior Club treasurers. 5. Income tax filing for the last fiscal year was completed. 6. An independent accountants' compilation was completed. <p>Summary of FFMC Assets</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>KIG Asset Management (4/30/16)</td> <td>\$686,178.52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SunTrust Checking Account (5/31/16)</td> <td>\$ 54,896.55</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	KIG Asset Management (4/30/16)	\$686,178.52	SunTrust Checking Account (5/31/16)	\$ 54,896.55
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	<p>SunTrust Savings Account (5/31/16) \$ 10,355.51 Total Assets: \$751,382.58</p> <p>In February \$92,042.74 was received from the Boca Delray Music Society to be permanently restricted to the Jeanie/Stephen Auditions. \$25,000 was withdrawn from the KIG to cover legal expenses of the lawsuit.</p> <p>Summary of Assets (as of 6/1/16)</p> <table data-bbox="581 436 1356 583"> <tr> <td>KIG Asset Management (4/30/16)</td> <td>\$661,170.52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SunTrust Checking Account (5/31/16)</td> <td>\$ 12,249.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SunTrust Savings Account (5/31/16)</td> <td>\$ 10,315.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Assets:</td> <td>\$683,735.21</td> </tr> </table> <p>Report will be filed for audit.</p>	KIG Asset Management (4/30/16)	\$661,170.52	SunTrust Checking Account (5/31/16)	\$ 12,249.18	SunTrust Savings Account (5/31/16)	\$ 10,315.51	Total Assets:	\$683,735.21
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<p>Budget Committee</p>	<p>Suzanne Carpenter presented the budget.</p> <p>Senior Dues NFMC raised their portion of Senior Club dues from \$3.00 to \$6.00 with a minimum of 10 members (\$60.00). Presently, Senior Clubs paid a minimum of \$60.00 with each member over 10 paying \$6.00 (\$3.00 to NFMC; \$3.00 to FFMC). Recommend raising the Senior Club dues from \$6.00 to \$10.00 (\$6.00 to NFMC; \$4.00 to FFMC) so that would mean a minimum of 10 members (\$100.00) and \$10.00 for each additional member. Passed</p> <p>Junior Dues NFMC raised the Junior Dues from \$.70 a junior to \$1.00 with a minimum of 16 juniors. With the \$6.00 Junior Keynote subscription, the total charge is \$22.00 to NFMC for 16 members or less. Recommendation to raise junior dues to \$50.00 for minimum for 16 juniors or less (includes JRK for primary counselor). Additional juniors over 16 per club will remain at \$2.00 per junior. Passed</p> <p style="text-align: right;">○</p> <p>Peggy Willis, Financial Secretary, requested the due date for late payment of dues be changed from 15 November to 1 November (still with the \$10.00 penalty). Passed</p> <p>Frances Rands Beery Ballet Award in Classical Ballet Presently the Biannual Awards are \$500 first place and \$250 second place. Permanently restricted amount from which we can take interest is \$15,000 (at .05% = \$750.00). This award is given alternate years. Recommended to increase the award: \$750 First Place \$250 Second Place</p>								

\$25 Honorable Mentions (2) (If only one honorable mention winner at given competition, perhaps \$50 could be given to that individual?)

Total: \$1050 (alternate years)

Passed

Outgoing National President (ONP) Donation

For each National President, a fund is created to endow a scholarship in the name of the Outgoing National President. Each state is asked to donate a minimum of \$250.00 a year for the four years of the NFMC President's term (total \$1,000). FFMC donated \$1,000 to Carolyn Nelson's ONP fund. Over MANY years, (see biography in convention program) Michael Edwards has devoted so much of his time, expertise and funds to FFMC, I (Suzanne Carpenter) would recommend that each district would contribute a minimum of \$100 a year for four years toward the scholarship in his name. Fund raising projects could be designated to fund this ONP donation. Senior clubs and individuals are encouraged to contribute as well.

Michael's scholarship will be for Graduating Senior Performance Award: "The recipient must be a graduating high school senior who pursues a degree in performance at an accredited music school. Applicants must have earned at least one NFMC Federation Festival Cup by their senior year."

This will eliminate the current Senior Club Fee.

Passed

Junior State Convention

Income: \$42,703.77

Expenses: \$40,704.49

\$ 1,999.28

The expenses listed do not include \$6,800 temporary award increase; or the \$1,000 for Mike Stoeber, the computer person. The deficit would be \$5,800.72. However, after entering the expense/income for the last 10 years, we have a running total of almost \$30,000.

