

Constitution of Melody Makers District IVF MFMC

2018

Article I--Name

This organization shall be known as MFMC IVF Melody Makers (hereafter referred to as Melody Makers) and shall be affiliated as a component part of the Missouri Federation of Music Clubs and the National Federation of Music Clubs.

Article II--Object

The object of this organization is to bring into working relations with one another, music clubs and other musical organizations and individuals directly or indirectly associated with the musical activity for the purpose of developing and maintaining high musical standards; and aiding and encouraging musical education; and the promotion of American music and American performing artists throughout America and other countries; and to cooperate with the National Federation of Music Clubs in the specific plans for the advancement of music. In addition, Melody Makers will endeavor to promote music in the lives of a wide spectrum of people. All ages and abilities will be encouraged to reach their highest potential in their pursuit of music creativity and performance.

Article III--Non Profit Status

Section 1. This organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted while exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or while contributions received are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the federal tax code. No substantial part of the activities of this organization shall involve attempting to influence legislation, or participation in, or intervention in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. The net earnings of this organization shall not benefit or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except as reasonable compensation for services rendered and as payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II.

Section 2. In the event of the dissolution of this organization, any funds remaining in the treasury after payment of any outstanding debts shall be contributed to the Missouri Federation of Music Clubs if it is 501(c)(3) exempt, or to the National Federation of Music Clubs, or to another 501(c)(3) organization with similar objectives and goals.

Article IV--Membership

Any teacher of music or individual interested in the advancement of music, upon application and payment of dues, may be admitted into the membership of Melody Makers in accordance with the classification and ratification of membership as provided for by the By-Laws of this organization and the National Federation of Music Clubs.

Article V--Officers

The officers of Melody Makers shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Article VI--Administration

The administration of this organization shall be vested in the hands of an executive committee comprised of founding members, officers and chairpersons, the meetings of which shall be as provided for in the By-Laws of this organization.

Article VII--Meetings

There shall be an annual meeting and meetings as established in the By-Laws of this organization.

Article VIII--Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any meeting of Melody Makers by a two-thirds vote of those present or by proxy, provided the proposed amendments have been submitted in writing with at least thirty (30) days notice to the meeting in which they are to be considered.

By-Laws

1. Membership in this club is comprised of active music teachers. All active members in good standing are eligible to vote and to hold office.
2. Requirements for "active membership in good standing" are as follows:
 - a. Payment of annual dues
 - b. Attendance at the following meetings: Fall Planning, Pre Festival and Post Festival. If an officer or chairperson is unable to attend, advance notice is required.
 - c. Chair or serve on a committee
 - d. Assist with duties assigned by the Festival Chair for Federation Festival
 - e. Abide by the Music Teachers National Association Code of Ethics
3. All officers shall be elected to serve for a two (2) year term with an option of one additional, consecutive term (4 years)
4. Elections will be held at the Post Festival Meeting.
5. If an individual wishes to transfer his or her membership from another chapter to Melody Makers, it must be determined by the officers and founding members that this be for a good cause.
6. Any member leaving Melody Makers to transfer to another chapter is requested to contact an officer to determine and resolve any issues which pertain to club business only.
7. An annual audit will be completed prior to the Fall Planning Meeting.