

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS  
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL MEETING  
Sewanee Summer Music Festival  
Sewanee, Tennessee  
July 13-14, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Marcia Chaplin at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was hosted by the Tennessee Federation of Music Clubs, with the theme, "Music...The Domain of the Heart." The Federation Hymn, devotional, NFMC Collect, Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star Spangled Banner" were led. It was noted that Karen Herndon would be recording the meeting in Ruth Morrow's absence. Mrs. Herndon read the minutes of the SER meeting at the NFMC conference in Milwaukee on June 21, 2018. After corrections and additions, the minutes were approved. Joel Adams gave the Treasurer's Report, noting slight changes since Milwaukee.

Marcia Chaplin explained the need to address updating our current By-Laws, which hasn't been done since 2009. She recognized Barbara Hildebrand, who provided members with (1) a copy of the current By-Laws, (2) a copy of the recommended changes and (3) a blank Amendment Form. She asked that everyone take the proposed changes with them to review, and to submit any edits or recommendations by using the blank form. She asked for these to be submitted to her as soon as possible, by mail or email. She will compile the information and send it out to members no less than fourteen days before our next meeting in Jacksonville in June, 2019. Marcia Chaplin, Barbara Hildebrand, Elaine Knight and Linda Lind are on that committee.

Elaine Knight reported that the Advisory Council plans to revise the SER manual to reflect recent changes. Sandra Anderson and Sara Kellar assist on that committee.

Marcia Chaplin recommended that a website be created for SER (linked to the NFMC website), so that members have convenient access to important information. After discussion and suggestions, Savannah Turner volunteered to investigate costs and work on setting up the site. Based on her experience, she predicted the cost to be minimal. Ms. Chaplin reported that money can be budgeted for this worthwhile expense. After a proposal is made, she will poll the Executive Board and SER State Presidents via email to receive approval to proceed.

Marcia Chaplin reminded members that although we will be voting on business at national meetings, discussion time is short there. (Regional Vice-Presidents are in the process of requesting that more time be allotted at National for Regional Luncheons.) She asserted that attendance at our SER meetings is very important, as it is here that members formulate and fully discuss all recommendations; having business 'ready to go' at National.

Cheryl Poe, Florida Federation of Music Clubs President, encouraged members to "Save the Date" for the NFMC Biennial Convention at the Hyatt Regency-Jacksonville Riverfront on June 18-22, 2019. Attractive bookmark reminders were handed out.

Marcia Chaplin brought for discussion the topic of upcoming SER meeting venues, as we had hoped to support other summer programs in our region. After discussion, Barbara Hildebrand made a motion that we set our 2019 meeting for Brevard, and continue to investigate the other SER summer programs as possible sites for future meetings. The motion was approved unanimously.

Joel Adams extended an invitation to the Eastern Music Festival (EMF) in Greensboro, NC, during the second weekend in July, and made a motion that we hold our 2020 SER meeting there. The motion was approved unanimously. Marcia Chaplin advised that these motions would come as recommendations from this SER Regional Meeting, to be voted on at National in Jacksonville.

Likewise, the Nominating Committee's recommendations will be voted on in Jacksonville. The slate for SER officers includes: VP-Marcia Chaplin, Treasurer-Joel Adams, and Recording Secretary-Karen Herndon. Nominated for the Advisory Council is Sandra Anderson. Given no nominations from the floor, Barbara Hildebrand made a motion that we accept the recommendations. The motion was approved unanimously.

Marcia Chaplin recognized six State Presidents present: Carol Larkins-AL, Cheryl Poe-FL, Gwen Redding-LA, Joel Adams-NC, Sara Kellar-SC and Janie Gilliam-TN. She then recognized each person in attendance, along with their offices/titles held. South Carolina retained the coveted attendance trophy with nine members. A delicious luncheon was enjoyed by the group.

Janie Gilliam gave a beautiful tribute, "Remembering Gladys R. Coult," the woman who endowed the NFMC Scholarship for Sewanee. Marcia Chaplin introduced Hillary Dowd Ward, assistant Director of the Sewanee Summer Music Festival. Ms. Ward gave a brief history of the Sewanee Summer Music Festival, and brought several framed certificates of merit the center had received from NFMC over the years, acknowledging the relationship between the two for nearly five decades.

Mary Ellen Nolletti, NFMC Chair, Summer Music Center Awards and NFMC Representative to Sewanee Music Festival, then introduced the NFMC Gladys R. Coult Scholarship Award Winner, Eddie Adams, cellist, age 19, from Virginia, who delighted the audience with Bach Cello Suite in C major.

The attendance report of the registrar was: 33 members, 6 guests and 2 honored guests performing.

Cheryl Poe, President of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs enthusiastically invited the group to attend the SER meeting in Brevard next year, July 12-13, 2019, as Florida will be hosting.

Joel Adams led the NFMC Benediction, The Gift of Song, accompanied by Helena Meetze. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Karen Herndon  
August 31, 2018