

## **TFMC 2013 Convention Minutes**

**March 23, 2013 in Knoxville, TN**

Registration began at 9:30 a.m. at the American Piano Gallery in Knoxville, TN. Coffee and refreshments were furnished by TFMC, coordinated by TFMC President, Aleex Conner.

Meeting was called to order by President, Aleex Conner, and all were welcomed. Greg Scribner of the American Piano Gallery was thanked for hosting the meeting at their Knoxville location.

**Members Present:** Junior Clubs represented: Giocoso/Cindy Barton; Grace Notes/Lara Lawrence; Musical Notes/Wryn Whitaker. Senior Clubs represented: Harmony of the Arts/Aleex Conner, Tom Boduch; Knoxville Music Club/Fay Adams, David Brunell, Bob and Janie Gilliam; Obbligato SMC/Barbara Hildebrand, Savannah Turner; Thursday Music Study Club of Etowah/Carolyn Harrod, Mary Ellen Nolletti, Beth Bush.

**Guests:** Carolyn Craig and Nathan Bowman.

**Nominating Committee:** Aleex Conner, Barbara Hildebrand, Myra Brooks-Turner.

**Installation of Officers by National Guest, Barbara Hildebrand:** All retiring officers were recognized and thanked for their outstanding contribution of time and expertise over their term of office. Janie Gilliam presented Aleex Conner with a silver tray as a token of thanks for a job well done for 4 years as TFMC President.

New officers present were introduced: Janie Gilliam, President; Barbara Hildebrand, President-Elect, Treasurer and Gold Cup Chairman; Co-Treasurer, Savannah Turner. Those not in attendance: Recording Secretary, Elaine Knight; East TN Divisional Vice President, Myra Brooks-Turner; Middle TN Divisional Vice President, Stacie Robbins; West TN Divisional Vice President, Patricia Gray. The slate was elected unanimously. Those present were officially installed, and retiring President, Aleex Conner, presented the President's pin to newly installed President Janie Gilliam. Ceremony was closed with the reading of the NFMC Collect by Janie Gilliam.

National guest, Barbara Hildebrand, spoke on "How to Keep your Clubs Vitalized and Attract Younger Members." Included were "open house" for new teachers in area having materials such as bulletins, awards information, music for browsing, applications, opportunities to meet other members of your club, and mentor information. Of course refreshments are always an invitation to conversation. Remember TFMC is not only for music teachers but for those who enjoy other facets such as music, poetry, dance, and composition. More ideas that came from the group: the performances in retirement and nursing homes by juniors and senior members, home concerts, contacting town bands and ensembles.

Savannah Turner shared how TFMC could become more visible and improve communication through "social media." She has set up a "facebook" page for TFMC. Facebook can open doors of communication to parents, teachers, and links to the community. She has also updated the TFMC website to be more user friendly.

### **Reports from Chairmen and Local Clubs:**

Myra Brooks-Turner: East TN Divisional Vice President and State Junior Counselor. Tennessee has 17 senior clubs (10 in East TN), 78 Junior Clubs with 1898 members.

Janie Gilliam: Scared Music Chairman, retiring State Festival chairman. Encouraged entry in essay contest and participation in National Music Week (May 5-12th).

Lara Lawrence: Knoxville Festival Chairman, total of 564 entrants, 457 superior ratings, 34 teachers represented and 33 junior clubs. This was Lara's first year as chairman, and she did a superb job.

Cindy Barton: Junior Composition Chairman, reported that TN had 2 entrants this year. This area needs more publicity, and our website can help.

Barbara Hildebrand: Obbligato Senior Music Club has 21 members, 2 life members, and 3 new members participating in the festival: Kathy Edwards,

Darlene Dulaney and Sallye Zeringue. The festival was held at Lipscomb University, and there were 211 entrants.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**Chairmanship positions to be filled:** Aleex Conner, President, recommended that we assign names to only those that we had volunteers for rather than have a name filled in just to have a name on the list. All were in agreement.

**Archives:** We need ideas as on where and how to store the TFMC archive materials. Possible ideas are 1) digitalize records for saving space, 2) website storage, 3) store in cloud. Need allocation of funds to find person or persons to organize archives, get estimates, and pre-organization of paper records with knowledge of how much information needs to be stored. Suggested that all material be gathered before beginning. Savannah Turner and Wryn Whitaker volunteered to be new TFMC historians. Donations were mentioned as a way to fund the project of organizing the archives and storing the final project. It was suggested that a letter be sent to each club requesting donations for project.

### **By-Laws Revision:**

By-Law Section 2 State Vice President/President-Elect shall: delete #D - Obtain a National Federation of Music Clubs State President's pin for presentation to the incoming President at the installation ceremony. Pin to be paid for from the TFMC budget.

By-Law Section 5: Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall: ADD

#H - Obtain a plain NFMC State President's pin for presentation to the incoming President at the installation ceremony. If incoming President wishes a more expensive pin, the incoming President shall cover the difference in cost.

**Presentation of Budget:** Barbara Hildebrand - see attached. Budget approved.

**Motion:** To purchase state blue and white cards for each festival with funds collected for state festival expenses and pay for postage for mailing superior and

consecutive superior certificates annually. Motion made by Barbara Hildebrand , seconded by Lara Lawrence. Motion carried.

**Grace Moore Vocal Scholarship Competition** will be held later this spring. Winner, name, and bio will be posted on website. Winner will be invited to perform at our Fall meeting.

Alex Conner presented Barbara Hildebrand, national guest, with a handmade honey pot made by a Tennessee artisan.

Business meeting was adjourned.

Myra Brooks-Turner headed up the committee (Barbara Hildebrand, Fay Adams, Rachel Acuff-Ribble) who coordinated an international music presentation for the enjoyment of our group including junior and senior members. Program is attached.

After the wonderful concert those that were available were invited to a "dutch - treat" lunch at Cru Bistro.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hildebrand, Acting Recording Secretary

Many thanks to Wryn Whitaker for taking minutes of the TFMC 2013 Convention.