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2019 NPM Winter Meeting Program
St. Rose of Lima Church, Hill City
January 26, 2019

Meeting Schedule

9:30-10:00	Registration and Refreshments
10:00-10:05	Welcome- Fr. Mark Horn
10:05-10:20	Opening Prayer- St. John the Baptist Parish, Custer
10:20-11:20	"Leadership in Music Ministry" Dr. Cindy Howell
11:20-12:15	"Psalms for Lent and the Triduum" Tammy Schnittgrund
12:15-12:50	Lunch provided by St. Rose of Lima Parish
12:50-1:15	Business meeting
1:15-1:35	"Sage on Stage"- Jeanine Gerlach
1:35-2:35	"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: Carman Timmerman
2:35-3:00	Closing Prayer- St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Rapid City

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Get Ready For Our Winter 2019 Meeting!

We kick off the new year with a meeting on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at St. Rose of Lima Church in Hill City. What a stellar line-up of topics! We are excited to hear Cindy Howell's presentation on **'Leadership Skills for Music Ministers.'** Are you looking for ...tools to foster greater engagement with your choir or your musicians? ... strategies for collaboration with your pastor on liturgies? ... ideas and incentives to strengthen your role in music ministry? We'll have some marvelous takeaways from this discussion! It's not too soon to begin preparation for the upcoming Lenten/Triduum/Easter seasons, and Tammy Schnittgrund will provide us a look at **'Psalm Suggestions for Lent and the Triduum.'** With the right music, the richness of this liturgical season can reach new heights of worship for our congregations, and Tammy will showcase a variety of beautiful options to suit a choir of any size. Our **'Sage On Stage'** series continues with some entertaining stories and experiences from Jeanine Gerlach (Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Cathedral). Jeanine tells us she has been singing in a choir ever since she was a baby, perched in her father's arms, as he sang in his church choir! Closing out the day, and providing an ideal book-end to the morning's leadership presentation, Carman Timmerman will moderate a panel discussion on **'Goal Setting-How It Helps Us Get Things Done.'** Our panelists include Jackie Schnittgrund, Cindy Howell, and Greg Josten. This will go above and beyond setting a new year's goal ... we will learn about winning strategies to develop, implement, and sustain working toward a goal, be it in our music ministry, or in our everyday lives.

**A Big Success—
2018 NPM Silent Auction**

Our second annual silent auction was a resounding success. Featuring 46 items ranging from jewelry to a treadmill, bids garnered a total of over \$1700 for the Rapid City Chapter of NPM! A big thanks to all who donated and who bid on this eclectic array of items. For 2019, think about what you might donate for the 3rd annual NPM Silent Auction.



Rapid City Chapter of National Pastoral Musicians Holds St. Cecilia Fall Meeting and Awards Luncheon

On October 6th, Rapid City's Blessed Sacrament Church was the location for the NPM Rapid City Chapter's St. Cecilia Fall Meeting and Awards Luncheon. About 70 music ministers gathered for the organization's most significant meeting of year. Members were eager to learn from the day's guest speaker, Tom Porter, DMA, Professor of Music at University of Mary as well as noted educator, musician, conductor and composer. Musicians will recognize his compositions: "By My Side," "Christ Has No Hands but Ours," "Let Us Be Bread," "Hoe Down," "O nata lux," "Lux aeterna" and "Sing, Laugh, Love." After Morning Prayer with music provided by St. Patrick's Parish of Wall musicians, Dr. Porter spoke on "Small & Rural Parishes—Doing the Basics Well." Following this presentation, Dr. Porter led the members in a reading session with complimentary sheet music provided by G. W. Pepper.

After a lunch catered by ForkReal, the members made their last bids on the chapter's Silent Auction. Thanks to marvelous items and generous bidders, the chapter collected over \$1300 that will be used to support the Rapid City Chapter's activities. At the business meeting, the members honored the following individuals: Fr. Adam Hofer, St. Cecilia Award for Clergy; Lorraine Ptacek, St Cecilia Award for Laity; Tammy Schnittgrund, Peggy Langenfeld Award; James Washabaugh, Emerging Music Minister; Elizabeth Nesland, Emerging Youth Music Minister; Charlie Aberle, 50 Years of Service; Cheryl Lawrence, 50 Years of Service; and Denise Lubken, 40 Years of Service.

