



# NPM Wichita Noteworthy

## Annual Meeting

The annual chapter meeting will be May 3 at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of the Magdalen. The results of the election of officers and the proposed Bylaws amendment will be announced as well as a presentation of Young Liturgical Musician Awards. We will have special entertainment followed by refreshments. Please mark your calendars to attend.

## Proposed Bylaws Amendment

The board of directors is considering a new board position called Chapter Director-elect. The board has deemed succession planning as a high priority for our chapter. We know from discussions with other NPM chapters that this has been an important step in their chapter governance.

In a nutshell, the Chapter-Director-elect would work with the Chapter Director for some on the job training prior to becoming Chapter Director. As Chapter-Director elect, he or she would assume the Chapter Director role without further election by the chapter members. Rather than elect a Chapter Director as provided for in the current Bylaws, the chapter would elect a Chapter Director-elect to continue the cycle.

The board will propose a Bylaws amendment for your consideration. It will appear in the April Noteworthy.

## Young Liturgical Musician Awards

NPM seeks to direct young musicians to view service as a liturgical musician as a stewardship opportunity. This is to encourage and further the youths' liturgical music participation beyond high school and while in college and to stay connected to music ministry from youth through adulthood.



2019 Young Musician Awards

The award categories are Novice, Apprentice, and Minister. The categories approximate age bracket for each; a young student as Novice, high school age as Apprentice, and college age or older as Minister. The age brackets are guides as some young musician's perform at a level higher than the suggested age range.

Nominations come from Pastors, Choir Directors, and Music Teachers in our Catholic school system. For more information, see the Resources page at [www.npmwichita.org](http://www.npmwichita.org) for 1) The Young Liturgical Musician Initiative and 2) the nomination form to submit names of worthy, aspiring young liturgical musicians. Please note that if the student has been nominated previously, but has not changed nomination categories, there is no need to nominate them again. If the nominator has determined the youth musician has changed nomination categories (from Novice to Apprentice, or Apprentice to Minister), then their nomination should be submitted.

Certificates for each nominee will be awarded at the annual meeting on May 3.



Tom Wierman,  
Chapter Director



## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, March 15, 2020**

**Board Meeting**

2:00 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas—Fr. O'Shea Room

**April 5-11, 2020**

**Holy Week**

**April 12, 2020**

**Easter Sunday**

**Sunday, April 19, 2020**

**Board Meeting**

2:00 p.m.

Location TBA

**Sunday, May 3, 2020**

**Annual Chapter Meeting:**

**Youth Musician Awards & Entertainment**

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Church of the Magdalen—Parish Hall

**June 21, 2020**

**Ice Cream Social & Music Reading Session**

2:00 p.m.

Location TBD

**July 6-10, 2020**

**NPM National Convention**

Louisville, Kentucky

Join us! [npm.org](http://npm.org)

**Sunday, September 13, 2020**

**Annual Vespers and Musician Blessing**

5:30 p.m.

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Light supper to follow in Good Shepherd Hall

**Saturday, January 30, 2021**

**Pastoral Musician Workshop**

**Does your parish have a music position opening?**

Send an email to

[admin@npmwichita.org](mailto:admin@npmwichita.org) to list your parish's open position on the chapter website and Facebook pages.



## St. Cecilia Sing

The date for the 2020 St. Cecilia Sing will be November 22. Fittingly, we will hold the event at St. Cecilia parish in Haysville.

The board is looking for a few members to serve on the planning committee for this event. The job duties of this committee are to plan and organize the St. Cecilia Sing. That would involve planning a program (similar to what has been done previously, or something different), and conducting the event on that day.

The planning committee could meet in person, or by phone as the initial planning takes place. If interested, please email [director@npmwichita.org](mailto:director@npmwichita.org).

## Membership Renewals

As you may remember, we have changed the renewal date of memberships to coincide with the date you joined. Previously everyone's membership expired on December 31.

We have a significant number of memberships that have not been renewed as of March 1. The membership committee has been sending email reminders.

We have a small operating budget that is based almost exclusively on membership dues. We trust that we are providing value to you in our programming and that you will want to renew your annual membership of just \$20. If there is a hardship, please let me know.

## Future Programming

The board of directors is always interested in feedback for future programming to ensure that we're meeting your needs and expectations.

One idea that I tossed out was a trip to visit the historic churches in Ellis County (Hays, Kansas area). There are some truly spectacular native limestone structures that are a testament to the Volga German settlers who inhabit the area. Maybe you've heard about them before, but have not had the opportunity to visit.

My question to everyone is 1) would you be interested in going, and 2) would you prefer a Summer or Fall trip? Summer may be a bit of a challenge because of weddings and the heat, but we are looking for the best time for everyone. Further planning would be dependent on interest and timing. Please email your thoughts to [director@npmwichita.org](mailto:director@npmwichita.org).

Below are some of the other programming ideas that we will be working on with your input. If you really like one or more of these topics we welcome a resounding "Amen." If you have other topics that you want, we need to hear those as well.

- Learning Music for the Season (Advent/Christmas/Lent/Easter)
- Meinrad Chant – Beyond the Basics
- What do the Bishop's Conference documents say about music in liturgy?
- Wedding Music
- Pedals, Pipes & Pizza, an event for youth musicians
- Recruiting and Retaining parish choir members

## 2021 Musicians' Workshop

It's going to be hard to top the 2020 Musicians Workshop but it's time to be planning the next workshop. The next workshop will occur in an "odd" year (e.g. 2021) meaning that we will have presentations by local and regional presenters. If you are able to assist with the planning of that workshop, please email [director@npmwichita.org](mailto:director@npmwichita.org).

The date is January 30, 2021, the last Saturday of the month. More details will follow.