



Florida Federation of Music Clubs, Inc.

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FFMC 98th Convention
June 1-3, 2017
Holiday Inn Westshore Airport, Tampa, FL

Minutes of the General Meeting
Friday & Saturday, June 2 & 3, 2017

Call to Order	Bess Stallings, FFMC President, called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M. reminding everyone of the 100 th anniversary of the founding of FFMC
Welcome	During the luncheon proceeding the meeting, official welcomes were given by: Holiday Inn: Nicole Gibson Tampa Bay: Rodney Kite-Powell, Historian & Curator, Tampa Bay History Center Visit Tampa Bay: Maria Watson
Music Programs	After the Board Meeting, a musical program was provided by Friday Morning Musicale Junior students: Madison Fang, Karishma Chapalamadugu, and Vincent Pham Concluding the luncheon, a musical program was provided by Alex Lopez, Scholarship winner of the Wauchula Wednesday Musicale. He was introduced by the club President, James Stallings.
Florida Fellows	At the luncheon the following Florida Fellows present were recognized: Connie Lill, Florida Fellows Chair who presided Suzanne Carpenter William Lill Bess Stallings Marilyn Fisher Violet Mandese Chai Chen Dr. Jerome Lowe Lisa Smith Anne Pray The 51 st Florida Fellow – Cheryl Poe was introduced.
Pledge of Allegiance	William Lill led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Anthem, the Florida State Song, and NFMC Hymn	The assembly sang our National Anthem led by Joshua Sussman accompanied by Patricia Handly.
NFMC Collect	Dr. Jerome Lowe led the group in the NFMC Collect.
Recognition of NFMC Personnel	Our president recognized the names of all the FFMC members serving in NFMC positions: Michael Edwards NFMC President Elaine Knight NFMC Vice President – SE Region Peggy Willis NFMC Board Member Representing Florida Suzanne Carpenter NFMC Board Member at Large Lisa Smith NFMC Festivals Chairman Bess Stallings NFMC Council of Presidents Ann Stockton NFMC American Music Division
Greetings	Joshua Sussman, Bay Ridge District President, provided the greeting.
Response	Lisa Cyr, Choctaw Bay Music Club President, provided the response.
Official Program	Petra Sussman, convention co-chair, presented the Official Program.
Appointment of Special Committees	President Bess Stallings appointed the following special committees
Credentials	Philip LeGrand
Readers of Minutes	Peggy Willis; Lisa Smith; and Connie Lill
Resolutions	Connie Lill
Parliamentarian – Timekeeper	Louis Rose
Protocol Chair	Sybil Catala
Recommendations from the Board of Directors	Petra Sussman moved the recommendations as presented to and approved by the Board of Directors be accepted. Motion seconded and approved.
Election of Officers	Nominating Committee Chair Marian Cox presented the slate of officers for 2017-2019 and asked for nominations from the floor: President: Cheryl Poe Vice President: Lisa Smith

	Recording Secretary: Philip LeGrand Treasurer: Suzanne Carpenter There were no nominations from the floor. By acclamation the officers were elected.
Recess	The meeting was recessed at 2:00 pm for workshops, banquet and musical program
Workshops	“The Art of Handbell Ringing” was presented by Lynne G. Marks introduced by Violet Mandese
	“Strengthening the Singing Voice” was presented by Cara Bryan with Charles Dugan
	“Fundraising with a Purpose” was presented by Kerron Reid introduced by Dr. Jerome Lowe
Banquet	
Reflective Reading	Dr, Sylvia Collins, President-Elect, Wauchula Wednesday Musicales, provided a reflective reading.
Member of the Year	Lisa Smith was recognized by Vice President Cheryl Poe as the 2017 Member of the Year.
Musical Program	Leonidas Lipovetsky, classical pianist, presented a musical program and was introduced by Joshua Sussman.
Reconvene	Meeting was called to order on Saturday, June 3 rd at 9:03AM.
Reports	Vice President Cheryl Poe moderated the session
Division and Committee Reports	
Junior Composer’s Contest	Chairman Sherry Pollock provided a brief summary of the report in the booklet
Sacred Music	Chairman Anne Pray provided a brief summary of the report in the booklet
Folk Music	Chairman Petra Sussman provided a brief summary of the report in the booklet
Memorial & Recognition Fund	Report in the booklet
Florida Fellows	Report in the booklet
Jeanie/Stephens Auditions	Report in the booklet
Poetry in Music	Bess Stallings provided a brief summary of the report in the booklet
Federation Cup	Report in the booklet
Festivals	Chairman Lisa Smith provided a brief summary of the report in the booklet
Financial Secretary	Report in the booklet
Essay Competition	Marian Cox presented a report
Frances Berry Ballet	Monica Laude provided a report.

