

Minutes—NPM Wichita Chapter Meeting ~ November 12, 2016
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00-10:30 a.m.
St. Jude Parish
3030 N. Amidon, Wichita, KS 67204

- I. Welcome—Chapter Director Sr. Nylas Moser welcomed all present in the St. Jude Parish Cafeteria. Also, Sr. Nylas expressed thanks to Kitty Michot and St. Jude Parish for hosting our gathering.
- II. Prayer/Song—Kitty accompanied on the portable keyboard the song, “Morning Has Broken,” as all sang. Jeanne Recker and Emily Pischnotte had organized the continental breakfast, complete with fall decorations and Kitty’s having brought breakfast burritos. NPM members had plenteous rolls, coffee, orange juice, and water to enjoy.
- III. Business
 - A. Everyone present introduced themselves and identified their parish and/or school, and ministry. NPM board members also identified their roles. In attendance were Theresa Elpers, Kitty Michot, Margaret Raver, Charlene Dreiling, Linda Arensdorf, Julie Betzen, Emily Pischnotte, Jeanne Recker, Kathy Mosley, Christopher Dean and Sister Nylas Moser.
 - B. Roundtable discussion—Charlene initiated the discussion, asking, “What is good about your parish music?” Responses included:
 1. At Magdalen
 - a. There is a lot of involvement in this large parish
 - b. A supportive pastor provides resources (music) to do the ministry
 - c. There are professional musicians within the music ministry
 - d. Good training, coordinated years ago by Rob and Becky Knapp, has been beneficial. A one-evening session included auditions and emphasis on knowledge of the (cantor) ministry.
 - e. There is a good core group by which roles are very defined
 - f. There is a sense of family and social gatherings offer great fun
 2. Cantors
 - a. Question—do we need Cantor Training 101?
 - b. Cantor sessions could be open to any age group
 - c. Sometimes cantors are unsure as to *when* to sing or to gesture
 - d. Maybe we need to finish the brochure we started for cantors; this could be posted on the website
 - e. Also consider that, because each situation is different, training may need to be at the parish level
 3. Contacting Fr. Mike Nolan is challenging. Maybe there would be a response if he were invited to breakfast.
 4. At Christ the King
 - a. Because of the inner city parish situation, music ministers are

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volunteers.

b. Linda coordinates the musicians' schedules and plays the organ

b. Blessings

1) There are four organists

2) There is an opera singer who is willing to coach cantors

C. Membership—Kathryn Mosely and Kitty Michot reported that the membership committee has had a couple of meetings:

1. A goal is to have from each parish of the diocese a representative musician as a chapter member

2. Promoting the local NPM chapter by means of including membership in NPM as part of stewardship.

3. Current numbers are 40-41 chapter members.

D. Survey of programming suggestions

Christopher Dean urged all who have not done so to check and respond to the chapter website, where the survey can be found on the home page.

IV. Door prize was won by Theresa Elpers

V. 10:40 a.m.—Adjournment and clean up

Respectfully submitted,

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