



# GOMSF Church Music Federation Ministry

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## Plenary Planning Meeting Report

Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 1:00 PDST via Zoom

**In attendance:** Kay Harkins, Liz Levy, Athena Anastos, Fr. Michael Pallad, Christopher Hondros, Kiki Kyriakakis, Sarah Gyurkavitz (phone) and Meg Jakovas from the Leadership Circle were present. Danilo Simich, Nick Tarlson, Elsa Libowitz, Pres. Irene Supica, Jamie Bobolis, Samuel Herron, Chris Vitakes, Fr. Andrew Scordalakis, and His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos.

1. Meeting commenced at 1:06 p.m. with an opening Prayer.
2. His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos (HEMG) gave remarks to refine our ministry, that this ministry is a fountain of faith. He focused on spreading the faith and that music enhances the worship. This year is the 100 Anniversary of the Archdiocese in America. HEMG suggested a presentation and performance of the past and present history and examples of the Church Music chant and choir and the liturgical music. HEMB spoke about youth involvement in Church Music and congregation involvement.
3. Athena asked HEMG about incorporating the music ministry into school. HEMG says west coast is trying to incorporate the ministries and is supportive of this idea. Paul Gikas, the director of ministries can help. He spoke about the diversity in the Archdiocese. Pres. Irene Supica said that they have a Sunday school teacher dedicated to teaching the hymns and FDF has a choral component. East coast has a competitive spirit while the West coast has a coordination and collaborative spirit. Kay Harkins spoke of congregational singing and HEMG said that the congregation is called to participate not just be observant but we need healthy congregational singing.
4. Ministry Update. Kay Harkins, Chair, thanked the team leaders for their work and support the past year. The liturgics course in September and Workshop in December during the pandemic were accomplishments for the Ministry. All questions should be put in the chat and will be addressed at the end.
5. New Initiatives. Scholarships are open and on the website. There are 8 scholarships of \$500 each and the deadline is August 1, 2022. Parish outreach is continuing with the workshop as a vanguard and outreach to incorporate hymnology into faith. The new hymnology will be ready after June. There will be another Plenary Planning Meeting on August 6, 2022 at 1 pm via Zoom.
6. Financial Report. Sarah Gyurkovitz presented a graphic that showed we spent \$31,758.99 in 2021 and 2022. Breakdown
  - Education - \$12,321.28 – 39%
  - Scholarships - \$12,115,00 – 38%
  - Operating Expenses - \$5,444.21 – 17%
  - Ministry - \$1,778.00 – 6%  
  - Checking Account - \$13,299.99
  - Savings Account - \$30,006.26

Sarah wants to work on expanding ways to bring money into ministry. 15 Stewards this year. Finances on firm ground.

7. Question and Answer.

Fr. Pallad asked Sarah what went into the education budget. Answer was a) honoraria for Sheehan & Capella Romano for Portland conference, b) First Mode Liturgy by Gabriel Carmines, c) Hondros videos, d) CMI in Las Vegas in 2020.

Danilo Simich asked how to contribute the stewardship, Christopher Hondros directed everyone to the website. Discussion on putting a donate button on the website.

8. Be. Do, Have Workshop. Kay Harkins shared powerpoint presentation on planning a unified parish music program. Kay noted that the ministry is always ready to present this or one-day workshops in-person for parishes willing to do simple hosting (providing space, morning coffee, light lunch, etc.)

9. Fr. Pallad gave closing prayer and Kay Harkins gave closing remarks.

10. Remarks. Jamie Bobolis spoke of the history of the choir she prepared for the Annunciation parish's 100 year celebration. Samuel Herron has recorded a new hymnal in the 1<sup>st</sup> Mode, D minor, unison, which will be published and ready in summer. Sam played the Cherubic Hymn for everyone. Some of this music was sung at the FDF in 2019.

Meeting ended at 2:30 pm.