

Wichita Chapter
National Pastoral Musicians
Board Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2018

I. Call to Order and Introductions:

Tom Wierman called the NPM Wichita board meeting to order at 2:08 p.m., Sunday, June 24, at the home of Charlene Dreiling, 10117 E Lincoln St, Wichita, Kansas.

Present: Tom Wierman, Charlene Dreiling, Kitty Michot, Christopher Dean, Jeanne Recker and Dave Gitchell.

Not present: Dee Ann Burke, Marjorie Flesher, Rosalie Goebel, Sr. Nylas Moser, Emily Pischnotte, Jim Jones and Sr. John Patrick.

Kitty offered the opening prayer.

II. Chapter Minutes:

The minutes of May 20, 2018 Board meeting were presented. Charlene moved, and Kitty seconded, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried by voice vote.

III. Reports:

Treasurer:

Marjorie was unable to attend. Tom distributed copies of the financial report and said that Marjorie had reported that the checks to the Guadalupe Dancers and to the *Advance* had not yet cleared. The bank balance as of June 15 was \$1,728.74.

Tom also reported that Marjorie, Dee and Rosalie all mentioned that knowing the Board meeting schedule further in advance would permit them to avoid scheduling conflicting events.

Chris reported that he now had Marjorie's profile uploaded to the website.

Communications:

Chris reported that he had cleaned up the NPM logo, and created a vector graphic version of the NPM Wichita logo, since the national web site didn't have anything like that.

Chris said that he is working on *Noteworthy's*, as usual, and did finish moving all his photos off of the school server.

As a heads up, Chris reported that it has nearly been two years, so the domain and website will need to be renewed at the beginning of October for an additional two years at a cost of

\$265.64. Jeanne moved, and Charlene seconded, that the Board approve the expenditure for an additional two years for the website. The motion carried by voice vote.

Membership

Charlene reported that the committee had not yet met this month. She reported that she had not yet emailed renewing members and had been unable to contact a couple of new members. She did contact the parents of the new youth members from the Annual Meeting to notify the youth of their memberships and to invite them to the Christ the King reception at the cathedral.

Youth and Young Adult

Tom reported that Emily Pischnotte has agreed to be the temporary chair for the Youth and Young Adult committee. Tom asked her to help with the search for a permanent chair. Raef Wilhelm is still a possibility, and Tom will talk to him.

Charlene suggested another possibility is Terrance, who is taking organ lessons under Shirley. She also mentioned that Raef would be attending WSU, and that might give us an opening into the Neumann Center there.

Hospitality

Tom reported that Dee and Rosalie were unable to attend. Rosalie was at the Holy Savior groundbreaking.

Charlene reported that the reception was almost unattended. One family was apparently misdirected and came up to the room for cake. None of the clergy nor the Bishop attended.

Charlene believes that the leftovers were taken to the Anthony Family Shelter, and Tom suggested that should be our normal procedure for leftovers, moving forward.

Office of Worship

Sr. John Patrick was unable to attend, as she was on vacation.

Historian

Jeanne reported that she has purchased binders, and is starting with 2018. She had questions for the Board, including:

- When did we start putting our advertisement in the *Advance*? Charlene will look at her old Treasurer reports to see when we started paying for them.
- When did we start publishing the *Noteworthy*? Chris reported that it was November 2016.
- She requested a copy of the new brochure for inclusion.
- She requested photos of events from which to make hard copies. Chris will provide her with a link for access. Tom also asked for the link.

- She also wants meeting minutes going all the way back to the beginning. Tom had provided those to Dave, so Dave will provide them to Jeanne when she sends an email requesting them. Chris also requested all the 2018 meeting minutes for posting on the website.
- Tom indicated that he would like a generic email address for the Chapter Director, and Chris said he would do that. There was also some discussion about whether the email address in the brochure should go to the Chapter Director or to Membership (or both). Tom suggested that Membership discuss this at their meeting. We'll revisit at the July meeting.
- Jeanne also asked for copies of any flyers that were used at events.

IV. Old Business:

Brochure

The professionals were too busy, so Tom will try to update the brochure himself. In order to make the brochure more generic, as the Board requested, the Director's phone number will be removed from the brochure, and the Director's email address will be changed to the generic director@npmwichita.org. Tom also reported that he had removed duplicate events from the Past Chapter Events column, and made them more generic.

