

Cleveland NPM Board Meeting
August 28, 2019

Members in attendance: Aga Bienieck, Herb Dillahunt, Charlene McElwee, Lori Geyer, Mary Hrich, Bridget Jankowski, Angela Kovic, Jon Thibo

Meeting was opened with a prayer at 4:10 pm. (a little late due to traffic issues)

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Current balance is \$2056.64. The most recent large expenditures were for the upcoming retreat (hotel for Kathy Wray) and for the website and constant contact. A few more \$50 donations from churches have come in. There has not been much income for the retreat yet, but another registration reminder will be sent.

Website: Updates are complete. Please let Herb know if you find any misspellings, broken links, etc. or if you have any suggestions.

Constant Contact: Mary will send a reminder for retreat registration. We currently have 300 people on the NPM list and over 240 on the AGO list.

Prayer Coordinator: Angela is getting about a 30% response rate to requests for prayer requests. Please ask your choirs for their prayer requests. Her goal is to have 30 intentions per month.

Brown Bag Lunches: Attendance is improving. Attendance at August events ranged from 3 to 13 people. The next lunches are set for February as follows:

Claudia Woollard, St. Mary, Painesville
Jason Lewis, St. Ignatius, W 117th & Lorain
Don Grabowy, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Macedonia
Still looking for a far west side host

Coffee/Pub Nights: The first of these was held at Slyman's Tavern in Independence on Monday, August 26th. Ten people attended and it was deemed very successful. It was agreed that this is a great location and we should continue to meet in this area. It was also agreed that Monday is a good evening for most of us. The next event will be set for some time in October. Angela and Bob will secure a good place for us to meet.

St. Cecilia Sing: Lori was acknowledged and thanked for her hard work on this. The massed choir pieces, all OCP and in hymnals, were selected and will be listed in the information/registration mailing which will go out the 2nd week of September. Registration will

available online as well as by returning a form via US mail, with a registration deadline of November 11th.

Diocesan Musicians' Retreat: The theme of the day will be along the lines of "Living in harmony with God and in harmony with each other." The retreat will focus on fostering strong interpersonal relationships within our ministry. Mary and Herb are finalizing presenters which will include one or two counselors (possibly Kathy Jacob and Gary Echt) as well as Fr. Peter Morris of St. John Vianney. The Center for Pastoral Leadership is showing a great amount of support for us and will provide all the "worker-bees" in terms of set up, serving, etc. so that all music ministers can be fully present to the retreat. The day will be from 9 am to 2 pm and will include continental breakfast and lunch for a cost of \$15. per person. It is intended for ALL music ministers, not just music directors, with a goal of 100 people in attendance. Information and registration details will be available by October 1st.

Children's Choir Festival: The committee is working with Teri Larson to finalize repertoire and should have that within a week. It was suggested that we ask Greg if it is possible to request a kid-friendly presider for that Mass, such as Bishop Gries or Fr. Schlegel.

Handbell Festival: Nothing new to report. They are still working to finalize a clinician. Details should be confirmed by mid-October. Herb will follow-up on this.

Old Business: Herb has requested support from the Diocesan Worship Office in the amount of \$700 this year. \$500 for Children's Choir Festival, increased from last year due to the cost of having to pay airfare for the clinician as well as possibly two nights in the hotel. The other \$200 will go toward the Handbell Festival. Jeanne Marie Miles has given the impression that this would be no problem.

New Business: It was agreed that another request for annual donations will be sent in the spring, possibly March, when people are considering their budgets for the next fiscal year.

A Choir Director exchange was suggested as a possible event/activity for the 2021 year. This could be as simple as a google form to sign up to host, swap, or even just observe other rehearsals in the Diocese.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 1:00 pm at St. Monica.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 5:30 pm followed by a delicious dinner and the WLP Sing the Seasons choral reading session.