It is the recommendation of the Junior Division to eliminate warm-up rooms. UNF would require us to hire Jacksonville Sheriff's Officers if we were to continue with warm-up rooms. Without the warm-up rooms, we would save on pianos and room rental. If this passes, the area festival chairman will be notified that due to costs and the negative behavior of parents and students, we are eliminating warm-up rooms.

Items in the budget include:

Federation Cup Fee will not be raised this coming year.

Jr. Convention awards for 2017 will be supplemented by \$400,

Pay the Junior Convention Computer Guy, Mike Stoeber, \$1,000,

District Scholarship Award continues at \$1,500 per district. A minimum of 4 Districts must participate this year in order to continue the program next year.

District Music Appreciation Grant continues at \$1,200 per district.

	<p>Continue convention stipend (\$100) for District Presidents or Treasurers and Senior Club Presidents or Treasurers to attend the convention.</p> <p>The budget was adopted.</p>
Bylaws Committee	<p>Philip LeGrand, Bylaws Chairmen presented a report (in the booklet) and highlighted the significant items. The following recommendations from the Bylaws Committee were presented: Change Standing Rule #15 to have the Conflict of Interest Forms submitted to the FFMC Recording Secretary instead of the FFMC Festivals Chairman. Passed</p>
Junior Division	<p>The following recommendations were presented from the Junior Division:</p> <p>Based upon the NFMC Festival Bulletin for 2017-2020, make “housekeeping changes” in the Junior Procedures Manual to comply with the Bulletin.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove the “Additional Teachers” line on 1st page of State Junior convention application form. 2. Add statement, “FFMC Scholarships are not awarded to the same Junior more than one time, except the All Performance award. 3. Amend statement under section titled: “Junior State Convention” to “Entrants who have not reached 19 years of age as of the date of their Area Festival event and who...” 4. Eliminate #3 on “General Checklist.” 5. Under section titled “Selection to be Performed” after sentence 3 add statement “If the required edition listed in the Bulletin does not have an accompaniment, no accompaniment can be added or improvised.” 6. Amend year for the NFMC Festival Bulletin to “2017-2020.” 7. Revised concerto lists. 8. Remove Violin Solo/Violin Concerto Correlations that are now in the NFMC Bulletin. 9. Ensemble Events section: eliminate first sentence and amend second sentence “In all ensemble events, solo partners must be within two classes.” 10. In Awards Ceremonies section (bullets), add Presentation of 12+ Consecutive Superior National Certificates. Passed <p>Under the Interrupting Auditions Section of the Junior Procedures Manual add “Any student, parent, or teacher who exhibits disruptive behavior at the State Junior Convention will be immediately disqualified and future participation suspended until further notice” and “No warm-up rooms will be provided at FFMC State Junior Convention.” Passed</p>
Competitions and Awards Division	<p>Michael Edwards presented a report.</p>
Membership and	<p>No Senior Club reports were submitted.</p>

Education Division	
NFMC Board Member Representing Florida and NFMC Board Member at Large	Peggy Willis, NFMC Board Member Representing Florida, provided a report on last year's convention. Suzanne Carpenter, NFMC Board Member at Large, provided a brief report. The NFMC meeting is coming later this month.
Jeanie/Stephen Auditions	<p>Connie Lill provided a report and recommendations</p> <p>It is recommended to change the date to 3rd weekend in January beginning in January 2017. Passed</p> <p>It is recommended that the Friday evening program be held at a hotel in Lake City with a dinner and reception. Passed</p> <p>It is recommended that the audition be held on Saturday in the museum with a catered lunch at Nellie Bly's Kitchen. Passed</p> <p>Connie reported the when the Boca Delray Music Society disbanded they donated the balance of their funds, \$92,042.74, to the Jeanie/Stephen Voice competition.</p> <p>A Dress Library known as the Dorothy Evans Dress Library has been established.</p>
Unfinished Business	None.
New Business	Suzanne nominated Lisa Smith as the NFMC Board Member Representing Florida. Passed
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM. For the luncheon

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Philip J. LeGrand
Recording Secretary

Readers of the Minutes

_____ via e-mail _____
Connie Lill

_____ via e-mail _____
Lisa Smith

_____ 6/14/16 _____
Date

_____ 8/1/16 _____
Date

Reports:
Treasurer, Budget