

Wichita Chapter
National Pastoral Musicians
Board Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2018

I. Call to Order and Introductions:

Tom Wierman called the NPM Wichita board meeting to order at 2:02 p.m., Sunday, July 15, at the home of Charlene Dreiling, 10117 E Lincoln St, Wichita, Kansas.

Present: Tom Wierman, Marjorie Flesher, Rosalie Goebel, Sr. Nylas Moser, Charlene Dreiling, Kitty Michot, Christopher Dean, Dee Ann Burke, Jeanne Recker, Emily Pischnotte, Terence Truong and Dave Gitchell.

Not present: Jim Jones and Sr. John Patrick.

Charlene introduced Terence Truong to the board and all members present introduced themselves to Terence. Terence indicated that he is a computer engineering student at WSU and is currently working at NetApp in quality assurance. He expects to graduate in May or December of 2019.

Tom explained to Terence that the purpose of our Youth and Young Adult coordinator position is to encourage youth and young adults to become interested in participating in the music ministry and, in particular, to foster the development of new organists and musicians in the Diocese.

When asked if he had suggestions, Terence suggested monthly sessions at parishes to showcase the instruments to the youth and to encourage current players to teach and youth to learn to play. He also suggested that we should have more showcasing of youth musicians on NPM's Facebook page and the Diocese's website.

Terence related how he first became interested in playing the organ when he attended a recital by the Chenault Organ Duo in Wiedemann Hall during his freshman year at WSU.

Terence volunteered for, and was accepted by the board as, the new Youth and Young Adult Committee chair. Since Terence had another commitment, he then had to leave the meeting.

Kitty offered the opening prayer.

II. Chapter Minutes:

The minutes of June 24, 2018 board meeting were presented. Charlene moved, and Dee seconded, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried by voice vote.

III. Convention Afterglow

- Sr. Nylas felt enriched, inspired and moved by what she attended and heard and by the people she met. One of the high points for her was going to the place where Edgar Allen Poe was buried, where a man portrayed Edgar Allen Poe read poetry and acted, interspersed with music. Lynn Trapp played the restored 1882 Johnson organ, and the performance and acoustics were excellent.
- Chris said it had been a while since he'd attended a national convention and felt like he needed one to "recharge the batteries". He noted that "no matter which session you attend, you always walk away with something, learn something." He walked away from one session, somehow finding himself on the Piano Steering Committee at the national level.
- Kitty spent most of the week, until Thursday, in choir rehearsals with the NPM Directors of Music Ministries Division (DMMD) choir that performed at the Cathedral of Mary Queen of Angels. She estimated that the choir had about 80 members, and some of the music was SSAATTBB. After the Thursday performance, she did manage to get to the OCP, GIA and World Library showcases and to pick up some packets for her replacement at the school.
- Dee said that Sr. Nylas had pretty well summed it up. This was about her 20th national convention, and she always gets something new. She attended one session on choral direction and was very impressed with the speaker, and learned a few little things from him. The plenum speakers were excellent, and her main take away from the convention is a desire to know the liturgy more intimately.
- Tom's highlight of the convention was that, at the Chapter Directors meeting, he won a certificate granting him a free pass to the next convention. Next to that was singing 4-part harmony with something like 1,500 people, and listening to all the plenum speakers.
Tom was also appreciative of the incorporation of other languages into the songs and liturgy during the convention, and encouraged that we might be able to do more of that locally. He encountered Monsignor Ray East while walking to the convention and chatted with him. Tom wonders whether Monsignor could be invited to address our whole community.

IV. Reports:

Treasurer:

Marjorie reported that nothing major had changed since the last report. Our current balance is \$1,648.74, but the Guadalupe honorarium is still outstanding. Marjorie will follow up on that.

Communications:

Chris reported that he had updated our Facebook page, and had a few pictures in there with the Bishop. He also reported that at Tom's Directors' meeting, our chapter was one of

the five who received awards for excellence in site design, editorial and member engagement embodying chapter best practices. Our chapter was the smallest to receive one of the awards, with the others going to large cities like Baltimore, Chicago, Worcester and Pittsburg.

Tom reminded that the national NPM website contains premium content for members and it was mentioned that this also includes liturgy planning.

Membership

Charlene handed out some copies of their July 3 meeting minutes and mentioned that their next meeting will be Aug 7.

Membership plans to use the Fall Blessing to remind members to renew their membership and to encourage others to become members. The board reaffirmed that chapter membership uses the calendar year, but renewals and new memberships occurring at the Fall Blessing will probably extend to December of the following year. Charlene will work with Marjorie on new membership forms, since current forms have the wrong year on them.

Since the parish liaison project is so overwhelming, Membership plans to focus on just a few parishes until they've recruited liaisons and then move on to other parishes, working their way outwards. Charlene plans to start with Derby and St. Francis.

