



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO CHURCH MUSIC FEDERATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: San Francisco Metropolis Clergy
Church Music Federation Delegates

FROM: Kathy Meck, President

DATE: May 23, 2011

SUBJECT: Summer Business Meeting

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Church Music Federation Summer Business Meeting being held in San Francisco, California in conjunction with our Summer Music Forum by the Bay, June 17 – 18, 2010. **The meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 17** at the Anunciation Cathedral, San Francisco. A preliminary agenda for the meeting is enclosed, along with the minutes from the January 2010 Winter Business Meeting. Please note that at this meeting we will be electing new officers for the 2011 – 2013 term. More details on the upcoming election are enclosed.

Please note that in order to participate in the business meeting of the Federation, your parish must be current with your dues and stewardship contributions for the calendar year 2011. Questions regarding your membership status should be directed to Mario DiGiovanni at 510-654-5266 or via email at: mnkdigi@comcast.net.

We also extend thanks to our friends at the parish of The Anunciation Cathedral for opening their doors to us. ***If you haven't already made plans to attend the Summer Music Forum, please consider joining us for a great weekend of music and fellowship.*** For more details, please contact me at: sfchurchmusic@sanfran.goarch.org or 760-390-0101

Looking forward to seeing you soon....

Kathy



OFFICER ELECTIONS IN JUNE *Nominations Being Accepted*

Nominations for the officers of the Church Music Federation for the 2011 - 2013 term are now being accepted. Elections will be held at the Summer Business Meeting on June 17, 2011 in San Francisco, California. Please submit your nominations for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer to your Regional Administrator by June 10, 2011. You may submit your own name for nomination or submit the name(s) of other candidates. Nominations will also be accepted at the Summer Business Meeting prior to the election.

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Please provide the following information on the nominees you are submitting:

1. Nominee Name, Parish, Parish City
2. Previous Federation Involvement (committees, offices held, attendance at conferences and Federation meetings, Church Music Institutes, etc.)
3. Church Leadership Experience (Parish Council, committees, etc.)
4. Other leadership experience (civic, non-profit, etc.)



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SUMMER BUSINESS MEETING

June 17, 2011

San Francisco, California

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| I. | Call to Order | Kathy Meck |
| II. | Prayer | |
| III. | Delegate Status | Athena Anastos |
| IV. | Approval of Minutes | |
| V. | Financial Report | Daralyne Baddour |
| VI. | Membership Report | Mario DiGiovanni |
| VII. | Committee Reports | |
| | a. Music Committee | Tikey Zes |
| VIII. | 2012 Winter Business Meeting | |
| IX. | 2012 Summer Conference Update | Kathy Meck |
| X. | President's Report | Kathy Meck |
| XI. | Election of Officers | Regional Administrators |
| XII. | Old Business | |
| | ❖ Website | |
| | ❖ 2010 Conference CD Recording | |
| XIII. | New Business | |
| | ❖ Metropolis Youth Music Minister | |

**Winter Business Meeting
SF Church Music Federation
January 27, 2010
San Jose, CA**

President Kathy Meck called the meeting to order and asked Fr. John Asimacopoulos for an opening prayer.

Secretary Athena Anastos reported that 26 voting delegates were present representing 12 parishes were present.

Once the minutes of the Summer Conference were reviewed, Kiki Kyriakakis made a motion to approve the minutes; Gary Nicolaou 2nd the motion and the motion passed.

Pres. Meck had Fr. Adams read a welcome letter from the Metropolitan. Key points of the letter are:

1. The Metropolitan expressed his concern about future conferences. He would like to see conferences focus more on education/workshops which may include guest speakers.
2. Communication: ie Website
3. Youth: a very important component! Try to engage through instruction and hymnology

Pres. Meck introduced the National Forum Chair Vicki Pappas. She then introduced all of the executive board members and the Regional Administrators.

Treasurer Report Mario DiGiovanni for Daralyne Baddour

The highlights of the report are: Total Net Income is approx. \$10,000 which is a combination of Dues(1975.00) and Stewardship (5685.00). Mario also reported on Membership. He reminded everyone that the emails were sent in October. At this time, only \$7,660 has been collected which represents 70% of the total from last year. The LISTSERV has been separated by region. Pres. Meck stressed and encouraged that we need D&S to keep our accounts healthy.

Dr. Chris Vitakes spoke on the highlights of the awards ceremony at the Summer Conf.

