

**Fort Collins Federation Music Club
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2026**

Attendees:

Sonia Tressler
Haidi Lefebvre
Vanessa Felhauer
Mary Ann Ranney
Debi Strick
Silvana Santinelli

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:43 AM.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the September 2025 meeting were read and discussed. A minor clarification was made: STAD did not encounter scheduling conflicts due to Easter.

Old Business

Brochure Update:

Discussion took place regarding updating the club brochure and collecting new photos. Members agreed that both individual and performance photos could be used. Vanessa offered to take photos during general performances.

Treasurer's Report

Debi Strick presented the Treasurer's Report, noting several recent withdrawals and deposits. The current balance is **\$7,646**.

Haidi Lefebvre asked how this compares to last year's balance. Debi will provide a comparison report at the October meeting after the conclusion of this year's festival.

Website

Vanessa Felhauer noted that Bluehost is one of the most affordable website hosting options available.

Festival Planning

Student Scheduling:

A discussion addressed students with uncertain schedules. Sonia suggested placing these students in the last performance group.

Judges:

- Piano: Karen Ziegler, Deborah Throgmorton
- Cello: Becky Osterburg
- Guitar: Victoria Taylor

Video Submission Deadline:

- Regular deadline: April 11
- Illness exception: One additional week allowed

Registration Numbers:

Sonia reported a total of **146 students registered** (up from 141 last year), including:

- 71 piano solo
- 53 theory
- 12 cello
- 1 guitar

Festival Responsibilities:

Roles will remain the same as last year.

- **Lunch:** Debi will order and pick up lunch
- **Registration Approval:** Sonia and Haidi
- **Trophies:** Debi will order trophies according to the new policy

Festival Assignments:

- Front Desk (AM): Haidi, Vanessa
- Inside Monitor: Sonia (morning), Debi (afternoon)
- Outside Monitor: (not assigned)
- Theory: Mary Ann Ranney

New Business

Expanded Participation Opportunities:

Haidi proposed exploring additional Federation categories that do not require memorization, such as Pop and Jazz (which offer approximately six levels). She expressed interest in expanding participation opportunities for students.

Festival Requirements:

Discussion included publisher requirements and guidelines for festival repertoire.

Future Venue Consideration:

The possibility of moving the festival to CSU was discussed, contingent on reasonable fees.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 AM.
