

Cleveland NPM
Board Meeting
St. Monica Church
January 25, 2018
1:30 pm

Lori Geyer, Aga Bieniek, Dan Bergen, Herb Dillahun, Bridget Jankowski, Bob Soeder and Mary Hrich were in attendance

The meeting was opened with a prayer and cards were passed around and signed for Ruth, Angela and

There was only positive feedback from our September and November events.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$1,128.51 in our treasury.

Prayer Requests: Angela will be sending these out monthly. Herb will ask Angela to send out a reminder notice for requests to be sent in a week in advance. Those on the prayer list will remain there for one month but can send in a monthly request to remain on the list.

2018-2019 Program Ideas: Each person had at least one suggestion as follows:
More programs for non-professional music ministers such as health/wellness, reading music, something with religious education.

Something very choir specific: tone production, pronunciation, etc., handbells workshop, cantor certificate, small ensembles, dealing with musician/clergy conflicts.

It was discussed that perhaps a Saturday is better for non-professional musicians who work on Mondays and may not be able to attend events like our Feb. 19th program.

Also suggested were to do a clinician exchange within the diocese, for example, directors could work with each other's choirs.

A Body Mapping evening and a Children's Choir event were also suggested.

Chapter Discount to Baltimore Convention: The logistics of this were discussed. All registration would have to be collected locally and forwarded together. Renting a bus for travel as a group is likely not cost effective. Depending on the number of people going from our Diocese, the work involved in collecting the registrations and sending them in vs. the money saved may also not be worth the effort. It would also mean that nobody could register online. It was decided that an inquiry will be made to the mailing list and replies will be sent to Bridget by March 1st. We will move forward depending on the number of responses we receive.

Cloud Storage: Bridget gave a presentation on Wild Apricot which is a cloud-based platform for integration of all the needs of membership organizations. Database, mailings, event registration, file storage, website hosting and automated dues invoicing are all integrated through this system. However, at the cost of approximately \$70 per month it was decided it is not something we can currently afford. However, it will be kept in mind as our chapter grows and our needs increase.

Neighborhood Bag Lunches: Herb will be contacting people in each area about hosting/coordinating these informal gatherings for local musicians.

May Elections: Ruth's term is up. Members were suggested for a nominating committee and Herb will be contact them. Herb will contact the following to enlist the aid of two people to fill out a 3 person nominating committee with Ruth as chair. Those Suggested were: Charlene McElwee, Suzanne Sande, and Wally Bednarz. Persons suggested for the hospitality position were: Barb from St. John Vianney, Rich Guillom, Suzanne Sande, Rebecca, Wally Bednarz, Mary Ann Gamez, Melissa Hollis. Herb will contact these people hopefully finding someone to do the job.