The Music Committee report was read by Pres. Meck. Following the Summer Conf. in Tucson, Arizona the committee met several times via teleconference. Several recommendations were discussed regarding the next Summer Conference: location, type of music, guest conductors, organists.

Pres. Meck thanked the music committee for their hard work regarding the music for the

FDF Choral Competition and the judging criteria. The new judging criteria were distributed to the FDF directors. Dr. Tikey Zes reported work is in progress for this years' CMI to be held in the fall. He also reported on the 2010 CMI's.

Pres. Meck thanked Kiki Kyriakakis, Helen Markes, and the entire St. Demetrios parish for an amazing job during the Summer Conference. There were 72 adult and 19 youth participants.

Summer Conference 2011

Pres. Meck reports that it has been difficult to secure a site. Much discussion centered around a mini conference in June 2011. Terry Kastanis asked about the possibility in attending the Denver Conference in July. Could there be a co-conference? Pres. Meck explained to all that a formal invitation would need to happen and if there was a co-conference that as a President she would like to be present. Discussion then continued around CMI style conference to be held over 2 days; Sunday not included. Various opinions were entertained. Fr. Adams encouraged we reach out to all levels of music participation such as congregational singing, choral singing, and chant. George Kastanis made a motion to develop a steering committee to help facilitate and Summer Conference and the other events surrounding it. Meg Jakovas 2nd the motion. The motion carried with 25 yes votes and 1 vote opposing.

Date for the Conference is June 17-19, 2011. The steering committee volunteers are Kathy DiGiovanni, George Kastanis, and Presbytera Evelyn Adams. Pres. Meck requested that the committee make recommendations and plan for June. A meeting will be planned with the Board to discuss these plans.

President Report

Pres. Meck asked the delegates present today to go back to their parishes and get some feedback as to what their membership would like to see or not see at conferences. The CD that was done at the Summer Conference is being edited and should be delivered by spring. This is an election year, and she would like to see more new faces get involved.

Old Business

Eva Canellos and Mario DiGiovanni have developed the content for the website. The model available for uploading this content on to is from the Archdiocese. There seems to be some difficulty in the uploading of the model. Vicki Pappas mentioned she had a contact at Hellenic College that may be a good resource for help in this matter. Vicki volunteered to help Mario with the setup and upload to the content material.

New Business

Dr. Tikey Zes passed out to everyone a list of selected sources of Greek Orthodox music for our use.

Meg Jakovas read an email from the choir director at Prophet Elias Church in Salt Lake, UT. It is a general invitation to whomever would like to attend the Denver Conference, July 28-31.

Pres. Meck would like address the FDF Board of Trustees regarding that all FDF Choral participants to participate in the FDF liturgy, and in the liturgical activities of their home parishes as a prerequisite for Choral competition. She opened the idea to the delegates for discussion. Fr. Adams recommended that both the Church Music Board and the FDF Board meet and share their concerns and make suggestions to better enhance the liturgical experience. Main question from the floor was how to attract a younger crowd into an aging crowd?? Barbara Hunt made a motion for the Federation Board to address the FDF Board our concerns that a requirement/prerequisite be placed that choral competition groups participate in FDF liturgy and in the liturgy of their home parishes. Terry Kastanis 2nd the motion; discussion followed. Penny Benetatos felt that the word prerequisite was too absolute. Kristen Bruskas suggested that a Certificate of Participation from the Federation presented to the competitors may be a nice gesture. Barbara Hunt approved the substitution of the words prerequisite/require to strongly encourage. An amendment to the motion was made and the motion reads:

“The Federation Board address the FDF Board our concerns and for them to strongly encourage the FDF choral competition group to participate in the FDF liturgy and in the liturgy of their home parishes.” The motion was put to a vote: 23 yes 3 opposed motion passed.

Vicki Pappas gave her report to the delegation. She invited everyone to the National meeting. She reminded everyone what the Forum does: support choirs, chant, youth, and clergy. The new guidebooks should be mailed in mid February. She also encouraged everyone to visit the Forum’s website. She highlighted JoAnne Kambouras’ leadership in youth involvement. There is a youth newsletter, a Facebook page, and a Holy Friday Youth Retreat booklet available for purchase. Many of the chant hymns have been transcribed into Western notation and can be found on the website. A CD is being developed containing Frank Desby’s different modes of Byzantine music; a hardcover book will also be made available. Vicki would also like to see a larger database be built so there can be better communication between the National Forum and individual Federations.

Fr. Adams adjourned the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Athena Anastos
Federation Secretary