District and Club Reports	
Bay Ridge	Joshua Sussman provided a brief summary of the report in the booklet
Friday Morning Musicale	Margaret Prosser provided a brief summary of the report in the booklet
Lake Wales Music Club	Report in the booklet. The club will be disbanding after 95 years as reported by Secretary Marilyn Fisher.
The Tuesday Music Club of Lakeland	Petra Sussman provided a brief summary of the club activities.
Wednesday Musicale Wauchula	James Stallings provided a brief summary of the report in the booklet. The club won a NFMC monetary award for a Folk Music program.
Capital District / Choctaw Bay Music Club	Lisa Cyr provided a brief summary of the report in the booklet.
Lake	Victoria Schultz provided a brief summary of the report in the booklet.
Orlando Music Club	Sherry Pollock provided a brief summary of the report in the booklet
Royal Poinciana	Chai Chen provided a brief summary of the report in the booklet.
St. John's	Lisa Smith provided a brief summary of the report in the booklet.
Seminole	Marian Cox provided a brief summary of the report in the booklet.
Gulf Coast Music Club	Report in the booklet.
Sarasota Music Club	Mary Webb provided a brief summary of the report in the booklet.
Suwannee / Foundation for the Promotion of Music	Linda Blessing provided a brief summary of the report in the booklet.
Recess	Meeting recessed 10:03 am.
Musical Program	Daniel Joiner presented a musical program.
Memorial Service	James Stallings conducted a memorial service for those members who passed away last year as follows: Bay Ridge District Lake Wales Music Club Dr. Isabella Laude Dr. Walter Laude Mary Cotton Bette Pollard

	<p>Capital District Choctaw Bay Music Club Glee Langston Ilma Mohacsy</p> <p>Lake District Wednesday Music Club of Central Florida Bonnie Hinely</p> <p>Louis William Rose sung "Find Us Faithful" accompanied by Anne Pray</p>
Musical Moment	FFMC 2017 Jeanie and Stephen, Christine Honein and Austin Cripe presented a program accompanied by Bertha Honein
Essay	FFMC & NFMC Essay winner Kayla Trung
Luncheon	Bill Pray gave the blessing prior to luncheon.
Installation of Officers	The incoming FFMC officers and District Presidents were installed by Joshua and Petra Sussman
Reconvene	Meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Outgoing 44 th FFMC President Bess Stallings passed the gavel to Incoming President Cheryl Poe.
Awards	Cheryl Poe presented the Helen Hartman Dingus Duo Piano Award to Choctaw Bay Music Club.
Credentials Report	<p>Philip LeGrand presented the Credentials Report.</p> <p>National Board Members -2 National Committee Chairmen – 2</p> <hr/> <p>For the Quorum: State Officers – 4 Additional Positions – 3 District Presidents – 5 Club Presidents - 8 Division & Committee Chairs - 4 Club Delegates – 20 Total: 44</p>
Resolutions	Connie Lill presented the resolution which was approved.
Invitation	Ray Cyr invited the FFMC members to Capital District for the 99 th Convention.
Benediction	"The Gift of Song" accompanied by Anne Pray, pianist, with Violet Mandese directing.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 P.M.

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Philip J. LeGrand
Recording Secretary

Readers of the Minutes

via e-mail
Connie Lill

via e-mail
Lisa Smith

via e-mail
Peggy Willis

10/31/2017
Date

11/02/2017
Date

10/24/2017
Date

List of Reports provided and filed:

Resolution

Reports:

- FFMC President
- FFMC Financial Secretary
- FFMC Festivals
- FFMC Archivist
- FFMC Florida Fellows
- FFMC Stephen Foster Committee
- FFMC Junior Counselor
- FFMC Essay
- FFMC Festival Cup
- FFMC Junior Composition Competition
- FFMC Dance
- FFMC Sacred Music
- Bay Ridge District
- Friday Morning Musicale
- Tuesday Music Club of Lakeland
- Wauchula Wednesday Musicale
- Capital District
- Lake District
- East Coast Music Club
- Orlando Music Club
- Wednesday Music Club of Central Florida
- South Metro Music Club of Central Florida
- Royal Poinciana District
- Miami Music Club
- St. Johns District
- Seminole District
- Gulf Coast Music Club
- Sarasota Music Club
- Foundation for the Promotion of Music