

Prairie Winds Orff Chapter  
1<sup>st</sup> Meeting  
September 30, 2023  
Minutes

Attendance- Niki Bernier, Sarah Pankratz, Alecia Pretzer, Kailee Wyman, Michelle Friedt, Lacey Roberts, Adrianna Dockter, Mary Cooper, Taylor Heintzen, Renae Mosbrucker, Chris Badger, Alisha Wohl, Gwen Hall, Jesslyn Hall, Angie Dasovick, Heather Klocke, Mary McNally, Rachel Frank

Call Meeting to Order- Niki  
Secretary Report

- Motion to approve minutes- Jesslyn proposes change (submitted by Jesslyn Hall), Taylor motions to approve with edit, Chris seconds, passes

Treasurer Report

4/30/2023 - Savings: \$2819.97	Checking: \$2808.74
9/30/2023 - Savings: \$2820.57	Checking: \$2616.54

Things we have spent money on since the last meeting:

- \$74.80 (Postcards)
- \$118.80 (Stamps)- increase
- Not included yet: Airfare (2 people), Hotel (2 nights), Meals (Friday/Saturday), and Contracted Fee (\$500)

Motion to approve- Mary McNally moves, Gwen second, passes

## Old Business

### I. Bylaw refresh

- a. The executive board is working hard on this and has made a lot of progress with the Bylaws/Constitution/Officer Duties.
- b. We are working with AOSA to complete the full document for member review at the November meeting.
- c. If you are unable to make it to Underwood, the meeting will be offered virtually and the bylaw revisions will be sent before the meeting for member review.
- d. According to our AOSA reps, we need a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority vote to pass bylaw changes. Discussion will happen at the November meeting, but voting will take place in a Google form sent to only members. Please vote on this when voting

opens. If we don't have a 2/3rds majority vote we cannot pass any bylaw changes.

## II. National AOSA Conference

a. Who is going?- Gwen, Jesslyn, Caitlin, Jennifer, Amy, Lynneah, Maggie, Kate Miller

b. Rachel will represent our chapter at meetings and carry the banner. Niki is unable to go.

## III. BethAnn Hepburn- October 12, 2024

a. Contract was not secured and she is no longer available

b. Dan Gullick will be joining us September 28, 2024 instead

- Coming from MN, driving, help keep costs down

c. We are hoping to have Charles Boshale join us next school year too.

i. Authentic African drumming workshop ½ day in January

ii. He is a Mandan parent and from Africa

iii. We have talked about pairing this with a ½ day on Dalcroze with Taylor Heinzen as a possible presenter.

d. 2 chapter shares – Themed was suggested by AOSA. We are apparently only supposed to have 1 chapter share a year. The board explained about our credit option and how we present for scholarships to attend national conference. Their suggestion was to continue with the shares, but make them themed (movement/recorder/etc..) Then members know what types of things will be presented. Suggestions given by Make and Take participants were recorders, ukuleles, and Dalcroze.

## IV. 2023-2024 Dates (meetings will be offered virtually as well)

a. September 9th-Make and Take/Social/Recruitment Event

b. September 30th- Joey and Andrea Coleman Workshop (Mix it Up with Form)

c. November 18th- Chapter Share (Bylaw meeting) @ Underwood

d. February 24th- Music Camp @ Lewis and Clark, Mandan

e. March 9th- Chapter Share (Recorder?)

f. April 13th- Chapter Share (Ukulele?)

- Discussion about hosting meetings in different locations and having satellite locations

## II. Make and Take Meeting

a. Went great!

c. More than 20 people attended.

b. Lots of new faces and door prizes given.

## VI. Unified Fee Structure

- a. We are now following the unified fee structure required by AOSA.
  - i. Workshop package fee for AOSA members \$65
  - ii. Workshop package fee for non-AOSA members \$80 (\$10 of this goes to AOSA- these are non-voting members)
  - iii. Student membership – free for AOSA members (AOSA student membership is also free)
  - iv. Pay as you go option is now also available. (see graphic below)

**Prairie Winds Orff  
Event Fees  
2023-2024**

**AOSA Member Workshop Bundle**

**\$65 - Full Workshop Bundle - includes ALL PWO events**

- gives you access to an exclusive part of the website with loads of resources
- allows you to apply for any PWO scholarships
- allows you to apply for use of the PWO instrumentarium

**AOSA Member - Pay as you go option**

**\$35 - Individual Workshop**  
**\$10 - Chapter Share**

**Non-AOSA Member Workshop Bundle**

**\$80 - Full Workshop Bundle**

**Non-AOSA Member - Pay as you go option**

**\$45 - Individual Workshop**  
**\$15 - Chapter Share**

**Free**

**You must still register for the workshop and your FREE AOSA membership.**

**Full Time Students**

Online payment is available on our website. Cash and check at the door are also accepted.

