

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members present: Fr. Drew, Tim McManus, Mary Bellman, Tina Geers, Darin Art

II. Prayer

Fr. Drew opened the meeting with a reflection on the upcoming Sunday's feast day, the Exaltation of the Cross. Members shared their thoughts.

III. Review & approve minutes from May meeting

There were no changes made to the May minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. Reports

A. Cleveland Convention

1. Mary & Jeremy were present for the regional convention.
2. General feeling that regional conventions are not as helpful as the national conventions. Harder to find events at the regional conventions for those who have been music ministry directors for a long time.
3. Tony DiCello received a special honor & gift from NPM.

B. Membership/Financial

1. Total of 3 parish memberships & 24 individual memberships for 2008.
2. Current finances: \$1076.27
3. Discussed financial concerns of the chapter. Not too concerned over where we are financially right now:
 - a. Spend less in postage by using e-mail more to communicate
 - b. Worship Office does many programs for the Archdiocese, where NPM Cincinnati helps in many ways other than just financial.
 - c. Intention to take free will offerings at concert/recital events to help fund future events.

C. Hospitality

1. Not much to report at this point, since we have not had an event since our last meeting.
2. Plans are in the making for piano recital @ St. Columban

D. Secretary

1. Matt Phelps is now in New York and unable to continue his duties as Secretary.
2. Tim McManus asked Darin Art to cover this role through the rest of Matt's term.

E. Director

1. Move to readjusting the bylaws to be in line with the National organization.
2. 1 year term for Director seems too quick. Would like to return to 2 years.

V. *New Business*

A. Rick Foegler's Year of Paul idea (end of June, 2009)

1. Board reviewed Rick's proposal
2. Initial response: great idea!
3. Concerns:
 - a. Mendelssohn's St. Paul is a huge undertaking that probably needs more than a year's preparation & planning.
 - b. Financially, we do not have the means to hire an orchestra/conductor, etc.
 - c. Do not want to compete with Archdiocese's closing of the Year of St. Paul
 - d. Conflict with participation for those who prepare Laudate in the early summer?
4. Suggestions:
 - a. Simplify the event by doing a HymnFest
 - b. Hymnfest could include familiar hymns with St. Paul texts
 - c. Could still use some choruses from Mendelssohn's oratorio
 - d. NPM members are going to bring the proposal to the Music Committee on Friday.

B. Dayton

1. Dayton's group may decide to be the Dayton branch of NPM.
2. There can only be one chapter in a diocese, where other groups would be branches.
3. They have a meeting this coming Monday.

VI. *Planned Events/Meetings*

A. Piano Recital @ St. Columban

1. October 25, 2008 @ 7:30 p.m.
2. Hour in length, approx. 15 mins./ performer
3. Need to post event on website – Is Jeremy still able to help with this?
4. Mary will be working on the program & flyers
5. As mentioned earlier, a free will offering will be taken at the recital.

B. Future Board Meetings & Gatherings

1. 11/12/08, 10:00 a.m. @ St. Vivian (Board Meeting)
2. 11/21/08, 6:00 p.m. @ St. Vivian (FALL GATHERING!)
 - a. Request for dues for 2009 will start at the Fall Gathering
 - b. Reminders will be sent after that meeting, requesting payment by the end of December.
 - c. There is some concern of those who have paid later in 2008 being asked again to pay so early in 2009.
3. 1/14/09, 10:00 a.m. @ St. Vivian (Board Meeting)
4. 2/6/09, Music Director's Concert?
 - a. Details have not been worked out
 - b. May be a bad time with schedules – Super Bowl weekend, DMMD Colloquium?
5. 3/11/09, 10:00 a.m. @ St. Vivian (Board Meeting)
6. April/May 2009 Easter Choir Festival? – St. Paul event? (see above)
7. 5/13/09, 10:00 a.m. @ St. Vivian (Board Meeting)

VII. *Next Steps/Other*

A. Review NPM Chapter Manual

B. Review Cincinnati Chapter

1. Constitution

2. Bylaws

C. Local DMMD

1. People have been asking if the local DMMD meetings will start up again.

2. Board is wondering if Janet Poulin would be willing to help organize these meetings. Mary will ask Janet.

Submitted by: Darin Art