Tom reported that he needs a higher resolution photo of the Fall Blessing event. Chris said he thought he'd already sent it to Tom, but will make certain that Tom has it. Chris also suggested, for future events, we need to designate a specific photographer instead of relying on individuals' cell phones. Chris would even volunteer to bring his camera and not be in the picture in order to ensure better resolution photos were available.

Tom will send the updated brochure to all Board members so that everyone can give input on wording and appearance.

Meinrad Chant Workshop

Some parenthetical discussion occurred about Jim's pending retirement and replacement, and the difficulty of properly executing Meinrad Chants. Since the new priests are learning to use the Meinrad Chants, it was expressed that a future workshop dedicated to reading and executing Meinrad Chants could be a good use of our time. Some resources for learning to do Meinrad Chants can be found at <http://www.saintmeinrad.edu/the-monastery/liturgical-music/downloads/>.

Composer Workshop

Tom called OCP about composer workshops. The fee for Dan Schutte is \$2,500, and his schedule is rapidly filling. Presenters are responsible for their own resources/handouts. Christopher Walker is also increasing his fee to \$2,500, while others more popular to the young are in the \$3,000-\$3,500 range. Generally, a second day is a smaller fee. If we have

them give a concert and we charge a fee or free-will offering, those funds are not shared with the presenter.

Since we currently intend to hold such workshops every other year, Kitty suggested that we could earmark a percentage of membership fees and free will offerings from events toward future celebrity presenter workshops.

It was also suggested that we could schedule a mission with a celebrity presenter, and get local parishes to share the cost with us.

V. New Business:

Chapter Planning

Perhaps Sr. John Patrick could get someone to do a formal presentation on the new documents, for instance what *Sing to the Lord* says. Jim did one at Magdalen, but it would be beneficial to have a more in-depth presentation about the reasons for what we do.

Another suggestion was a series of articles on the subject in the *Advance*.

Recurring Board Meeting Schedule

Board meetings in the past had been scheduled for the third Sunday each month from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Tom would like us to have a fairly firm recurring pattern so that we develop a rhythm. The consensus of opinion of those present was that Sunday afternoons are still the best times for the meetings.

Tom will send the tentative schedule through December 2019 to all Board members and solicit input and request volunteers for hosting the meetings.

The next Board meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. at Charlene's house on July 15, 2018.

VI. Event and Calendar Planning:

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

Board members will have dinner with Bishop Kemme Monday night. Tom will try to find some place for 5:30 p.m. reservations.

Dave provided Vivian Hoskinson's cell phone number to Tom for coordination for the convention.

Fall Blessing of Liturgical Musicians, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 5:30 p.m. September 9, 2018

Tom received info from Sr. John Patrick, and passed it out to Board members present. He will forward it electronically to the entire Board so that people can start making preparation planning, such as for refreshments and reception.

Christopher will create a flyer to advertise the Fall Blessing. It would be helpful to get the Fall Blessing advertised in the *Advance* as well as parish bulletins and by email, closer to the actual date. In particular we need to impress on people the Bishop's interest in it.

Christopher has a list of the parish liaisons we currently have identified. He will send flyers to the parish liaisons and parish secretaries.

Saint Cecilia Sing, November 2018

Charlene received an email from David Downing two weeks ago. He is getting a kidney transplant this summer, so he can't commit to hosting.

Tom related that Jim suggested that we could hold it at the Cathedral. Tom thought that he could contact Dr. Tom Wine and get Wiedemann Hall as the venue, since it has excellent acoustics as well as recording equipment.

Tom would also like to have recitals by young organ students included, perhaps in conjunction with the American Guild of Organists.

If Wiedemann Hall is not available or too costly, other possible venues include St. Francis and Magdalen, where there is space down front for the choirs.

Another possibility for discussion after the National Convention is formation on an NPM choir, using music picked from the convention and formed of members from the various parishes.

We need a date and location, and need to make an effort to invite the priests to attend, and in particular the young priests.

We need to solicit feedback from the rest of the Board members.

VII. Next Board Meeting:

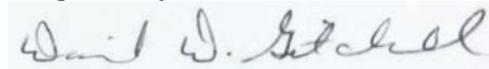
The next board meetings will be held:

July 15, 2018, 2:00 p.m. at Charlene's house.

VIII. Adjournment:

Tom Wierman adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dave Gitchell
Chapter Secretary