During the business meeting, the members voted on the following Rapid City Chapter officers: Bonnie Josten, Co-director, and Pat McDowell, Secretary-Treasurer. The members thanked Jacqueline Schnittgrund for her tireless and dedicated service as the Rapid City Chapter Co-director as she ends her term of office.

In the afternoon, Fr. Timothy Hoag, Blessed Sacrament Parish pastor, commissioned the music ministers accompanied by music led by St. Michael's Parish (Hermosa). Then Dr. Porter informed the members about "Resources for Communities, Small in Number and Large in Faith." To end the day, the members joined in the Closing Prayer led by Terry Schroeder, Blessed Sacrament Parish and Christy Leichtnam, Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish.

The NPM Rapid City Chapter's Winter Meeting will be on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at St. Rose of Lima Church in Hill City. The day's program will feature Cindy Howell on "Leadership Skills for Music Ministers," Tammy Schnittgrund on "Psalm Suggestions for Lent and the Triduum" and a panel discussion on "Goal Setting and How It Helps Us Get Things Done." For this discussion, the panelists will be Cindy Howell, Greg Josten and Jackie Schnittgrund with Carman Timmerman moderating the discussion.

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)).

**2018 SAINT CECILIA FALL MEETING &
AWARDS LUNCHEON EVALUATION**
**Saturday, October 6, 2018 Blessed Sacrament
Church, Rapid City SD**

Number of meeting attendees = 70

**Number / percentage of respondents = 30 /
43%**

1. Opening Prayer: Average = 15% Very Good = 31% Excellent = 54%

2. “Small & Rural Parishes—Doing the Basics Well”—Dr. Tom Porter:

Average = 7% Very Good = 23% Excellent = 70%

3. Reading Session—Dr. Tom Porter: Average = 3%
Very Good = 38% Excellent = 59%

4. Lunch: Very Good = 23% Excellent = 77%

5. Commissioning of Musicians—Fr. Timothy Hoag:

Average = 10% Very Good = 41% Excellent = 49%

6. “Resources for Communities, Small in Number & Large in Faith”—Dr. Porter:

Very Good = 21% Excellent = 79%

7. Closing Prayer: Average = 7% Very Good = 37%
Excellent = 56%

8. Overall Rating: Very Good = 38% Excellent = 62%

Comments about today’s meeting:

- Interesting learning experience. Very informative.
- Excellent presenter!
- Enjoyed Dr. Tom very much—very educational. Lunch all tasted great.
- Good info.
- Thank you so much. Learned a lot.
- Dr. Porter’s presentation was very informative—wonderful presentation.
- It will be nice if they can bring bilingual speaker to be able to reach out to the diversity in our diocese.

- I enjoyed Tom’s presentations and have a few really good takeaways. I guess I’d hoped he
- would address some specific challenges unique to small parishes, but still good. Loved the Reading Session. “Resources for Communities, Small in Number & Large in Faith” was very helpful.
- Needed one break after lunch to check bids or else announce at the beginning of the day that the last chance would be over lunch and that bid sheets would be pulled a stated time.
- It would have been nice to have a bathroom break after lunch or before Tom Porter’s last workshop, please.
- Nice setting, comfortable—could hear well. Dr. Porter brought his message to all of us.
- Dr. Porter was an excellent choice!
- Do commissioning at conclusion of gathering.
- Terra Sancta as a meeting location.
- Great!



Director's Letter – Winter 2019

Happy New Year to all! We hope you are enjoying these closing days of the glorious Christmas season! What a marvelous gift you have given our diocesan parishes in sharing your musical talents to make the Christmas liturgies even more beautiful!

I am reminded of Dr. Tom Porter's insightful presentations during our Fall 2018 meeting, as he referenced the liturgical seasons "not as circular (the same each year, indistinguishable from year to year), but more like a spiral, in which we progress but pass through similar planes." Each passing year we find new ways through music to enrich the respective liturgies in the church seasons. These new ways can range in size and form – trying a new song, incorporating harmonies, adding voices or solo instruments. What new things did you try at your church for the Advent & Christmas seasons? As Dr. Porter stated, by doing the basics well, small changes can make a sizeable difference! *"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."* – Mother Teresa.