## V. Website-

- a. Registration is now set to send a confirmation for registering for the workshops
- b. We will use this with camp registration this year too. It will help eliminate some confusion with registration from last year.
- c. Exclusive Access page
  - i. All members who have purchased the Full AOSA Workshop package will receive a password after this meeting. There are a lot of great things up on the site and we will continue to build it throughout the year. If you have suggestions for things you want to see up there, send Niki an email.
  - ii. Links to the virtual meetings will be posted there and any notes from the workshop and chapter shares.

iii. National Conference Scholarship- application is on the members side of the website

d. The constitution/bylaws/office duties (when available) and the current year's approved meeting minutes will be on a new page titled "Important Documents."

e. Unapproved meeting minutes will be sent to all members before each meeting so they can look over them prior to the scheduled meeting.

#### VI. Levels Scholarships

a. This will be discussed with membership at our November meeting.

### **New Business**

#### I. Changes on the board

a. The board has accepted the resignation of Caitlin Nicks as our chapter president, and we have been working hard with our AOSA reps to make sure this transition is as smooth as possible.

b. According to AOSA's regulations, our vice president then becomes president and chooses an interim vice president for the remainder of this term. The vice president position then opens up for member vote in Spring 2024.

c. Here are your current board members:

i. President – Niki Bernier

ii. Interim vice president – Lacey Roberts

iii. Treasurer – Alisha Wohl

iv. Secretary – Rachel Frank

v. Program Chair – Michael Osthus

vi. Assistant Program Chair – Sarah Jensen

vii. Past President- Gwen Hall

#### II. Prairie Winds Orff mission/vision statement

a. We need your help to create a vision/mission statement. This will be a part of our discussion in November. If you are unable to attend and have ideas, email Niki before the November meeting.

#### AOSA Mission is:

a. to demonstrate the value of [Orff Schulwerk](#) and promote its widespread use;

b. to support the professional development of our members; and,

c. to inspire and advocate for the creative potential of all learners.

#### III. Instrumentarium

a. In discussions with our national AOSA reps we have come to the conclusion that we would like to add a Member at Large position in our chapter. This was the suggestion for the instrumentarium. A Member at Large position is NOT an executive board position. They are overseen by someone on the executive board

but are not a voting member of the board. Their job would be only to handle the instrumentarium. This would include housing or organizing housing of the instrumentarium, giving updates to the president about the location of the instrumentarium and all requests for use, a yearly report about what our instruments did and where they traveled, and a yearly inventory.

b. In order to do this, AOSA suggested that we add a clause in the bylaws saying:

c. **The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, may appoint or eliminate Member at Large positions to assist the board as needed. As a non-member elected position, a Member at Large will not have voting rights on the executive board.**

d. Voting for this wording will take place after this meeting. It will be sent to registered member emails. This NEEDS a 2/3rds majority vote, so don't forget to vote.

e. The board felt this bylaw change was necessary now to make sure our instrumentarium is cared for. No mention of the instrumentarium exists currently in the bylaws. Other changes to the bylaws will happen in November.

f. While we do not need nominations for this appointed position. Niki would like to recognize Jesslyn Hall as she has done this for the board for years. If this passes, Jesslyn has been invited to continue to serve PWO in this capacity.

g. The instrumentarium application is available to members who have paid the full workshop package price.

IV. Other things the board will be or has been working on this year:

a. Cleaning up the google drive to make things more accessible

b. Presenter contract has been updated to contain current information.

c. Mailing went out around the state with more than 200 postcards

d. Rachel even went to the Poppler's reading clinic in Grand Forks to pass out postcards.

e. Increased communication for members and teachers around the state

V. UMary credit is available on the website.

a. 1 Credit Option:

i. Choose your workshop/chapter share package payment online

ii. Choose one of the following:

1. Attend 1 full workshop, 2 chapter share meetings, and work half of the music camp

2. Attend 1 full workshop, 1 chapter share meeting, and work all of the music camp.

iii. Select one of the following options and submit no later than two weeks following the final chapter meeting:

1. Prepare a written lesson plan and present at a chapter meeting or music camp. Submit lesson plan and video of presentation to [tjporter@umary.edu](mailto:tjporter@umary.edu).
2. Write a five-page paper citing at least two professional sources. MLA format.

iv. Grading will be Pass/Fail

b. Registration will be open through the end of February. The course will end on May 15.

VI. Music Camp (February 24<sup>th</sup>)

- a. Mandan – Lewis and Clark
- b. Brochure/online advertisement - Lacey
- c. Remember the benefits
  - i. Profit \$2750.00
  - ii. 119 students attended last year

VII. Levels/PD Opportunities

- a. UMary Orff-Schulwerk level 3 - June 3-14, 2024
- b. UMary Kodaly level 1 - June 3-14, 2024
- c. NDSU - Is not offering levels this summer, but will hold the Symposium. Virtual attendance for credit is an option.
- d. Minot?
- e. Fall Into Movement workshop at MSU October 7th 8-5, presenters Rachel Rivera and Kate Miller, \$50 or \$100 for credit

VIII. Meeting Presenters

- a. Sign up with Sarah or Michael to present and/or bring snacks for November, March, or April.
  - i. You need to present if you attend national conference and want the scholarship. This is available to full AOSA Workshop Package members. Application for this scholarship is available on the “Exclusive Access” page.
  - ii. You also need to present or write the paper if you are taking it for credit through UMary.

Other Business?

Motion to adjourn- Heather moved, Renae seconds, passes

Submitted by Rachel Frank