

Wichita Chapter
National Pastoral Musicians
Board Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2018

I. Call to Order and Introductions:

Tom Wierman called the NPM Wichita board meeting to order at 1:35 p.m., Sunday, May 20, at the Adorers of the Blood of Christ Convent, 1165 Southwest Blvd, Wichita, Kansas.

Present: Tom Wierman, Rosalie Goebel, Sr. Nylas Moser, Charlene Dreiling, Kitty Michot, Jeanne Recker and Dave Gitchell.

Not present: Dee Ann Burke, Christopher Dean, Marjorie Flesher, Megan McCoy, Jim Jones and Sr. John Patrick.

Kitty offered the opening prayer.

Board members present introduced themselves to Rosalie, including their parish and role on the Board.

II. Chapter Minutes:

The minutes of March 11, 2018 Board meeting were presented. Kitty moved, and Charlene seconded, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried by voice vote.

The minutes of April 22, 2018 Annual meeting were presented. Jeanne moved, and Kitty seconded, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried by voice vote.

III. Reports:

Treasurer:

Marjorie was not present, but Charlene reported that she believed there were no changes in the financial status from the April 22, 2018 report. She also reported that everything had been transferred to Marjorie, including the bank account, checkbook, PayPal information and the Treasurer's files.

Charlene suggested that it might be best to change the processes used for handling membership. Perhaps Membership should receive the checks and payment information so that they can keep the membership rolls up to date, and then pass on to the Treasurer for the payments received. This would permit Membership to know when memberships were renewed, and new members had joined, so that they could send out the welcome and thank you emails.

Sr. Nylas reported that she is still receiving the invoices for the NPM Corner in the *Advance* for \$40 per month, or \$20 per edition. She believes those should also be transferred to

Marjorie. The consensus of discussion was that an auto-payment could be set up, since this is an approved recurring invoice and the bank account is now sufficient to support it.

Membership

Charlene reported that Membership has sent out the new member emails, and is currently working on the renewal member emails. She also reported that we're out of brochures, as she has been sending those out as well.

Communications:

Chris was not present due to graduation duties. Tom reported that Chris was not renewing his contract with Bishop Carroll High School, so he was in the process of moving some of his photos for the NPM from shared drives at the school to local storage media.

Hospitality

Dee was not present, so Jeanne gave Rosalie a briefing on what the Hospitality Committee's duties entailed. Generally, when Board meetings are held in someone's home, the host handles hospitality. And for functions held at churches, frequently the church handles hospitality.

Dee currently has custody of the Hospitality cart with paper napkins, plastic forks, tablecloths, etc.

Some discussion was held on what would be required for the Corpus Christi potluck.

Office of Worship

Sr. John Patrick was not present. She was very busy preparing for ordinations, and for overnight visitors.

Historian

Jeanne reported that she hasn't started, yet. After school is out she will start with this year, collecting agendas, minutes and memorabilia on activities. Then she'll work her way back, soliciting input from other members.

Rosalie asked for clarification of when NPM's year starts. Sr. Nylas said that, since NPM Wichita began on June 15, 2015, we tend to use June to June as our year. But for dues, Charlene added that we use a calendar year. Then Sr. Nylas said that the national organization, she believes, wants reports that cover the period September through August.

Charlene suggested that we might want a flash drive to back up NPM financial information. Other suggestions included a Google shared drive, which would imply an NPM Wichita Gmail account. Tom will discuss with Chris.

IV. Old Business

Guadalupe Dancers

Since Tom had to leave the Annual meeting early, Board members recapped the Guadalupe Dancers performance for him. The short version is that the over 30 minute performance worked very well, and was well received. It was an excellent example of things we can do to be exposed to other cultures.

Discussion occurred as to whether, and how much, to compensate the Guadalupe Dancers for their performance. It was pointed out that there were two points of contact for the Guadalupe Dancers and that, if we compensated them, it might be best that both points of contact be notified of the award.

Tom will ask Chris to prepare a certificate for the Danza Resurreccion de Transcoso Zacatecas from NPM Wichita to thank them for their performance.

Sr. Nylas moved, and Kitty seconded, that NPM Wichita send a \$100 honorarium to Gabriel Gallindo for the Guadalupe Dancers, and that thank you notes be sent to both Gabriel and Miriam saying that we gave a \$100 honorarium to Gabriel. The motion carried by voice vote.

Brochure

Tom reported that he uses Visual Fusion, and that he was able to get the original source file back from Chris. He believes that he can provide all the elements to Visual Fusion and that they'll lay them out perfectly for us. Tom provided printed drafts of the modified brochure that he created from Sr. Nylas' notes.

Notes from discussion of past events section:

- Remove one of Lent to Easter entries.
- Remove Evening Vespers from top
- Add Guadalupe Dancer as Annual meeting
- Make Solemn Vespers and Blessing be Annual Solemn Vespers and Blessing
- Seasonal music reviews at various parishes, Lent, Easter, etc.
- Workshops, such as Cantor and Christopher Walker Musicians workshop
- Social events
- Make entries more generic

V. New Business

Chapter Programming

Young Liturgical Musicians

Tom was impressed with the response to our recognition of the young musicians. He suggested that he would love to hear some of them do a recital sometime. Kitty suggested getting young musicians together from multiple parishes for a recital, which would also get their parents involved.

