OKLAHOMA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

A member of the National Federation of Music Clubs

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National Federation of Music Clubs
1917

Incorporated
September 9, 1969

OFMC VIRTUAL STATE CONVENTION

9 a.m. to 12 Noon
Saturday, July 24, 2021

State President’s Theme: “Create Harmony through Music”
State President’s Song: “Why We Sing” by Greg Hilpin

All members of the Oklahoma Federation of Music Clubs are called to join together for the annual state convention, July 24, 2021. We have planned an enjoyable convention, though conducted in a virtual format this year. Make your plans to log on and be a part of the fun. The ZOOM link for you to log on will be sent to Local Club Presidents, Junior Counselors, and the rest of the Board of Directors 24 hours prior to the convention. See you there!

Visit us on Facebook
Look soon for our revised website oklahomafmc.org

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.
----Helen Keller

The UnConVentional ConVention

When: Saturday, July 24, 2021 9 a.m. to 12 Noon
Where: Wherever you are!
Whimsy: Grab a Moon Pie and favorite mug for after the Break at 10:30 a.m.

ZOOM Link: 24 hours in advance
Why: OFMC and Moon Pie born 1917

See you there!
1. 8:45 a.m. Registration begins by logging on to ZOOM meeting link. Call Host Melanie Bayles if have questions (405) 762-1994

2. 9:00 a.m. Opening Session
   Call to Order by President
   Roll Call—bylaws Quorum of 10
   Collect—*view on Power Point

3. Approval of Agenda

4. *Federation Hymn sung by Moriah Schmidt, President Poteau Musical Arts

5. Gathering Music: Dr. Andrzej Chiang, Assistant Professor of Voice, OSU
   2017 NFMC Young Artist Winner (male voice); NFMC YA-Men’s Voice Chair

   *Introduction and Performance Videos

   “Votre Toast” a/k/a Toreador song from Carmen by Georges Bizet
   Andrzej Chiang, baritone; Martin Dubé, Piano
   Chautauqua NE Federation July 15, 2018

   “This Nearly Was Mine” from South Pacific by Rodgers & Hammerstein
   Andrzej Chiang, baritone; Kristin Scioneaux, Piano
   Doctoral Solo Recital at LSU, September 5, 2019


7. Junior Festival Report by Bonita Blackburn, OFMC Junior/State Festival Chair

8. *In Memoriam “Moments of Memory”
   A. Alberta May Blackburn—*photo—Ada Club, died at age 96 on October 18, 2020, the mother of Bonita Blackburn, Junior/State Festival Chair. Alberta helped with District Festival starting in 2008, then with State Festival 2018, 2019. She would come to the door when Bonita’s student Luke played Debussy’s “Clair de Lune” and listen joyfully.

   Betty Marcha- Altus MacDowell Club of Allied Arts, died at age 82 on February 9, 2021. Long-time Treasurer and club member. Moved to Altus in 1969 and served Grace United Methodist Church as past children’s choir director and adult choir director.

   Shirley Stricklan - Lawton Schubert Music Club, died at age 71 on May 29, 2021. She was an active member for many years, singing each year in the “Messiah” presentation until her health began to fail. Shirley at one point in time attended Cameron University as a music major.

   Valarie Brown - Poteau Musical Arts, died age 67 on November 17, 2019. Valarie graduated from Poteau High School, taught Sunday School, Women’s Bible Study Groups, played the piano at church, and was an avid member of the Cavanal Chorale.
Verna Sue Ward - Poteau Musical Arts, died at age 72 on December 15, 2019. Verna was a Sunday School teacher, choir member at First Christian church for over 30 years.

Any others reported by OFMC membership.

B. "Clair de Lune" - Claude Debussy played by Luke Howard, Senior, home schooled–Ada

10:30 BREAK----- “Why We Sing” State President’s Song video
When you return have a Moon Pie snack and favorite mug to show!!


A. Vote to Approve Minutes 2020 State Convention September 26, 2020
B. Vote to approve Bylaw Amendments:
   1. Article VII, Section 2: BOD meets “at Convention” instead of “prior to.”
   2. Article III, Section 7 (B)(C): dues postmarked after Nov. 10 = delinquent, and increases reinstatement fee from $2 to $15.
   3. Article X, Sections 4, 5: Dues due October 1; November 1, delinquent Nov 10, increases late fee from $5 to $25 if postmarked after November 10, increases reinstatement fee to $15.