Youth and Young Adult

Emily agreed to continue on the board for a while to help encourage Terence.

Hospitality

Dee was disappointed with the turnout for the Corpus Christi reception; only 8 pieces of cake were served. She felt that the location was a significant disadvantage, but the nearer, downstairs, more prominent location was already reserved.

Last year at the Fall Blessing, Hospitality had roll-ups. This year they are planning little roast beef and turkey sandwich "sliders", a veggie tray and cookies.

For the St. Cecilia Sing, they are planning cake and punch, lemonade or water.

Sr. Nylas wanted to know if it is possible to put an "RSVP" button on the web site for events, to facilitate planning the quantity of refreshments needed. Chris replied that they just need to tell him if they need one.

Office of Worship

Tom related that the Bishop is still keeping Sr. John Patrick very busy. We will need to make extra effort to stay in contact with her, and to continue working with her to get our items into the *Clergy Notes*.

Historian

The question remains open as to when NPM Wichita first started advertising in *Advance*. Charlene mentioned that she has a flyer from when Nick Engels did the cantor workshop and will get it to Jeanne.

Jeanne again asked that everyone bring to her any materials they have from past events.

Advance Advertising

Tom got some ideas about advertising from the national convention.

Dee related that St. Catherine's eliminated music from the 12:00 Mass, because people weren't responding, and that she had related that to the Bishop.

V. Old Business:

Chapter Brochure

Tom said that Chris will take a stab at updating the brochure using a different program. Tom shared the current content with Chris in a Word format. Chris reminded that he has our logo done in vector graphic format, so far.

St. Cecilia Sing

Tom provided a handout with a rough draft of a program for the St. Cecilia Sing, starting with it being held at the Wichita Center of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ.

One suggestion was to invite the youth awardees from the Annual Meeting to participate.

A subcommittee was formed to plan and coordinate the St. Cecilia Sing. Volunteer members for the subcommittee were Sr. Nylas, Jeanne, Dee and Charlene, and it was suggested that it would be good to invite Terence to participate.

Kitty suggested that we could also have printed some St. Cecilia holy cards with a prayer for musicians on the back to be distributed at the St. Cecilia Sing, as advertising for NPM Wichita.

VI. New Business:

Chapter Programming

Some ideas for areas of focus from the national convention included diversity, the Bishop's "Excellence in Liturgy". In order to support the Bishop, we need to know what he intends.

Tom also pointed out the teocl.org, the Essentials of Catholic Liturgy, website provides continuing education webinars in the liturgy, for a fee of \$150.

Tom and Chris also suggested that our chapter could offer mini session webinars. This would entail members taking note during their daily routines of things they are doing that

might make a good webinar candidate. This would be a good venue to make contact with and assist outlying parishes in the Diocese.

VII. Events Calendar:

Scheduling of Events

Tom noted that we need to do a better job of advance planning of our events schedule. For the next 12 months, the only items we have listed on our events calendar are the Fall Blessing and St. Cecilia Sing. Events that are regularly scheduled should be shown for at least the next year, and on the website.

Following the most recent couple of years' pattern, it was suggested that the chapter schedule, on the last Saturday of each January, a clinician in even years and mini workshops in odd years. Scheduling for the last Saturday in January avoids the conflict with the March for Life which we experienced this year.

Planning for the clinicians in the even years needs to be made well in advance to get onto the clinician's busy schedule.

A subcommittee was formed for planning the annual liturgy workshop. Subcommittee members are Kitty, Tom and Charlene, and Tom suggested reaching out to Pittsburg to see if someone from there would like to participate on the board. One possibility would be to use Skype to enable outlying persons to attend board and subcommittee meetings.

The fourth annual event is our Annual Meeting in about April each year.

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

St. Cecilia Sing – November 18, 2018, 2:00 p.m., Adorers of the Blood of Christ Wichita Center

VIII. Next Board Meeting:

The next board meetings will be held at 2 p.m. on the dates indicated:

[Note: In order to avoid causing confusion, the locations of the August and September meetings reflect changes communicated via email following the meeting, and not what was communicated at the board meeting. – ddg]

August 19, 2018, Emily Pischnotte's home, 42 E. Via Verde, Wichita 67230.

September 16, 2018, Dave Gitchell's home, 610 W. 25th Ave, Hutchinson 67502.

October 21, 2018, St. Judes', 3130 N. Amidon, Wichita 67204

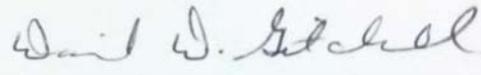
November 18, 2018, St. Cecilia Sing, ASC Wichita Center, 1165 Southwest Blvd, Wichita

December 16, 2018, ASC Wichita Center, 1165 Southwest Blvd, Wichita

IX. Adjournment:

Tom Wierman adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dave Gitchell
Chapter Secretary