Tom would like to invite Emily back to coordinate these youth events, even though she does not want a full-time position on the Board. It was suggested that having a

two-person coordination would work, with perhaps Raef Wilhelm and Emily?

Dave moved, and Sr. Nylas seconded, that NPM Wichita award youth membership for the 2018 year to all those Young Liturgical Musicians who were recognized at the April 22, 2018 Annual meeting. The motion carried by voice vote. Charlene will send notifications to the new members. Sr. Nylas will provide their email addresses to Charlene.

- Spanish Liturgical Musician Workshop

Our Lady of Perpetual Help contacted Sr. Nylas about this. Tom suggested that they need to work first with their priest, Fr. Jose Machado, to see if this will fly. Some composers come to mind as possible presenters, such as Lourdes Montgomery, Bob Hurd and Jaime Cortez. While the parish requested that the workshop be in Spanish, none of the NPM Wichita members is fluent in Spanish, so we would be at a disadvantage at a Spanish-only workshop. The possibility of a bi-lingual workshop was also floated.

Bringing in a presenter is an expensive proposition, generally over \$2,000. It might be best to get a better idea of what they want to accomplish, or what they need. Sr. Nylas related that they don't read music and get their music from the Internet. They don't know if their music is Liturgical, since the new Spanish language *Misal Romano* has just been released as of May 1. Sr. Nylas suggests that Fr. Patrick Reilley could probably present this workshop and indicated interest in doing so when Sr. Nylas contacted him about it.

Sr. Nylas will talk to the parish again, and we'll revisit the subject at our next meeting.

- Another Workshop

Sr. Nylas received a flyer offering a \$200 grant toward Dan Schutte's travel to the first 5 organizations who hire him for a workshop. The question then arose about how we could learn about the cost of hiring particular presenters. Dianne Bruno's name was on the flyer as a point of contact, so Tom will call her to see what we can learn.

There is interest on the Board toward having additional workshops, perhaps bi-annually. The most recent workshop with Christopher Walker had 54 attendees, which seemed pretty good when considering all the conflicts reported, such as the March for Life.

2020 would be the next bi-annual year for a workshop. Tom suggested that we

could ask parishes to contribute small amounts toward a workshop.

- Saint Cecilia Sing

Tom suggested that this would be good to combine with the choral festival that was suggested at the Annual meeting. Charlene suggested that St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton parish might be willing to host this time, to serve the west side, since last year was the southeast. St. Cecilia's day is in November, on Thanksgiving this year. The 18th is the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Charlene will contact St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton to see if they would like to host it.

- "Unaccompanied Singing", Music for Rural and Small Parishes

In Caldwell and into Oklahoma, the parish music director uses an MP3 player and does not, herself, read music. She sent Sr. Nylas a letter pleading for help. Another parish has acquired a programmable keyboard to accompany singing.

Recorded music should not be the answer. If there are no accompanists, then acapella singing should be used. There are resources such as MP3 files on the Internet that could be downloaded as an aid to learning the songs. We'll park this subject for now, and discuss further, later.

- Keeping SE Kansas Incorporated

This actually applies to more than just SE Kansas; it also applies to rural and outside the metropolitan area. One suggestion would be to have some functions held multiple times, at different locations, to permit greater participation throughout the Diocese.

Sr. Nylas received a letter from Jolene that talked about St. Francis Church in St. Paul, and reminded that it was the first parish in the Wichita Diocese.

- Supporting our Newly Ordained

How to get them involved in our activities? Perhaps invite the new deacons to our potluck? Tom will invite them. Do they want assistance in learning to sing their parts in the Mass?

VI. Event and Calendar Planning:

Corpus Christi Procession and Chapter Potluck Dinner- 2-6 p.m., June 3, 2018

The Procession is 3-4 p.m. The Pius X room has a buffet table, and will be available from 2-6 p.m. After discussion, it was decided that a cake and punch reception would work better than a potluck dinner. So, Rosalie and Dee will plan the reception and Kitty is willing to help pick up things. The website needs to be changed to reflect a "Chapter Reception" instead of a "Potluck Dinner".

NPM National Convention – July 9-13, 2018, Baltimore

Tom will contact Tracy Winslow to learn the Bishop's schedule, so that NPM Wichita members can connect with him at the convention.

Annual Fall Blessing of Liturgical Musicians, Sept 9, 2018

Tom will contact Sr. John Patrick about the Fall Blessing.

VII. Next Board Meeting:

The next board meetings will be held:

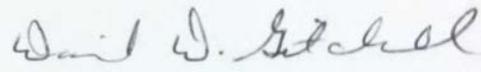
June 24, 2018, 2 p.m. at Charlene's house.

July 29, 2018 is TBD.

VIII. Adjournment:

Tom Wierman adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dave Gitchell
Chapter Secretary