

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL MEETING
Brevard Summer Music Festival
Brevard, North Carolina
July 12-13, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m., with a warm welcome extended to attendees by NFMC Southeastern Region Vice President, Marcia Chaplin. The meeting was hosted by the Florida Federation of Music Clubs, with the theme, "Florida...Here Comes the Sun!"

The Federation Hymn was led by Joel Adams, accompanied by Elaine Brady. Claudia Sandifer gave the devotional. The NFMC Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Sandra Anderson. Joel Adams led in the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," accompanied by Elaine Brady.

Marcia Chaplin introduced Jason Posnock, Director of Artistic Planning and Educational Programs at Brevard Music Center. Mr. Posnock gave an informative update on the many things going on at the Music Center. Currently under construction, The Parker Concert Hall will be the new home of the Center's piano program, but also a versatile venue, adaptable to many different functions and activities, from concerts to business gatherings. The Hall is scheduled to be opened in June 2020. Mr. Posnock gave other information and retold the history of the beginnings of The Brevard Center, noting the long-standing friendship/relationship with the NFMC. He thanked us for our continued support and ended by saying, "At this time in our world, we need music more now than ever before!"

Karen Herndon read the minutes from the SER meeting at the NFMC convention in Jacksonville on June 19, 2019. The minutes were approved unanimously. Joel Adams gave the Treasurer's Report, noting the positive change in the balance.

Marcia Chaplin announced that the updated bylaws are now on the SER website, and thanked Barbara Hildebrand, Elaine Knight and Linda Lind for their help on this committee.

Sandra Anderson reported that the Advisory Council plans to revise the SER handbook to reflect recent changes. The handbook will be posted on the SER website. Elaine Knight and Sara Kellar assist on that committee.

Marcia Chaplin noted that it is time to form a Nominating Committee to begin the work of assembling a slate of officers for 2021. Ruth Morrow (SC), Gwen Redding (LA) and Norma Alexander (NC) agreed to serve on this committee.

Ms. Chaplin spoke about the very important issue of assuring that all clubs are following their bylaws. She relayed information from NFMC, and urged State Presidents to have copies of all clubs' bylaws, and that they express the importance of adhering to them, and updating them when necessary.

Ms. Chaplin recognized parliamentarian, Louis Rose, who first, reiterated the importance of knowing and following club bylaws. He then reminded members that it is critical to follow parliamentary procedure in order to facilitate the smooth and harmonious functioning of meetings. He gave several colorful illustrations, emphasizing the necessity and benefits of doing so. Even the most seemingly unimportant business (such as changing the flavor of ice cream at the banquet) can be handled in a “noble manner.” He implored members to *always* employ decorum and to *always* “be kind, be polite, and be pleasant.” Finally, he advised members to not let their feelings get hurt during business, leaving us with the acronym “Q-TIP: Quit Taking It Personally.” Mr. Rose was well received by the group.

Karen Herndon gave a report from the NFMC Arts Advocacy Department. Information from her report and the flyer handed out will be available on the SER website.

Joel Adams spoke about the need to increase scholarship amounts for our summer programs, by possibly creating a separate fund to supplement the current scholarship. He suggested that “a line” be added to SER registration forms to allow members to donate to such a fund, if able. He provided a handout showing our scholarships’ small percentage of the total cost of the camps. He made a generous donation of \$700 to begin the effort, with the check earmarked to increase the scholarship amounts at EMF in NC and Sewanee in TN to \$1000 each for the summer of 2020. After much discussion about the appropriate way to proceed, Wendell Anderson made a motion that a committee be formed to consider options. Joel Adams (NC), Wendell Anderson (VA) and Kim Harvey (LA) agreed to serve on this committee. Additionally, Marcia Chaplin made a recommendation to raise the dollar amount of the Beth McAuley scholarship. These motions passed unanimously. Ms. Chaplin advised that these motions would come as recommendations from this SER Regional Meeting, to be voted on at National in Indianapolis 2020.

Deborah Freeman extended an invitation to members from Ruby Morgan, to a drop-in at her home from 2:00 to 3:30.

Ruth Morrow announced that she had a number of Lucile Parrish Ward’s book, “A Musical Legacy of 100 Years,” available for sale. This book is out of print. It is a detailed history of the NFMC.

Marcia Chaplin recognized officers, chairs, state presidents and each one in attendance. Once again, the Attendance Award went to South Carolina, with fourteen members present.

After group photos were made Claudia Sandifer gave the invocation, and a delicious luncheon was enjoyed by the group. The Southeastern Region Summer Music Center Award Winners were all present to perform:

- 2019 Rose Thomas Smith Award - Sophia Aiello, violist from Epworth, Georgia
- 1029 Beth McAuley Award - Amanda Hamilton, violist from Johns Creek, Georgia
- 2019 Lucile Parrish Ward Scholarship - Aiden Hartman, pianist from Ooltewah, Tennessee

Suzanne Carpenter gave the official registration report: 38 registered participants.

Joel Adams, North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs President, extended an invitation to next year's SER meeting to be held at the Eastern Music Festival (EMF) in Greensboro, NC, during the second weekend in July (July 10-11, 2020). NCFMC will be hosting.

Marcia Chaplin thanked everyone for coming, and presented National Guest, Lisa Smith, with a gift from the SER.

Joel Adams led the NFMC Benediction, The Gift of Song, accompanied by Elaine Brady. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Karen Herndon

July 15, 2019