

**FMCA – Frustrated Maestros  
Eastern Sharps and Flats Annual Meeting  
Music Camp-Gaffney, SC  
October 19, 2024**

The annual business meeting of the Eastern Sharps and Flats Frustrated Maestros Chapter of FMCA was held on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at Blue Skies Peach Haven Campground in Gaffney, SC.

The meeting was called to order by President, Bruce Taylor at 10:00 AM. Members in attendance signed in on the roster. A quorum was present.

The Invocation was given by Carl Turner and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Elisabeth Schultz.

Kathy Fuller, Secretary, reminded members that minutes of the October 3, 2023 meeting in Lewisburg, WV was sent out to all members for their approval. A motion to approve was made by Cindy Lee. The motion passed.

Gail Taylor gave the Treasurers Report for 2023-2024. Profit from the 2023 Music Camp provided food for the 2024 camp. The treasury has a balance of \$2852.80 as of September 30, 2024. Nick Hefner made a motion to approve. The motion passed. Gail stated that dues for 2025 are now payable.

The National Directors Report was given by Bill Murton.

The Music Director Comments were given by Sue Siegler and Ron Hazelett. Suggestions were: Updating the music; Having a sing-a-long at ice cream socials to encourage more singers to join the Maestros; Recruitment of new members could be encouraged by having applications ready to hand out at rallies; Give time at Music Camp for small combos to work together; Ask about a multipurpose building or other venue with heat for rehearsals at the Perry Rally; Have a combo play at the Chapter Fair with guitars and singers; Have some band members and others walk around vendors during rallies and sing familiar songs; Have block parties with campfires.

The Audit Committee for 2023 (Marie Breeding, Kathy Averill, and Richard Taylor) reported that all was in order.

The Audit Committee for 2024 (Elisabeth Schultz and Jim Carroll) met with the Treasurer (Gail) prior to this meeting and reported that all was in order.

The Nominating Committee consisting of Nick Hefner, Cindy Lee and Bill Murton presented the following slate of officers for 2025:

President-Bruce Taylor

Vice President-Elisabeth Schultz

Secretary-Kathy Fuller

Treasurer-Gail Taylor

National Director-Bill Murton

Alternate-provided by the president

A motion was made by Nick Hefner to close the nominations and elect the slate by acclamation. The motion passed.

The Nominating Committee for 2025 will be Jim Carroll, Nick Hefner and Bill Murton.

Chapter retention and growth was discussed. FMCA chapters include members in multiple chapters, some of which are fading.

GEAR and Music Camp for 2025 were discussed. GEAR is scheduled for November 5-8. Music Camp is usually held the week before GEAR. Discussion was held as to date and place for 2025 Music Camp. Cindy Lee made a motion to hold Music Camp the week before GEAR. The motion passed.

The Music Camp Committee will meet via ZOOM (or a similar platform) during the year to make plans. Committee members include Bruce Taylor, Kathy Fuller, Elisabeth Schultz, Sue Siegler, Ron Hazelett and Bill Murton. Bill and Kathy will look for a place to hold Music Camp ASAP in and around Myrtle Beach.

Suggestions for new music were discussed. A link could be sent to members so they could download the files.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Fuller, Secretary

*Kathy Fuller*