

# **OFMC**

General Board Meeting  
Beaverton Community Center  
February 13, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

President Aaron Bloom called the meeting to order at 10:03

Attendance: President Aaron Bloom, Sarah Bisceglia, Shirley Christensen, Pauline Eidemiller, Jill Foster, Susan Foust, Loretta Green, Wilma Hawkins, Cindy Peterson-Peart, Lisette Sage, Fen-Fang Tsao

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisette shared the Investments report. We're doing well, but the market is up, which accounts for the increase in interest. Putting the Sampley-Conn funds in with the other funds has helped as well. The Trotter, Raines and Lang scholarships continue to earn less interest than is paid out in the scholarship award. Aaron will look into whether we can legally treat the scholarships as one combined source of scholarship funds in order to not have to supplement these awards out of the general funds. Lisette also shared a new version of the treasurer's report with a breakdown of categories for income and expenses.

**Supplies Report:** Sarah reported that she's received all of her supplies and is in the process of distributing them to the Festival Clubs. She also reported that theory exams cannot be sent out until three weeks in advance of a club's festival.

**Gold Cup Report:** Fen-Fang reported that the cost of cups has increased by .25 per cup. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> cups cannot be shipped in advance, only after the student has performed and actually earned the cup.

**Scholarship Results/Report:** Wilma reported on the results of the scholarship competition in November. The three adjudicators were Molly Wheeler, Chris Engbretson, and Victoria Drozdova. The November date seems to work well, but the number of entrants is still small. The winners were:

Lang opera - Rebecca Yakos - Student of Angela Niederloh

## Raines

1st place - Andre Zhu - student of Marek Sobieraj

2nd place - Serenity Wade - student of Barbara Parker

3rd place - Sean Jim - student of Barbara Parker

## Trotter

1st place - Henry Liang - student of Barbara Parker

2nd place - Adary Zhang- student of Rosalie Justen/Grace Waites

3rd place - Stephanie Chen - student of Barbara Parker

**Junior Composers Report:** Dan reported to Aaron that there were 6 Junior composer entrants this year. Susan Alexander was the adjudicator. The winners were forwarded on to the Regional level for further evaluation. The results were:

**Class I First Place:**

Mieling Larsen, student of Dorothy Grace Bernhard

Title: Beautiful Oregon

**Class I Second Place:**

Composer: Maya Casady, student of Kristi Negri

Title: Haunted House

**Class II First Place:**

Talia Rueher, student of Kristi Negri

Title: House of Monsters

**Class II Second Place:**

Canyon Roberts, student of Marek Sobieraj

Title: Dream

Brett Ross, student of Nancy Stone

Title: After the Earthquake

**Class III First Place:**

Matthew Kaminski, student of Daniel Brugh

Title: At the Top of the World

**Continued Business:**

Online Festival Database: Aaron reported that there will be an article about the online database project in the upcoming edition of Junior Keynotes. The project has proven to be much bigger than anticipated and will require more support staff and development than originally thought. The Beta testing has been successful and has shown where the

program is working and where the bugs are. Migrating data to the new database system is the big issue. Because of this, mandatory participation will not be required in 2016.

Audit Requirement: Bylaws will need to be reworked to get rid of the audit requirement.

OFMC Slate of Officers: Aaron presented the nomination for the 2015-2017 slate of officers:

President: Wilma Hawkins

Vice President: Carma Glausi

Past President: Aaron Bloom

Secretary: Cindy Peterson-Peart

Treasurer: Lisette Sage

Directors: Jill Foster, Jo Ann Widmer, Shirley Christensen, Loretta Green, Pauline Eidemiller

OFMC Representative to the National Board: Jill Foster

OFMC Festivals Chairman: Sarah Bisceglia

OFMC Gold Cup Chairman: Fen-Fang Tsao

OFMC Festival Supplies Chairman: TBA

Pauline moved that we accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion passed.

OFMC State Conference: The OFMC State Conference is scheduled for October 10, 2015 at Classic Pianos. Aaron found that it would be too expensive to bring Bradley Sowash as a presenter. Instead we will have Jennifer Eklund, presenting on her Piano Pronto method as well as teaching composition to students. Jill moved that we accept the conference proposal with Jennifer Eklund as presenter along with a possible keynote speaker and/or concert performer. The motion passed.

Outgoing President's Gift: Aaron received a letter asking for donations toward a "love gift" for outgoing president Carolyn Nelson, to be presented at the National Conference in Fargo. NFMC is also collecting letters, notes, and pictures for a scrapbook. Lisette reported that we've already sent \$1,000 toward the Past National President fund, to help establish the double-reed scholarship that Carolyn is setting up. We discussed what to contribute towards the love gift. Jill moved that we donate \$200 toward

Carolyn's love gift, as outgoing President. The motion passed. Lisette will send the check to Aaron and he will include it in a card from Oregon.

### **New Business:**

Budget Proposal for Fargo: Sarah, Aaron, Wilma, Shirley, and Jill will attend the conference in Fargo, ND, June 12-16. Currently, airfare is about \$400 per person round trip. The estimated budget would be \$2,000 for airfare, \$1,700 for the hotel, \$1,000 for registration (including some meals). The estimated total would be \$4,700 - \$5,000. Attendees will cover their own food expenses for anything that isn't provided by the hotel or the conference registration. Pauline moved that we pay up to \$5,000 for our members' expenses to travel to Fargo. The motion passed.

Communicating with our members: Aaron shared that communicating with members has been a challenge. He suggested we might want to have a dedicated "communications chair" to stay on top of communicating with our members and to produce a good newsletter. Aaron and Wilma will discuss some possibilities.

Bylaws Revisions: Bylaws revision continues to be an ongoing project. Board members in Fargo will meet to discuss what needs to be done.

The next board meeting will be held after the National Conference in Fargo.

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Minutes by Recording Secretary Cindy Peterson-Peart