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Jeannie and Ed Fischer

2019 NPM Spring Meeting Program

April 6, 2019 @ St. Michael's Church in Hermosa, SD

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| 9:30- 10:00 AM | Registration with refreshments provided by St. John the Baptist Parish members |
| 10:00-10:05 AM | Welcome to St. Michael's Parish |
| 10:05-10:20 AM | Opening Prayer- St. Terese Parish members |
| 10:20-11:20 AM | "How to Get the Most Out of Your Electronic Keyboard- Options Galore"
Chantry Nelson |
| 11:20-12:15 PM | Seasonal Planning Group Discussion |
| 12:15- 12:45 PM | Lunch provided by St. Michael's Parish members |
| 12:45-1:30 PM | Business Meeting |
| 1:30-2:30 PM | "Funeral Music and Worship Aids/ Tips for Leading a Successful Funeral Choir"
Terry Schroeder |
| 2:30-3:00 PM | Closing Prayer- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish members |

Director's Letter – Spring 2019

We, like so many across the country, have endured a harsh and memorable winter season. We are yearning for temperatures above the freezing mark, and are eager for the snow melt to begin, and when we get that first tantalizing look of green grass emerging from the ground! As nature begins this enchanting cycle of rebirth, how fortunate for us that Lent arrives around this time, so that our hearts and minds may also experience a renewal in our relationship with God!

Steve Petrunak, President of NPM, recently shared a beautiful article on the power of Lent in our lives ... “it is a transformative time of renewal and conversion of heart. It’s a time when we intentionally consider our spiritual journey and our need for God’s love, compassion, and forgiveness. How can we awaken to God’s presence in our lives and serve our baptismal call to follow Christ in ways we’ve never considered?”

Our role as music ministers is incredibly valuable in this Lenten season as we help our congregations experience that conversion of heart through our music. There is an abundance of beautiful musical selections for this liturgical season, many of which - no matter how many times I’ve played them - bring me to tears, as the powerful combination of scripture in lyrics and compelling melodies touch my heart. Let us never underestimate the power of the music we provide!

I had the great pleasure of filling in for accompanist duties one Sunday last month at St. Michael’s in Hermosa. Sitting on the eastern edge of Hermosa, a town that bridges the Black Hills to the prairie, St. Michael’s – the newest church in our diocese - is an absolute jewel, both in design and functionality! At its heart is a congregation deeply dedicated to God and to its community. We are thrilled they agreed to host our spring meeting, and we encourage you to come and enjoy their lovely church and hospitality! We have a terrific line-up of topics for our spring meeting, including maximizing the functionality of electronic keyboards, seasonal planning group discussions, and funeral music & worship aids/tips for building & leading a successful funeral choir.

In follow-up to Jackie Schnittgrund’s discussion (at our Winter Meeting in Hill City) on creating Recruiting Coordinators, we offer our sincere appreciation to those of you who have stepped forward to serve as coordinators in your respective Deaneries. We are still looking for a few more spots to fill, and we encourage all of you to give earnest consideration to participating in this vital role to keep our membership thriving! It is exciting to see this Recruiting team take shape, and we look forward to updates from Jackie at our meeting.

On behalf of Carman Timmerman and myself, we thank you for wonderful service in our diocesan music ministry. We look forward to seeing you in Hermosa on April 6th!

Bonnie Josten
Co-Director, Rapid City Chapter NPM



Social Media Update – March 2019

Carman Timmerman, Co-director Rapid City Chapter

Speaking of social media, I thought you might be interested in these statistics from “Reach of selected social networks in the United States as of February 2017.” Looking at this table makes one think about the best way(s) to reach our NPM members. And don’t worry, if you don’t know what these social network terms mean, ask your grandkids.

Source: [www. statista.com](http://www.statista.com), accessed 3/7/19 2:10 PM

Social Network	Age 18 - 29	Age 30 – 59	Age 60 +
Facebook	86%	81%	67%
Google +	26%	23%	9%
Instagram	58%	31%	7%
LinkedIn	19%	21%	15%
Pinterest	37%	28%	20%
Reddit	15%	5%	1%
Snapchat	45%	16%	1%
Tumblr	21%	7%	2%
Twitter	47%	39%	16%
YouTube	71%	52%	25%
Other	1%	1%	1%
Don't use	2%	9%	27%

St. Rose of Lima Parish Hosts Rapid City Chapter of National Pastoral Musicians for Winter Meeting

On January 26th, the Rapid City Chapter of National Pastoral Musicians gathered in Hill City where St. Rose of Lima Parish hosted the chapter's Winter meeting. Twenty-one members came together to learn and network at NPM's first meeting of the year.

After a welcome from Julie Gray and an opening prayer led by St. John the Baptist Parish musicians, Dr. Cindy Howell informed the attendees about "Leadership in Music Ministry." By many accounts, this presentation was of the highest caliber.

Also of superior quality was Tammy Schnittgrund's segment on "Psalms for Lent and the Triduum." Along with useful psalm ideas, Tammy led the group in singing some of the Lent and Triduum psalm selections.

