

**Minutes of the NPM Scranton Chapter Executive Council
January 18, 2017**

The Executive Council of the Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians met on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 for their monthly meeting.

Present were:

Fr. Ken Seegar, Director,
David Baloga, Diocesan Liturgist
Elizabeth Powell, Treasurer
Joanne Stahura
Nancy Voltos
Michael Yasenchock
Rob Yenkowski

Discussion began with an update on the circumstances concerning the change of date for the Triduum Workshop and the change of date and location for the Taize Prayer.

Because of difficulties in scheduling, it was decided to move the Triduum workshop from February 18th to February 25th. The location will remain the same: Divine Mercy Parish Hall in the Minooka Section of Scranton. It was also decided to move the Taize prayer from Queen of Apostles Church in Avoca to the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Pittston. That service will be held on Tuesday, April 4th beginning at 7 pm. A simple supper will be served for all attending at 6 pm. A free will offering will be taken up at both events.

Discussion then moved to other events that can be planned for the remainder of the year. Some events on the burner are:

An Organ Workshop

A workshop on the Revisions to the Marriage Rite

An Evening of Reflection

A Wedding Workshop for prospective couples

A NPM "Picnic"

A workshop on the basics of good liturgy

a workshop on music as a constitutive part of the Eucharistic Celebration.

The Council had a very lively discussion on these topics. While no definitive decisions were made, they will develop them further at the next meeting.

David Baloga reminded the Council that the Office for Parish Life will be hosting several Evenings of Reflections for Liturgical Ministers. These will be taking place at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in May: May 9th will be for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; May 16th will be for Lectors; May 23rd will be for Liturgical Musicians/Music Ministries. Each Evening of Reflection will begin at

6:30 and end at 8:30 pm

David also informed us that the Diocesan Office of Parish Life will be hosting a "Worship Convocation on October 28 from 9 a.m.—3 p.m. This will be open to all Liturgical Ministers.

There was then some discussion on updating the membership list and holding a "campaign", as it were, for new members. Fr. Ken will draft a letter that will be sent out in late January/early February, apprising the membership of current events. Liz also mentioned that dues are due. They are \$20.00 per person, \$10.00 for any one under 21 or currently in college.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8 at 9:30 am in the Fr. Murgas Conference Room of St. Andre Bessette Parish in Wilkes-Barre.



Addendum to the Minutes

- ◆ The Taize evening at Our Lady Queen of Apostles in Avoca has been cancelled by the parish due to conflicting schedules.
- ◆ It has been replaced with
An Evening of Taize Prayer at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Pittston on Tuesday, April 4th. The schedule will be maintained:
Light dinner at 6 pm
Taize prayer at 7 pm
Free will offering
- ◆ Fr. Jack Lambert has agreed to facilitate our Presentation on the Triduum at Divine Mercy Parish on Saturday, February 18th from 9 am—2 pm.
- ◆ Convention information is now available on both our Chapter website and the National NPM website. Early Bird registration is by March 3rd, Advance Registration is by June 9th. Deadline for registration is June 29th. Registration after June 29th must be done onsite and daily at the convention.
- ◆ The Musicians Mass is on the schedule for September 12th at the Cathedral. Get the word out early and often! Lets drum up Attendance!
- ◆ The Executive council meeting scheduled for January 11th was postponed to January 18th because of an ice storm. We will need to discuss at this gathering protocol for the rescheduling of meetings due to weather, funerals, etc.