

Cleveland NPM Board Meeting
January 22, 2020

The meeting opened with a prayer at 1:05 pm. Members in attendance were Charlene McElwee, Lori Geyer, Bob Soeder, Mary Hrich, Aga Bienieck, Herb Dillahunt, Bridget Jankowski and Jon Thibo.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer: Checking account balance is \$2,583.00 and \$109.49 in the Paypal account. Recent activity included expenses for the St. Cecilia Festival (food and clinicians) and the hotel for the Children's Choir Festival clinician. A detailed report of the St. Cecilia Festival is forthcoming.

Communication and Membership: Bob had nothing new to report. The bell choir festival information is taken down, so everything is up to date.

Website: Herb reported that everything is up to date and no changes are needed at this time.

Constant Contact: Mary reported that our open rate continues to be good and we have 585 email addresses in our well-maintained database.

Prayer Coordinator: The format of our prayers requests was discussed briefly. Possible ideas were to use a format that is not always intentions. Suggestions included promoting ongoing prayer requests on our website and/or facebook. Perhaps some kind of prayer forum or discussion-type group could be explored.

Brown Bag Lunches: These are set for February and posted on the website. Locations are in Avon Lake, Macedonia, Mentor, and Cathedral Square.

Coffee/Pub Night: Next one is set for Monday Feb. 17th at Slymans in Independence. 6:30 pm

St. Cecilia Sing: Lori reported and consensus agreed that it was a very successful event.

Diocesan Musicians Retreat: Mary brought two different publicity fliers, both available to be downloaded from the website. Registration is available on the website or on a form that can be downloaded and mailed. We are hopeful for a good turnout, possibly 100 participants?

Children's Choir Festival: Registration deadline is the end of January. Anticipated registration is unknown. Clinician details are set.

Handbell Festival: Due to many logistical reasons the Festival has been postponed indefinitely. Further discussion was tabled until the June meeting.

Planning for 2020-2021

Elections – Herb’s term is expiring and he is willing to run for another term, but doesn’t want to run unopposed. We will put out a call to the membership for nominations.

Ricky Manolo – A visit for 10/17-10/20 is being sponsored by the Diocese. They have offered to include an event for Diocesan musicians. Details forthcoming.

St. Cecilia Sing – Since it falls on a Sunday next year, it was discussed to possibly change the format and all gather at the Cathedral for Mass on Sunday evening. It is the Feast of Christ the King, but we could also celebrate St. Cecilia. Herb will contact Greg about options.

Children’s Choir Festival – Discussion will be tabled until after this year’s event.

Handbell Festival – tabled until June

More social events – a possible gathering at a Captains or Indians game was suggested. A concert at Blossom was also suggested.

Parochial School Liaison - There were one or two people suggested for this possible appointment to the board. Our chapter could be a bridge to help those who are working with school liturgies but don’t have liturgical experience. Herb will follow up.

Spring Dues Letter – These will be addressed to Music Directors and will go out this spring. One parish held a bake sale with proceeds going toward local donation to our chapter. This was a creative way of supporting us without using a budget item.

Other topics – Facebook will continue as is. A possible Director Exchange was discussed. Bridget will create a good survey to determine interest and availability. We can also get feedback from musicians at the retreat regarding their needs or wishes for programming.

There was no new business.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, June 18th at 1:00 on at St. Monica.

The meeting closed with a prayer at 2:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget Jankowski, secretary