

Fort Collins Federation Meeting
Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Attendance:

- Sonia Tressler
- Haide Lefevre
- Vanessa Felhauer
- Mary Ann Ranney
- Debi Strick
- Silvana Santinelli (Zoom)

Call to Order: 9:43 AM

Recruitment:

The meeting began with a discussion on recruitment. Sonia mentioned the possibility of including teachers from Greeley, who have expressed interest in participating.

Treasurer's Report:

Debi presented the treasurer's report. A reimbursement was received from Wyoming. Additional expenses have arisen since the previous meeting, including bulletins and trophies. Debi suggested scheduling another meeting after June.

We still need to issue checks to Trinity Lutheran Church, ideally once we receive the key. Remaining expenses include judges' fees and determining the number of rooms required will alter the final total of expenses.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Motion by Haide, seconded by Sonia.

Checks and Payments:

Checks were collected, and a discussion was held about cashing them promptly.

Committee Assignments:

Sonia confirmed that committee roles and responsibilities will remain the same as last year.

Meal Planning:

The group discussed lunch and breakfast options. There was general agreement to consider alternatives to Panera for lunch, such as Qdoba or Chipotle. Suggestions were made regarding changes to breakfast offerings as well.

Student Registration and Bulletins:

Sonia inquired if there were any issues with student registration. A discussion followed regarding bulletin updates, specifically how pieces were assigned and challenges with entering contrasting pieces.

Judges:

Sonia confirmed the following judges:

- **Piano:** Amy Lee and Peter Friesen
- **Cello:** Heidi Mausbach
- **Guitar:** Samantha Luck

Judging Materials:

Vivace will provide all judges' sheets. Sonia will print them and bring them to the Federation event. The group agreed to distribute sheets in stacks by level to the judges.

Facilities and Scheduling:

Rooms confirmed: the Fellowship Room and the Choir Room. The rental fee for Trinity Lutheran is \$500.

Haide reminded the group that the event must conclude by 3:00 PM, as the building must be vacated by 3:30 PM. The event can begin as early as 8:00 AM.

Scheduling considerations:

- Approximately 5–7 students per group
- 5-minute breaks between groups
- Alternating 10-minute intervals for every other group
- 30-minute lunch break

The group discussed the need for efficient scheduling, as there are 75 students to hear in 7 hours. Judges will be advised to keep written comments concise.

Adjournment: 10:55 AM