

Wednesday Morning Music Club

**Club Meeting
May 6, 2015, 10 AM
Texas Federation of Women's Clubs
2312 San Gabriel, Austin, Texas**

President Carolyn McColloch opened the meeting punctually, welcoming 44 members and 7 guests.

Deborah Cavin led the Collect, and Russell Gregory, accompanied by Sarah Lepp, led members in singing "Gentle Annie", and not "There's Music in the Air" as listed in the program.

The meeting commenced with a report by Delegate Carlie Burdett, covering the Centennial Convention of the Texas Federation of Music Clubs, which convened March 19th through 21st at the Flagship Inn in Brownwood, Texas. It was the largest attendance within the last five years. Seven members of the Wednesday Morning Music Club of Austin were in attendance; they were WMMC President Carolyn McColloch, District VI President Phyllis Noonan, NFMC Historian Sue Breuer, Opera in the Ozarks South Central Region Chairman Carla Johnson, Carolyn Poe, Mary Lou Connelly who organized the silent auction, and WMMC Delegate to the convention, Carlie Burdett.

Day I:

Tribute was given to the PAST, the PRESENT, and the FUTURE of TFMC. The National Guest was Francis Christmann from Lubbock, TFMC State Representative to NFMC.

Carla Johnson presented a proclamation signed by Governor Greg Abbott. Carla showed the members the proclamation together with a photo of her and the governor.

Annual reports from TFMC Officers, District Presidents and Vice-Presidents, and Committee Chairmen were read. Reports revealed that TFMC has 1127 Senior Members, 6387 Junior Members, 2271 Collegiate Members, and that Euterpean Club of Fort Worth is 118 years old. The Finance Committee reported that TFMC Officer Doris Ann Stanford of the Euterpean Club of Waco, who passed last year, left \$38,544 to TFMC from her estate.

Dinner entertainment, with the motto "Remembering the Past", consisted of a slide show with narration and popular songs from 1915-2015. The ladies wore costumes typical of 1915 fashions. District IV sang Carlie Burdett's composition "Happy Birthday TFMC", and The Honorable Justice Phil Johnson, who was the "Celebration Photographer", produced a CD of the costumed party.

Day II:

On Friday more reports were presented. TFMC Historian Sue Breuer reported that 24 feet of shelf space was appropriated to TFMC at the Brisco State Archives at the University of Texas, and that the "Handbook of Texas" www.texasfederation.com, has a paragraph on this. Carla Johnson announced that clubs from Waco and Carthage received awards for their presentation in the Parade of American Music. Euterpean Club of Waco provided music of 821 hours for shut-in persons, and one member from that club will receive a \$150 award for 400 hours musical service.

Jean Moffatt presented the Young Artist report prepared by Lee Meyer. Annette Griesbach informed the attendees that in her compiled records it showed that Texas received the most activity points.

A Memorial Service was conducted by Carol Gessner, Chaplain, in which two deceased members of WMMC, Carol Granger and Marie Scheel, were remembered. Roses were presented for each TFMC member who died since the last convention in 2014.

At Friday's luncheon TFMC Life Members and Opera in the Ozarks Life Members were honored, and the Silent Auction with the revenue of \$952.40 was closed. Many thanks go to Mary Lou Connelly for the organization of the auction.

The Formal Banquet on Friday with the motto "Celebrating the Present" honored NFMC Chairman Francis Christmann. Distinguished Service Awards were given to Dorene Allen of Lubbock, Kathleen Fitzgerald of Brownwood, and posthumously to Dortha Bennett.

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New officers were installed to serve until April, 2017. (see attached report)

The musical high point was the recital by NFMC Young Artist Olga Krayterman in the evening at Methodist Church of Brownwood. Concluding the evening was a reception hosted by Carolyn Poe from WMMC.