Rationale: Last year only dues moved to November and worked well so making that change. Late dues is an old problem that makes OFMC payment to NFMC December 1 difficult. The Junior Festival Chairs voted to approve the late fee of $25 at its June 13, 2021 Festival Meeting.

C. Vote to approve Standing Rules Amendments:
Rationale: Registration fees have not updated since 2001. If BOD approves Bylaw Amendments, above item, similar language in the Standing Rules must also be amended.
   1. III State Meetings: Increases Executive Committee from $7.50 to $10, Fall BOD Meeting from $15 to $20, State Convention from $15 to $20; adding “in-Person”meetings, and deleting “Fall-Spring” for Executive Committee as it meets at the call of the President. [III State Meetings, increasing registration fees]
   2. VI. Music Festivals, 2: If BOD approves Bylaws Amendments-similar language.
   3. VI. Music Festivals, 3, 5: Minor language deletion, additions to match current Festival practice e.g. Junior/State Festival Chairman, not the State President approving Festival expenses in advance [ Fall Board Meeting 2017 changed February 10 to 15].

D. Election of Officers: Allowing nominations from the floor
Rationale: At the 2020 Fall Board Meeting September 26, combined with the State Convention due to COVID concerns, the BOD voted to not elect a Nominating Committee since the 2019 elected current officers were willing to serve another term and to allow Nominations from the Floor at the 2021 State Convention. The BOD voted via email by June 16 to approve this slate to present at Convention, with nominations allowed from the floor.

President, Catherine Coke (West District–Altus, MacDowell Club);
Vice-President, Susan Gates (East District–Seminole, Wetumka Hyechka Club);
Treasurer, Melanie Bayles (East District–Bartlesville Musical Research Society);
Recording Secretary, Diann Henson–(East District–Poteau Musical Arts);
East District Vice President, Debra Rue–(Ponca City-Ponca City Federated Music C);
West District Vice President, Carla Schreiner (Frederick–Individual M’ship).

OFMC Bylaws, ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS, Section 1. Subsections (A) and (B)
SECTION 1. Election of Officers. The officers of the Oklahoma Federation shall be elected at the State Convention for a term of two years. The person having the majority of legal votes cast shall be declared elected. In no event shall more than one member of a household or more than one member of a senior club be elected or appointed to an office so as to serve together on the Executive Committee. The positions of immediate Past President and National Board Representative on the Executive Committee shall be exempt from this prohibition.

A. Any active member of a Senior Club, Advisor of a Student/Collegiate Club, or a Junior Counselor of an active Junior Club in good standing in the Federation is eligible for election to office. A candidate for President or First Vice President must have been a member of the Board of Directors two years prior to his/her election.

B. Candidates for the elected offices of President, First Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, shall be selected from both the East District and West District. In no event shall these four officers come from only the East District or only the West District. A candidate for West District Vice President shall be selected from the West District. A candidate for East District Vice President shall be selected from the East District.

VOTING to elect officers: Any nominations from the floor?
1. Motion/Second and Vote to approve the Slate as presented for 2021-2023; OR
2. Motion/Second and Vote on each officer separately for 2021-2023

10. *Vocal Duet from Ponca City Federated Music Club
"Brimstone and Treacle" from Mary Poppins, by Abby Davis and Kate Branstetter

11. Vote to approve Treasurer’s Financial Report and any bills to be paid.

12. 11:30 a.m. Business Section-Part 2 Put on a CRAZY HAT for the finale!!

A. Everyone show your CRAZY HAT! Scan the participants.
B. Vote on approving new OFMC Logo.
C. Vote to authorize Executive Committee to handle the merchandising, mugs, etc.

Rationale: This is a “fresh start” for OFMC. Something more colorful is preferred. The state’s name Oklahoma means “red people” in Choctaw. The musical banner is identical to the original logo. The name Oklahoma written in script and in red is identical to the sheet music of Oklahoma's state song, Oklahoma! The lettering will now be inside the outline of our state.

D. Announce Masking Policy for August 7, 2021 in-person Fall Board Meeting at Wewoka First Presbyterian Church with lunch, entertainment and Suzi Lenhart’s Workshop “How to Grow Your Club” plus Natlynn Hayes, NFMC Membership/Education Div.

13. Closing Prayer by Lisa Whitesell, OFMC Chaplain

14. *The Gift of Song sung by Moriah Schmidt, NFMC Benediction

15. 12:00 p.m. Adjourn

That’s All Folks
* by video
Power Point by Vice President Dana Mims