

**North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs
89th State Convention – New Bern, NC / Captain Ratty’s Event Space
General Meeting**

President Joel Adams brought the general meeting to order with 24 members present.

Joel introduced Diane Blanchard, president of St. Cecilia MC. to present the welcome.

Diane welcomed everyone to New Bern which was founded in 1710 and is the birthplace of Pepsi Cola. She recognized local club members of St Cecilia MC. She asked us to remember Lorraine Robinson who was in an accident and unable to attend. Lorraine was instrumental in making today's convention possible.

Treasurer’s report given by Norma Alexander

National Club dues have increased from \$30 to \$60 for senior clubs.

This will increase senior club dues from \$50 to \$80.

Norma made a motion to accept the increase in senior club dues from \$50 to \$80 and Jr. club dues from \$23 to \$30. June Knox seconded. Motion passed.

Joel and Norma and others will discuss the added financial burden on the smaller clubs at a later time.

Joel made mention that National has been investing savings for years. NCFMC is accruing very little interest on CD’s. National Treasurer, Barbara Hildebrand will speak later on this issue.

Diane Blanchard, nominating committee chairman, submitted the following proposed slate of officers for 2016-2018:

- President - Joel Adams
- 1st Vice President - **Open**
- 2nd Vice President - Lynn Wilemon
- Recording Secretary - Deanna Smith
- Corresponding Secretary - Marie Humphrey
- Treasurer - Norma Alexander
- Parliamentarian - Carol Windsor
- Chaplain - Irene Craig

Julie Stewart made the motion to accept the slate of officers and Julia Bircher seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the membership.

At a request by Lynn Wilemon and Robert Setzer, Elizabeth Huss explained the need to change NCFMC’s Jr. Festival Day to Jr. Awards Day. Norma made the motion to accept the request and Julie Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Joel asked for a NCFMC Summer Camp Chairman for Brevard and EMF Scholarships (Camp costs are \$6000 and \$5600 respectively.) Last year, NCFMC increased amount given from \$700 to \$1500 for Brevard and \$700 to \$1400 for EMF. Brevard matches this amount totaling \$3000 and the EMF match totals \$2800. Brevard needs to know by around March 1 who the winners are. These students will

need to be judged before Festivals take place. Joel, Julie Stewart and Elizabeth Huss will work together to put together a plan.

Brevard is requesting a fundraiser to restore student cabins and rehearsal spaces. Nothing was decided. The subject will be taken up at Brevard Weekend for the Southeastern Region.

We will be discussing investing NCFMC funds for maximum benefit after Barbara Hildebrand's talk.

There are some Junior Scholarships that need to be renamed - their endowment funds are depleted or are no longer supported by individuals or Senior clubs. NCFMC is therefore looking for new sponsors. Joel asked if there was anyone interested in sponsoring a scholarship. We could possibly solicit corporations for scholarships. Look for corporations that already support the ARTS. Some companies match dollar for dollar.

Joel made a proposal to rename NCFMC instrumental award to Lamar Stringfield NCFMC Instrumental Award and the NCFMC strings award to the Benjamin Swalin NCFMC Strings Award. Lamar Stringfield founded the symphony and was the first conductor; 1932-1938. Benjamin Swalin was the long time conductor who brought the symphony to prominence (1938-1972) Irene Craig made a motion to accept the proposal and Marie Speece seconded. The motion passed.

Joel submitted a list of a rotating schedule for conferences and conventions. Joel suggested a low key conference during the odd-number years (maybe executive board only) and a full convention with concerts during the even-numbered years. Johnston County Music Association needed to be added to the list. Joel will rework the list and submit an updated version. The rotation was agreed upon.

Lorraine brought a concern about fees for state finals being required the Monday after Jr. Festival. The rules and guidelines state that we have 7 days. There was also a concern about a student being reprimanded for using a downloaded copy of music, (she had all of her documentation and had paid for it). Joel stated that he would discuss the matter with the chairmen.

Gold Cup Issues? None were brought to the membership's attention.

Brevard Week-end, July 22-23, will be hosted by North Carolina. Marie Speece is requesting volunteers. The National President will be attending as the speaker.

Everyone is invited to the 100 Year Anniversary/Centennial Gala Celebration, May 19-20, 2017, hosted by the Raleigh Music Club.

The business meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted by

Deanna Smith
Recording Secretary