Day III:

Saturday's business was about the future. Around 2000 entries are expected in the 40th TFMC Junior Festival, May 23 at Texas State University in San Marcos. In 2014, over 5,000 students participated, and 1,193 Festival Cups were ordered, resulting in an income of \$22,728.

The South Central Region of TFMC sponsors Opera in the Ozarks. Jean Moffatt, Sue Breuer, and Carla Johnson gave reports and encouraged everyone to join OIO.

In conclusion, Carlie encouraged the WMMC members to attend the next State Convention March 31st-April 2nd, 2016 at the Holiday Inn on Lady Bird Johnson Lake in Austin. It will be sponsored by District VI, the district the WMMC is in. Also, a TFMC Board Meeting will be held in Dallas August 21st-22nd, 2015, and the NFMC Board Meeting of 2016 will take place in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The convention closed with a luncheon with the theme "Looking to the Future and Celebrating 40 Years of State Festivals."

Carlie's report showed her enthusiasm for the intricate connectedness of local, state, and national music clubs, making it possible to meet people with the same interest at heart. (Full report attached)

The Concert Program was dedicated to National Music Week NFMC May 3-10, 2015:

Russell Gregory was the program leader.

A few changes were noted. Kay Race changed her performance piece from *Andante con variazione* by Franz Joseph Haydn to *Sonata in D major, K 284* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Unfortunately, Mary Parse, who was scheduled to play *Fantasiestücke, Op. 12* by Robert Schumann, could not be present.

Five Sketches by Jean Sibelius, beautifully played by Melanie Richards, were pure poetry.

The Intermezzi and Rhapsody by Johannes Brahms was played with great sensitivity by Felicity Coltman.

Sarah Lepp concluded the concert with a stunningly played *Ballade in F minor, Op. 52* by Frederic Chopin.

Program leader Russell Gregory with a "wow" asked for an extra round of applause for all the pianists' incredible performances.

Photographer Ashley Eledge was present to take pictures.

Business:

The minutes of April 1st and April 15th were previously sent by e-mail and posted at the bulletin board. After corrections had been made, they were approved unanimously.

Carolyn McColloch reminded members that on the dining room table there were 134 different copies of sheet music mostly SSA for choir members or trios.

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It was also noted that the WMMC received a national award for the Chamber Music Performance on October 15, 2014.

Officer Reports

In her report, the president reintroduced the subject of the bylaws. On April 17, 2013, revisions to the bylaws were passed. By error, one of the several revisions did not appear in the yearbook since then. On page 48, the last sentence in Section 2 under Article III, Membership, should read, "Only Active members may vote and hold an elected office." Two members objected, saying the wording was incorrect. The president stated it did not require a vote.

Barbara Buttrey, Chairman of the 2015 Bylaws Revisions, stated that the 2015 Bylaws Revisions were read to the membership at the April 1st meeting. She and the president had heard no objections, and she stated that the committee recommends the adoption of these revisions. Russell Gregory made the motion. All were in favor.
(Document attached)

Janie Keys, first Vice President Elect, informed members about program proposals for the season 2015/2016. She explained the new performance proposal form, which had previously been sent to the membership by e-mail. She also offered hard copies if needed.
(Proposal form attached)

Marianne Weiss Kim, recording secretary, wished to inform members that she and Virginia Kniesner will take 4 folders with documents, minutes, and other records, dating from 2007 until 2012 to the Austin History Center, following the meeting of May 6, 2015.
(Deed of Gift is attached)

Announcements:

Carolyn McColloch reminded the members not to miss the luncheon of September 16, 2015 when Anton Nel will be performing for us.

Katherine Shields mentioned that she will collect dues at the luncheon or at any other time.

Recognition of Guests:

The president warmly greeted all seven guests. Debbie Cavin introduced her mother, Mazine Cunningham, Carlie Burdett her son's mother in law, Soon Jae Pak, and Bill Yick introduced his fiancée, Laresa Fowler.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Submitted by
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Recording Secretary