

**Summer Business Meeting**  
**GOMSF Church Music Federation**  
**June 17, 2011**  
**San Francisco, CA**

President Kathy Meck called the meeting to order. Evlogitos I Christe was sung and followed by an opening prayer.

Fr. Steven Kyriacou welcomed the entire assembly. President Meck thanked the parish of Annunciation Cathedral for hosting our forum. She also expressed her enthusiasm for this weekend, and extended her thanks to the steering committee for all their hard work in planning this Summer Forum.

Athena Anastos, Secretary, reported that there are 24 delegates present representing 13 parishes.

Once the minutes of the 2011 Winter Business Meeting were reviewed, Nick Tarlson made a motion to accept the minutes. A 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion was made by Gary Nicolaou and the motion passed unanimously.

Mario DiGiovanni read the Treasurer's report for Daralyne Baddour who was not present for today's meeting. Mario emphasized to everyone that the Schwab-Vanguard account will be closed. As of June 14<sup>th</sup>, bank account balances totaled \$48,486.18. A cash receipts and cash disbursements summary was made available to everyone prior to today's meeting for review.

Mario proceeded to his membership report. He compared year end amounts from fiscal years 2009-2010 (\$9835.00) and 2010-2011 (\$8910.00). There are now 6 private LISTSERV mailing lists, one for each region. Mario has also taken on the task of loading the Archdiocese provided web site framework with our own Federation content. We now have a lean but functioning website. Hopefully we will be able to load recent and past issues of the InChoirer, meeting notices and minutes, pictures and other important links. It is our desire to move as much communications as possible over to email and the website simply to save money. We will be making strong efforts to obtain valid email addresses from our church musicians during the fall dues and stewardship drive. We will also offer to those who do not have email the ability to chose paper mail. President Meck mentioned that the Regional Administrators will be formulating a plan to increase membership.

Tikey Zes reported for the Music Committee. There will be 14 selections for our music read though during our Forum. He then proceeded with the CMI report. Tikey mentioned that the theme may be Pentecost but no decision has been made. There will be 4 CMIs this year. The locations are Oakland, Scottsdale, Long Beach and San Diego. Gary Nicolaou mentioned that host parishes should be in good standing prior

to holding a CMI.

President Meck talked about the 2012 Winter Business Meeting. It will either be held in Novato (January) or at FDF (Anaheim). President Meck feels a presence at FDF is important. Several of the delegates were concerned as to why adults aren't singing with the kids during FDF liturgy? President Meck mentioned that she will take our concerns about further involvement to his Eminence. She would like to form a committee to facilitate ideas and themes for workshops and facilitators. Chris Vitakes feels that a decision needs to be made for the WBM location soon. President Meck feels once ideas are in place the FDF board would have to approve them. Once approval has happened then implementation would take place.

A brief report was given regarding the 2012 Summer Conference/Forum. It will either be held at St. Sophia, Los Angeles to coincide with the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Frank Desby's liturgy or it will be held around the time of the National Clergy-Laity. A location at this time for the Congress hasn't been determined.

President Meck gave her report at this time highlighting what was accomplished this past year. There were many firsts: Launching of our LISTSERV, a new conference format, Spirit of Stewardship awards, completion of the CTA manual, CD, and our new website. It has definitely been a productive year!!

Elections: Dr. Chris Vitakes, Chairperson

Chris read the nominations for the executive board positions. Nick Tarlson motioned to accept the nominees and Penny Benetatos 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved the motion unanimously. Nick Tarlson also motioned to approve the slate by acclamation. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was by Linus Hollis and the motion passed.

Website report was in conjunction with the D&S report.

2010 CD recording update: Final engineering and editing are completed. Graphic designing will begin next week. 150 CD's will be made; 70 to be mailed and 80 will be available for sale.

We then proceeded to new business. Discussion with the board has commenced regarding filling the position of a Metropolis Youth Music Director. Ideas have been presented via all board members for a job description. This will be a paid position. The board has made this an action item for the fall.

George Kastanis motioned to adjourn the meeting and Nick Tarlson 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Athena Anastos  
Federation Secretary

