

2024 Festival Chairs Meeting Minutes  
September 15, 2024  
7:30 PM

Present: Sandy Huang, Mary Jane Miller, Jinia Lee, Laurie Marshall, Arlene Anger, Diane Skyllis, Barb Tanner, Rebecca Gumina, Roxann Mills, Erin Gruber, Vanessa Schwarz, Jinah Lee, Steven Mastrogiacomio, Dianna Lemmon, Julie DeRosiers, Megan Nyquist, Mary Jane Timmer

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 by MFMC State Festival Chair, Mary Jane Timmer

A special welcome to Arlene Anger of the Macomb site. She will be taking over for retiring Lea Koontz. Also welcoming back to the Oxford site, Diane Skyllis, who had been Festival Chair in Oxford a number of years ago.

MFMC Forms were reviewed and where to find them on the new and improved MFMC website

- All forms related to Festivals are updated and can be found under “Festivals”, “Michigan”, “Forms and Procedures”. Also, the link to the NFMC Insurance and Child Protection Liability can be found in this drop down.
- Guidelines for Festival Finances needs Festival Chair’s signatures and then return to MJ Timmer.
- On Certificate Order Forms, a correction is needed. The 5x7 participation card has been replaced with 8 1/2x11 paper. Please return your order to MJ Timmer by October 1.
- The Time Line consists of suggestions to help guide Festival Chairs through the Festival season.

#### Dues

- All teachers must be members of Senior Clubs and participating Juniors must be a club member. Teachers must include a spreadsheet of their junior members names when submitting their dues.
- Laurie Marshall explained the different memberships levels.

#### Vivace

- Chairs were recommended to check any new reports found available to them. Vivace is constantly changing to make things easier for our Festival Chairs.
- All certificates have templates available to enable printing of certificates from Vivace. MJ will contact Lori Jesson for templates and will send them on to those Chairs who desired them.
- JR3-3 and JR3-4 Reports go to MJ Timmer as soon as possible following your Festival date.
- Esther Oosterhouse receives the Cup Summary Report, a copy of the Crown order, and any application for Grand or President’s Cups.
- Remind teachers to check COMBINE or ALTERNATING when registering students. Missing student history can only be added by Sandra Preysz from NFMC.
- A teacher’s route to get questions answered is by going to the Area Festival Chair, State Festival Chair, Regional Chair, NFMC Festival, Cup, Junior, Bulletin, Vivace Chair, etc.

- A Festival chair does not enter other teacher's students into the Vivace registration. It is the teacher's responsibility. If they are unable, they should contact someone to assist them, perhaps a student?!

#### Cups

- Engraving is free up to 40 characters. Shipping is included in the price. Festival Chairs or treasurers or Cup chairs may order cups. Individual teachers may not order cups, but may have cups shipped directly to them.

#### 2024 Festival statistics

- 16 sites
- 24 events
- 2,745 participating Juniors, 39 adults, 2,784 total
- 2,067 piano solo entries, 288 Theory entries
- 206 teachers involved

#### Bulletin

- New Pop, Rock and Jazz piano class, to encourage more students to participate in Festivals. No memory involved. It's great for recreational students and those with memory issues who love popular music.
- The upper level hymn playing may be from any hymnbook and in any key.
- There are many additional pieces added to the required lists, also, errors within the Bulletin. Please remind all teacher to carefully check the Bulletin correction found on the NFMC website.

#### Other

- A reminder, to please send MJ Timmer the date and location and team members names, if you have not already done so. Thanks!

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20.