After the morning's learning, the attendees enjoyed St. Rose of Lima's Parish members' culinary skills at lunch. One member noted that the meal was "excellent +++."

In the afternoon, the members heard from Jeanine Gerlach regarding her experiences and lessons learned in music ministry. This presentation is called "Sage on Stage," and its point is to feature a seasoned, respected music minister, in this case, Jeanine.

A well-received panel discussion on "Goal Setting and How It Helps Us Get Things Done" was the topic of the last portion of the day's program. The panelists for this discussion were Dr. Cindy Howell, Greg Josten and Jackie Schnittgrund with Bonnie Josten moderating the discussion. Attendees were given a Q and A opportunity and augmenting handouts on the topic.

The day ended with a four directions Lakota chant by St. Isaac Jogues Parish music minister George Ceremuga. He then led the group in a short meditation before NPM members parted company.

The NPM Rapid City Chapter's Spring Meeting will be on Saturday, April 6th at St. Michael's Church in Hermosa. This will be the first time that St. Michael's hosts an NPM meeting. The topics for this program are: "How to Get the Most Out of Your Electronic Keyboard," "Seasonal Planning," and "Funeral Music and Worship Aids/Tips for Leading a Successful Funeral Choir."

We encourage all Rapid City Diocese music ministers and clergy to attend quarterly NPM meetings at which education, prayer and fellowship are the focal points. For more information about the Rapid City Chapter of National Pastoral Musicians, go to our website (www.npmrc.org) or Facebook page ([www.facebook.com /NPMRapidCityChapter](https://www.facebook.com/NPMRapidCityChapter)).



2019 NPM WINTER MEETING PROGRAM EVALUATION RESULTS

January 26, 2019 St. Rose of Lima Church, Hill City

Number of Meeting Attendees = 21 Number / Percentage of Respondents = 7 / 33%

1. Registration and Refreshments

Average = 29% Very Good = 42% Excellent = 29%

2. Welcome—Julie Gray

Average = 72% Very Good = 14% Excellent = 14%

3. Opening Prayer—St. John the Baptist Parish

Average = 14% Very Good = 43% Excellent = 43%

4. “Leadership in Music Ministry”—Dr. Cindy Howell

Very Good = 40% Excellent = 60%

5. “Psalms for Lent and the Triduum”—Tammy Schnittgrund

Very Good = 43% Excellent = 57%

6. Lunch provided by St. Rose of Lima Parish

Very Good = 14% Excellent = 86%

7. “Sage on Stage”—Jeanine Gerlach

Below Average = 14% Average = 43% Very Good = 29% Excellent = 14%

8. “Goal Setting and How It Helps Us Get Things Done”

Panel Discussion with Audience Q & A Follow-up

Panel: Dr. Cindy Howell, Greg Josten, Jackie Schnittgrund

Moderator: Bonnie Josten

Very Good = 29% Excellent = 71%

9. Closing Prayer—St. Isaac Jogues Parish

Average = 14% Very Good = 29% Excellent = 57%

Attendee Comments About This Meeting:

1. Lunch = Excellent +++
2. Good meeting and discussion. Excellent lunch. Many thanks! I truly enjoyed!
3. Couldn't hear all the time. Projected to tables on one side. [Sage on Stage]
4. Great info with goal setting.
5. Trouble hearing. [Sage on Stage]

Sneak Peek At Our Spring 2019 Meeting!

It's time to shake off the winter chills and snowy weather ... let's greet the spring season with a day in Hermosa, as our diocese's newest parish, St. Michael's, prepares to host its first-ever NPM meeting, on Saturday, April 6th! This will be the first opportunity for many of us to see this beautiful church, and we are both delighted and grateful to the parishioners of St. Michael's for hosting our meeting!

There are some great topics on our agenda:

- Keyboardists, take note! St. Michael's very own Chantry Nelson will start our day with a discussion/demonstration on electronic keyboards, and how to maximize their functionality. Technology continues to expand quickly in this instrument, so we'll learn some great innovations and tips to get the most out of your keyboard.
- Seasonal planning is up next, as we breakout into small groups to address questions and tips in planning for Advent/Christmas; Ordinary Time, and Lent/Triduum/Easter. What strategies can be used to create or define the "sound" of each season? ...What helps or impedes our progress in achieving this "sound?" Sharing of best practices amongst our small groups will then be brought back with the entire group, and all information gathered will be posted to our website for future reference.
- In the afternoon, Terry Schroeder from Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City will present information on funeral music/worship aids, and tips for leading a successful funeral choir. The funeral choir at Blessed Sacrament has grown wonderfully over the past several years under Terry's leadership, and we are excited to hear Terry's insights on this important ministry in our parishes! Terry will also provide a short reading session on favorite funeral songs from GIA.

What a fantastic kick-off to Spring! Please register by April 1 with Pat McDowell, NPM Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, patmcdowell44@gmail.com, or (605) 341-2174, to ensure we have an accurate lunch count.



Tammy Schnittgrund



Bonnie Josten



Jeannine Gerlach



Fr. Mark Horn



Dr. Cindy Howell

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