

Wichita Chapter  
National Pastoral Musicians  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
April 22, 2018

I. Welcome:

Sr. Nylas called the NPM Wichita Annual meeting to order at 2:03 p.m., Sunday, April 22, in St. Joseph's Hall at St. Jude Parish, 3030 N Amidon St, Wichita, Kansas.

Present: Sr. Nylas Moser, Charlene Dreiling, Kitty Michot, Dee Ann Burke, Megan McCoy, Christopher Dean, Jeanne Recker, Tom Wierman, Marjorie Flesher, Rosalie Goebel, Dave Gitchell, several other NPM Wichita Chapter members and many Young Liturgical Musician Award recipients and their parents.

Not present: Kathy Mosley, Jim Jones and Sr. John Patrick.

II. Prayer/Song

Kitty offered the opening prayer.

III. Business:

A. Introduction of members present

All NPM Wichita members present were invited to stand and to give their names and NPM Wichita roles, if they had one.

B. Reports

**Treasurer:**

Charlene distributed copies of the financial report to Board members. She reported that generous donations for the Christopher Walker workshop resulted in a small net profit. The most positive benefit was the new memberships that we received as a result of the workshop, and several renewals. She reported that we currently stand at a little over \$1,700, which is much more comfortable than the many months we held less than \$100 in assets.

**Office of Worship**

Sr. John Patrick was not present, so no report was submitted.

**Communications:**

Chris reported that he had nothing new to report, but had a reminder: If one is a current member but not receiving our emails, it would be advisable to ensure that

the emails are not going to SPAM. Several members found they were not receiving the emails because of their SPAM filters. Also, if you have parish musician resource positions that need to be advertised, please email them to Chris for inclusion on the website.

### **Membership**

Sr. Nylas reported that Kathy was not with us because her mother had just passed away.

Kitty reported that the Membership committee last met on April 16. The Membership committee's mission is to figure out ways to increase membership, and to encourage NPM Wichita members to join the national NPM organization. The preference would be for individual parishes to sign up with the national organization.

Kitty reported that the Membership committee is still attempting to get at least one person from each parish to act as a liaison for the NPM Wichita Chapter, with limited success.

Kitty stressed the need to encourage youth to participate in parish music ministry. One incentive initiative that she mentioned was a letter to the Catholic schools suggesting stewardship points for music ministry participation by high school students.

Kitty said that Charlene reported that, after the first 4 members of a national NPM parish membership, additional memberships are only \$20 per year, which is a significant savings over individual memberships.

### **Youth and Young Adult**

Megan introduced herself as a senior in high school, and an organist at St. Mark's in Colwich. She also stressed that participating in the music ministry was a great way to participate in stewardship, and to give back to one's parish. One of the benefits that she received from participating was that she received free lessons and mentoring on playing the organ, and feels that is a great way to get other youth involved.

### **Hospitality**

Jeanne reported that this was her last function as a Hospitality committee member, coordinating food and greeting people. She said that it has been a lot of fun.

### C. Election results

Christopher Dean announced the results of the election conducted by email:

Chapter Director: Tom Wierman

Chapter Treasurer: Marjorie Flesher

Communications: Christopher Dean

New volunteer Board members:

Hospitality Co-Coordinator: Rosalie Goebel

Membership Co-Coordinator: Charlene Dreiling

Youth and Young Adults Coordinator: (still accepting applications)

### D. Gratitude for outgoing board members

Sr. Nylas had kudos for all the outgoing and current Board members.

Charlene Dreiling was our Treasurer, and is now co-coordinator for Membership. She is very organized, capable and set things up in the proper form. Charlene is a treasure, herself.

Sr. John Patrick and Bishop Kemme are also local chapter members, and Bishop Kemme has recently joined the national NPM organization.

Communications Christopher Dean has knowhow and he has the tools. And Sr. expressed her appreciation for everything that he does to move us along.

Kitty Michot is both Membership and Prayer Leader, and has a gift for brainstorming and recognizing people's gifts.

Kathy Mosley has been hostess and secretary for the Membership committee, and has been instrumental in getting NPM Wichita on the Wichita Diocese website under the Office of Worship and Stewardship.

Megan McCoy for the Youth and Young Adult area has provided email contacts for youth, and encouraged an NPM booth at the Catholic Youth Convention at the diocesan level.

Jeanne Recker and Dee Burke in Hospitality have good taste, which is good if you're Hospitality. They feed the hungry and thirsty.

Dave Gitchell, our Secretary, is outstanding in summarizing our Board meetings.

Jim Jones is the choir director at the Cathedral, and has been an insightful, observant and invaluable ex-officio member of the Board.

We also have two new positions on the Board:

Archivist/Historian: Jeanne Recker

Past Chapter Director: Sr. Nylas Moser

#### E. Calendar

1. June 3, 2018, 2-6 p.m., Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Corpus Christi procession and celebration of the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of NPM Wichita with a potluck dinner. Everyone is invited to participate in the procession at 3 p.m., and in the potluck in a room upstairs.
2. July 9-13, 2018 NPM national convention in Baltimore. It's not too late to sign up.
3. September 9, 2018, 5:30 p.m., Fall Blessing of Liturgical Musicians
4. Suggestions for future programming:
  - Choral festival such as Dayton had, with 4 parish choirs in Easter season.
  - Another workshop like the Christopher Walker workshop.
  - The website has a form for submitting suggestions to the Board.

#### F. Commitment and Commissioning Ceremony

NPM Wichita members and Board members pledged their commitment to striving to meet the needs of our chapter through participation in agreed meetings, listening and dialog. Current and incoming Board members further committed to managing all aspects of chapter activity including meetings, finances, communications and events.

#### IV. Young Liturgical Musician Awards:

Awards were presented to:

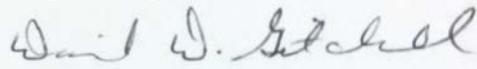
Emma Bezdek, Church of the Magdalen; Maria Collins, Church of the Magdalen; Teresa Collins, Church of the Magdalen; Andrew "A.J." Hibbs, St. Jude Parish; Marissa Martinez, Church of the Magdalen; Carson Mceachern, Church of the Magdalen; Sara Maschino, St. Jude Parish; Anna Poelma, St. Jude Parish; Neva Sanders, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish; Brady Volkmann, St. Jude Parish; Georgi Wilhelm, Church of the Magdalen and Raphael Wilhelm, Church of the Magdalen.

#### V. Guadalupe Dancers:

Following the meeting at 2:43 p.m., the Danza Resurreccion de Trancoso Zacatecas dance was performed by the Guadalupe Dancers for over 30 minutes, preceded by a description of the meanings of the decorations on the dancers.

#### VI. Fellowship and refreshments:

Respectfully submitted,



Dave Gitchell  
Chapter Secretary