

Wichita Chapter
National Pastoral Musicians
Board Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2017

I. Call to Order and Introductions:

Sr. Nylas called the NPM-Wichita board meeting to order at 2:26 p.m., Sunday, April 23, in the basement of “Charity Hall” at Christ the King Church.

Present: Sr. Nylas Moser, Charlene Dreiling, Kitty Michot, Linda Arensdorf, Dee Ann Burke, Kathy Mosley, Jeanne Recker, Dave Gitchell and Jim Jones. Not present: Megan McCoy, Christopher Dean and Sr. John Patrick.

Kitty offered the opening prayer.

II. Chapter Minutes:

The minutes of March 19, 2017 were presented. Kathy moved, and Jim seconded, to approve the minutes. The motion carried by voice vote.

III. Appreciation for Retiring and New Board Members:

Sr. Nylas (and the Board) expressed gratitude to the outgoing Board members, Tom Weirman and Emily Pischnotte, and thanks and welcome for the two new Board members, Dee Ann Burke and Dave Gitchell.

IV. Reports:

Treasurer:

Charlene distributed a financial report during the Board Election meeting just prior to this meeting.

Office of Worship:

Sr. John Patrick was not present and there was no report.

Communications:

Christopher was not present, but Sr. Nylas noted that the new NPM Wichita brochure was not on the NPM Wichita web site, yet. Kitty volunteered the information that there is a printer at St. Jude’s, and that she would inquire about costs to print the brochure.

Membership

Kathy presented the minutes of the Membership Committee that was held April 4. Kathy reports that there is now an NPM presence on both the Stewardship and Office of Worship web pages.

Kitty was able to connect with Jane Caselman of St. Mark's, and learned that she is not in charge of any youth group, but she thinks that Megan is a member of a youth group there. Jane provided the name and email address of Caitlyn Merrero as the person in charge of their teen choir. Jane also provided the name and email address of the director of the adult choir at Sacred Heart, Colwich. Kitty emailed both of those individuals introducing herself and NPM Wichita, provided the brochure, and let them know we are interested in contacting their youth and adult members for recruitment into NPM.

Kathy related that there was some discussion about offering "perks" to encourage new membership, and perhaps asking the Diocese and parishes to add NPM membership to Stewardship lists.

Kathy pointed out that the new brochure offers "scholarships" as one of the incentives for joining NPM, and that NPM Wichita doesn't actually offer any scholarships. Considerable discussion followed, touching on National NPM scholarships as a possibility for fulfilling that entry in the brochure, or perhaps approaching the Knights of Columbus about funding such scholarships. It was debated whether to just remove the word "scholarships" from the brochure, but was decided by voice vote to not change the wording. Those inquiring about scholarships can be directed to the National NPM with local NPM recommendation.

Kitty has received permission from the Bishop, through Sr. John Patrick, to share Bishop Kemme's letter (regarding NPM) that was addressed to Kitty.

Kathy asked if a "Help Wanted: Pastoral Musician Liaison" link could be added to the web site to help recruit points of contact at the parishes. Kitty will write the liaison description, and Sr. Nylas and the Membership committee members will be the contact persons for the link. The board supported the addition, and there was some discussion about whether to also put ads in parish bulletins.

The membership committee will meet again, Tuesday, May 30 at Kathy's home, 5 Hillcrest Ave. Eastborough (west) 67208.

Youth and Young Adult

Megan McCoy was not present and no report was submitted.

Hospitality

Jeanne relates that Hospitality doesn't have any responsibilities for the May 28th Notre Dame Folk Choir, so the next opportunity will be the August 20th Fall Blessing of Liturgical

Musicians. The consensus of discussion was that a cake with something nice written on it would be appropriate.

V. Event and Calendar Planning

Notre Dame Folk Choir – May 27 & 28, 2017, St. Peter the Apostle Parish

Sr. Nylas believes that we have no tasks other than to have a registration table set up and staffed. Sr. Nylas will check with St. Peter's to confirm that they will have point people available, or whether we will need to provide people. Sr. Nylas should have more info by the next board meeting.

Fall Blessing of Liturgical Musicians – Sunday, August 20, 5:00 p.m. – Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Southeast Kansas St. Cecilia Sing – November 19, 2017, 5:00 p.m. – Our Lady of Lourdes, Pittsburg

Sr. Nylas reports that the time is tentatively set for 5:00 p.m., since dusk should be at about 5:05 p.m. that evening.

Liturgical Music Workshop – Saturday, January 20, 2018 – St. James, Augusta

Sr. Nylas is on the steering committee, and Jeanne has graciously agreed to be co-chair. They have had only one meeting to date, but have a location: St. James in Augusta.

One suggestion of the committee was to have one breakout session be by a Priest giving the Priest's point of view. Some other sessions would be weddings, psalms, acclamations and Glorias, and organ and piano preludes and postludes.

There was also discussion about bringing in a famous clinician, and suggestions are solicited. Dee Ann suggested a breakout on the aging voice. Sr. Nylas suggested Wichita's own "Michael Kemp": Michael Hannawalt.

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Some suggestions were along the lines of a Cinco de Mayo festival with dancers, e.g., at St. Jude's or St. Patrick's. Kitty has contact info for the lady at Our Lady of Guadalupe who is in charge of the dancers. Cinco de Mayo 2018 is on a Saturday, and the dancers would not be able to perform for us as well as for Cinco de Mayo, so we would need to schedule our meeting one or two weeks before Cinco de Mayo, and give the dancers a "practice session". 22 and 29 April are two suggestions, and St. Patrick's because of their large gym. Kitty is checking on dates and availability of venue and dancers.

VI. Next Board Meeting:

The next board meeting will be held on May 21, 2017, 5:30 p.m. at Kathy Mosley's home, 5 Hillcrest Ave Eastborough, phone (316)683-2470. The meeting will also be a potluck.

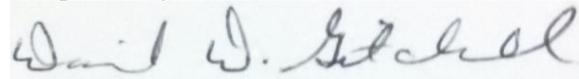
There will be no board meetings during the months of June and July 2017.

Location for the Aug 13, 2017, 1:30 p.m. board meeting will be set at the May 21st board meeting.

VII. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dave W. Gitchell", is written in black ink on a white background.

Dave Gitchell
Chapter Secretary