

OFMC
General Board Meeting
Tillamook
August 29, 2014—1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

President Aaron Bloom called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Attendance: President Aaron Bloom, Shirley Christensen, Pauline Eidemiller, Carma Glausi, Loretta Green, Cindy Peterson-Peart, Lisette Sage, Linda Taylor

Minutes read from last board meeting, approved and put on OFMC website.

President's Report: Aaron reported that the NFMC State Conference was a great success and thanked everyone for their help. Now that the conference is behind us, Aaron wants us to think about "what's next". We need to explore what OFMC offers and what we want it to offer.

Treasurer's Report: Lisette reported on the year end status of the various accounts. After all expenses were paid, we received approximately \$2,000 from NFMC for hosting the conference. Lisette received final conference income and expense information from National and she would like to go over what everything cost and break it down into categories. She will share her findings at the next meeting as well as with the North Dakota treasurer. Shirley suggested that future Treasurer reports be organized by category, so that we can easily see the income and expense for each category (Festival, Scholarship, Conference, Membership, etc.). Aaron and Carma will look into whether we are required by law to do an audit or review in order to keep our 501(c)3 status. If not, we will change our bylaws as we can't support the expense. Lisette would like to remove the requirement of two signatures per check. Lisette will check with the bank and Aaron will look through the bylaws to see if this is actually necessary. If not, we will dispense with the requirement.

Senior Club Year End Reports: Beaverton, Hood River, South Metro and Tillamook gave year end reports.

Continued Business:

Online Festival Database: Beta testing will continue for 2015. 2016 is the target date for getting everyone online, but since it will be such a big job to get all the data entered, the 2016 date will not be mandatory. A PowerPoint presentation will be available for clubs to look at to see what will be necessary and get prepared.

Date reminders: Returning members need to renew by October 1st. New members have until January 15th to join. The competitive scholarship event will be November 22nd at Classic Pianos. Entry deadline will be October 31st. The Composition event will be January 17th, also at Classic Pianos. Entry deadline is December 31st.

Website: Aaron asked that everyone take a look at the OFMC website and send any suggestions for change or improvement to him.

Board Actions of NFMC in Portland: Shirley reported on highlights from the NFMC board meeting at the National Conference in June.

New Business:

Nominations for 2016-2017 biennium: Shirley's has one more year in her appointment as OFMC State Representative and she will go to Fargo for the NFMC Conference as our State Representative in June. Aaron asked Shirley if she's willing to continue as State Representative for 2016-2017. He also mentioned that Jill Foster would consider being the Board Representative. Shirley said she's willing to step down after this term. Pauline nominated Jill Foster as OFMC State Representative for 2016-2017. Shirley seconded. The motion passed.

Audit requirement: We received an email from Carma's husband (a tax and business attorney) saying that it is not required by law that our non-profit group go through a formal audit process either on a yearly basis or at the point of changing over to a new treasurer. Our current bi-laws state that a formal audit should be done when we change over to a new treasurer. Now that we know that it is not legally required to do that, we will change the wording in our bi-laws to state that a formal audit is not required, but may be done if deemed necessary at the time. We will vote on this amendment to our bi-laws in our next board meeting in January.

Festival fees: NFMC Festival fees will increase from \$1.50 to \$2.00 for 2014/2015. Since we didn't decrease our fees when NFMC lowered them by 50 cents last year, we won't need to increase them this year.

Microsoft Office License Renewal: Aaron brought up his need as OFMC president to purchase the updated version of Microsoft Office for OFMC business purposes. Loretta moved that OFMC provide the funds for this purchase. Linda seconded. The motion passed

OFMC State Conference on October 10, 2015: Aaron suggests that we have a one-day OFMC State Conference with 2 presenters, (the first session 9 – Noon, the second session 1 – 4) followed by a performance by either a Young Artists or an OFMC Competition Winner. Aaron proposed that the 2 presenters be

1. Jennifer Eklund, out of CA, self-published piano method "Piano Pronto"
2. Bradley Sowash, out of Ohio, writer in Clavier Companion, composer, performer and educator known for his jazz piano method "That's Jazz".

The board discussed whether it's worth doing this conference. With presenters' airfare and teaching fee, and with the cost of a buffet lunch, this event does not make OFMC any money. The registration fees do not cover the costs of the conference. After discussion, board members agreed that we should go forward with plans for this conference. Registration fees would be anywhere from \$50 to \$80 per person for the all-day conference, including lunch. Exact fee to be determined later.

Nominating Committee: Aaron will soon ask for one of our board members to head up a nominating committee, which would nominate our new OFMC President and Vice-President (and possibly Treasurer) to take office in the year 2015. Our current Secretary, Cindy, will stay on in her position for now.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Minutes by Recording Secretary Cindy Peterson-Peart