As we begin this new year, let's commit to the "spiral experience" in our liturgical seasons. Our upcoming winter meeting on Saturday, January 26, at St. Rose of Lima Church in Hill City presents the perfect launching point for this exercise! Cindy Howell will lead off with a presentation on Leadership Skills for Music Ministers, followed by Tammy Schnittgrund's review of psalm suggestions for the upcoming Lent/Triduum seasons. The "Sage On Stage" series continues with Jeanine Gerlach of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral as our featured speaker. We'll close with a panel discussion on Goal Setting, featuring panelists Jackie Schnittgrund, Cindy Howell, and Greg Josten. We'll hear about a wide variety of strategies to help us in this endeavor. Please make plans to attend!

This new year marks my first in serving as co-Director for our Rapid City NPM Chapter. I want to extend my sincere thanks to Jackie Schnittgrund for "leading the charge" these many years in helping our Rapid City Chapter to be as successful as it is. She leaves big shoes to fill, and I am most grateful for her continued support and guidance to me in this role, and to the ongoing support she gives our Chapter in program planning. My thanks as well to Carman Timmerman, for her gracious and collaborative spirit to help me learn the ropes in this role. She's a marvel!

I'm taking a bit of a step outside my comfort zone in this new role as co-Director, but I am excited for the challenging and rewarding experiences that await me. Topping the list for me in the perks of this role is the opportunity to become better acquainted with each of you, and learning from you the experiences you have in your parishes. The NPM organization, with its endless font of information, outreach programs and training opportunities, coupled with our quarterly Chapter meetings, offers each of us a priceless opportunity to improve ourselves in our music minister role. I invite each of you to consider ways to step outside your comfort zone in this coming year and become more involved within our NPM chapter. Remember, we're in this together, and there's always a resource to lean on for information, support, and ideas.

Writing for Carman Timmerman and myself, we thank you for your tireless dedication and contributions in our diocesan music ministry. We look forward to seeing you in Hill City on January 26th!

Bonnie Josten
Co-Director, Rapid City Chapter NPM

NPM Recruitment Coordinator

Our NPM chapter needs a Recruitment Coordinator. This position is intended to encourage attendance at our chapter meetings. Through the work of the National Committee for NPM Chapters and our local board, we have numerous strategies available to utilize in that regard. In an effort to make this position more effective and appealing, the board is proposing a new approach regarding recruitment. This idea will be discussed at our meeting in Hill City on January 26th along with the request for a Recruitment Coordinator.

The following is the board's proposed plan:

- appoint a Recruitment Coordinator,
- solicit recruitment volunteer(s) from each deanery,
- identify the Recruitment Coordinator and recruitment volunteers as the Recruitment Team,
- support the Recruitment Team in determining strategies to increase attendance at chapter meetings,
- expect a recruitment report at each chapter meeting detailing the Recruitment Team's recruitment progress, and
- confirm that the Recruitment Team will continually evaluate their efforts and develop ways to improve the recruitment process.

FYI: The board envisions most, if not all, of the communication of the Recruitment Team would be done via phone calls and emails.

If you have additional ideas for this recruitment initiative or would be willing to serve on the Recruitment Team, please contact Jackie Schnittgrund at JSchnitt@rap.midco.net or call 605-390-7748.

Social Media Update – January 2019 **Carman Timmerman, Co-director Rapid City Chapter**

Happy New Year to all of my fellow NPM members. I hope you, your family and your parish community had a happy and blessed Christmas. So, here's the first 2019 NPM social media update.

Chapter NPM Website (www.npmrc.org) – Click on the PICTURES link in the Rapid City Chapter website for photos of the October 6, 2018 St. Cecilia Meeting and Awards Luncheon. You may also read past issues of our chapter newsletters in the NEWSLETTERS link.

National NPM Website (www.npm.org) – The Association of National Pastoral Musicians' (NPM) website provides a wealth of information to people charged with planning Catholic music liturgy. Take some time to roam through this website, particularly the RESOURCES link.

Facebook (National Association of Pastoral Musicians Rapid City Chapter) – You may find photos from our most recent meeting on our chapter Facebook page. Also, on our Facebook page, consider posting job openings, requests for resources and other topics you wish to reach our community.

Second Annual NPM Silent Auction – Auction items were posted on the RC Chapter NPM Fundraiser Facebook page. About three people used Facebook to bid on auction items with most bidding occurring at the May 5, 2018 Celebration of Hymns and October 6, 2018 St. Cecilia Meeting and Awards Luncheon events. Read more about the auction elsewhere in this newsletter.





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