

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS  
SOUTHEASTERN REGION MEETING  
Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina  
Eastern Music Festival  
“Let Music Make Us Instruments of Peace”  
July 9, 2022**

The NFMCSoutheastern Region Meeting was called to order by Marcia Chaplin at 9:30 a.m. The Collect, Federation Hymn, Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem were presented by the group. A devotion was given by NFMCS Chaplain, Karen Herndon. Minutes from the Regional Luncheon in Indianapolis were read by Ms. Herndon, SER Recording Secretary, and were approved unanimously. Joel Adams presented the Treasurer’s Report (attached).

Instead of introducing guests, Ms. Chaplin invited members to introduce themselves with something no one knows about them. It was fun to hear so many wonderful, interesting stories about our colleagues.

Ms. Chaplin gave a description of the Advisory Council and its duties. She opened the floor for nominations for three new members. She then nominated Barbara Hildebrand. Joel Adams nominated Margarita Harvey and Bobette Spear. Deborah Freeman moved the nominations be closed, and the three were elected unanimously. Ms. Chaplin stated that Barbara Hildebrand will serve as chair, and all will serve three year terms (2023 – 2026). She reported that The Advisory Council Handbook is online ([nfmcs.org](http://nfmcs.org)) and encouraged members to visit the site for all SER information. She asked members to send state and local news articles for the website to her.

Project Reports included discussion of dates and locations of future SER meetings. The 2023 meeting will be held at Brevard on July 7 & 8. Much discussion followed about future meetings being held at different summer camps, as well as moving the date. The topic of financial support for the smaller summer camps was discussed. Marcia Chaplin suggested brainstorming ways to generate funds for the camps. There was one suggestion to set up a workshop to help people use Venmo, Survey Monkey and other ways of contributing to such a fund. The consensus was that there be one fund to be used for the smaller camps, as Brevard has financial support already. Kim Harvey agreed to speak with Wendell Anderson about forming a committee to address this issue.

New Business included the following: Joel Adams was nominated for SER VP in Indianapolis, and will be presented for a vote in Norfolk next year. The floor was opened for nominations for Recording Secretary. Ruth Morrow nominated Debra Hughes. With no further nominations, Ms. Hughes was elected unanimously. Next, nominations for Treasurer were opened. Joel Adams nominated Kim Harvey. With no further nominations, Mr. Harvey was elected unanimously.

Business was paused for our SER group picture and lunch. Karen Herndon, NFMCS Chaplain, gave the invocation.

When business resumed, Ruth Morrow (SC) was recognized, and spoke about: 1) The book, “A Musical Legacy: The History of NFMCS.” These books are out of print, but she has some for sale. 2) She described South Carolina’s recent organization of the Carolina Jessamine Fellow, where funds raised are used to support state conventions. Marcia Chaplin suggested the group might consider establishing an “SER Fellow” award to be put toward the summer camps’ fund. The idea

was roundly approved. Ms. Morrow agreed to chair a committee to develop this idea. Debra Hughes, Marcia Chaplin, Margarita Harvey and Joel Adams all agreed to join the committee.

Sarah Kellar was recognized and spoke of creating a National President's Award Fund, where funds are collected during Deborah Freeman's term to be made into a scholarship in her name. She encouraged members to be aware of this fund in the future.

Joel Adams asked to address the issue of scholarship "equality" for the smaller camps in our region; Eastern Music Festival, Stephen Foster and Sewanee. He noted that Brevard has an endowment and several large scholarships already, and that the smaller camps have minimal support for summer scholarships. Earlier discussion about a fund for the smaller camps was revisited. An "SER Scholarship Fund" was proposed to include just the smaller camps; excluding Brevard. The discussion will continue, and a vote taken in Norfolk next year.

Chris Williams, President and CEO of The Eastern Music Festival, welcome the group to the campus, and gave information about the camp. This year is the welcomed return after a two year absence, with 247 enrolled from 41 states and 9 countries. He introduced the student winners: cellist, Dafne Delgado winner of NCFMC \$1400 scholarship to Eastern Music Festival and pianist, Robiyakhon Akramova. They each performed a piece, and the two of them presented together. They were warmly appreciated by the group. Mr. Williams then announced that Ms. Akramova was in the finals for the concerto competition.

Margarita and Kim Harvey invited everyone to come to the SER Federation Weekend next year in Brevard on July 7-8, 2023. Louisiana will be hosting.

The NFMC Benediction, "The Gift of Song," was sung. Ms. Chaplin noted that the song was written by our own Lana Bailey, who originally submitted the piece as Page Turner.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Karen Herndon  
July 20, 2022