

GOMSF Church Music Federation Ministry

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Plenary Information and Planning Meeting

Via Zoom, Saturday, August 6, 2022 at 1:00 PDST

	<p><u>Group Agreements</u> Take collective responsibility to help make the ministry successful. Work as a team and support each other Be Christ-centered in our work Problem solve rather than complain and blame. Bring a positive attitude not negativity and cynicism</p> <p>Model the critique process Look critically at our work and be self reflective Provide honest feedback to colleagues</p> <p>Assume positive intent Assume that each person has the group's best interest at heart Set aside prejudices and preconceptions about others Understand and respect others views and experiences</p> <p>Communicate productively Express your perspectives and concerns openly and honestly, in a manner consistent with your communication style Engage in differences, have everyone's voice heard, and be willing to compromise or agree to disagree when consensus cannot be reached Commit to bringing tensions directly to the individual(s) involved and resolve conflict constructively</p>
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Roles:

Time: Meeting Started at 1:01 pm and ended at 3:00 pm. Extra discussion ended at 3:37 pm

Notes: Meg Jakovas

Process Check: Christopher Hondros

Time	Agenda Item	Notes
1:00-1:10	<p>Welcome and Opening Prayer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kay Harkins, Ministry Chair - His Eminence, Metropolitan Gerasimos <p>Assign Roles: timer and process check Group Agreements: a quick overview and revision</p>	<p>Sam Herron chanted the Apolytikion. Metropolitan Gerasimos gave a blessing and opening remarks. He appointed Christopher Hondros as the new Ministry Chair and announced a new position of Assistant Chair and appointment of Athena Anastos. Kay thanked the Metropolitan and the leadership circle and welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
1:10-1:25	<p>Remarks and Announcement of New Ministry Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Metropolitan Gerasimos 	<p>Metropolitan Gerasimos spoke of the love of Christ and the importance of the music in the liturgy and the work the ministry is doing.</p>

1:25-1:30	<p>Attendee Report and Approval of Plenary Information and Planning Minutes from April 2, 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meg Jakovas 	<p>There were 19 people total attending with 10 stewards – listing at end. The previous minutes were distributed with the registration. Kay Harkins moved to have the minutes approved and Sarah Gyurkovitz seconded the motion. Ross Ritterman pointed out that Gabriel’s last name was misspelled and it should be Cremeens. No further discussion the vote was called for the minutes with the spelling correction to be approved and unanimously passed.</p>
1:30-1:45	<p>Approval of Ministry Team Leader Appointments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ross Ritterman and Samuel Herron for Church Music Development team leads - Kay Harkins for Communications team lead - Liz Levy as sole lead for Events team - Sarah Gyurkovitz for Ways and Means team lead - Meg Jakovas for Archives team lead 	<p>Kay announced the new appointments and each team leader gave a brief description of themselves and the team. Kay Harkins will now be the Communications team leader and she thanked Kiki Kyriakakis who was not at the meeting. She has been working on the monthly newsletter. Meg made a motion to approve the leadership circle, Liz and Athena seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
1:45-2:10	<p>Ministry Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christopher Hondros and Ministry Team Leaders - Overview - Upcoming Workshops: September 24 at Holy Trinity, SF, TBD at St. Anthony’s Reno - Scholarships - New Resources 	<p>Kay gave the update that since 2017 there has been a transition to minister to the parishes and partner with them for church music. There is a YouTube channel, workshops, scholarships which has the largest applicants this year, and electronic media library. Christopher Hondros thanked the new team members. He spoke about the Singing in the Nave CMI workshop on 09/24 at Holy Trinity in San Francisco and all parishes are welcome. There will be a historical presentation in the am and participation in the pm. The purpose is to show how congregational singing envelopes the whole parish. There will be a landing page with registration in a few weeks. Kay spoke about any parish can have this workshop and can invite the regional parishes. Adriana Kolendrianos spoke about the need in St. Barbara as the have lost the men in the choir.</p>

2:10-2:25	Stewardship and Financial Update - Sarah Gyurkovitz	Sarah Gyurkovitz spoke about this not being a budget year. She put up a pie chart showing the expenses. There was \$555 in revenue for 2021-2022 Total expenditure was \$31,758.99. 38% - \$12,115 to scholarships 39% - \$12,321.28 to education 17% - \$5,444.21 to operating expenses 6% - \$1,778.58 to Ministry Representation There will be a new stewardship appeal in September. Sarah will have new avenues for stewardship and revenue. Mark Powell asked to see a full revenue for the next meeting. The last big event before COVID was Las Vegas that brought in revenue.
2:25-2:40	Mini-Workshop (1:55 pm)	Christopher Hondros presented a VAK approach to learn hymnology and intervals. This is an introduction to music for small children – 4 to 8 year olds. It develops ear training, Solfege/Parallage and eventually replaces blocks with notes. Mark Powell thought the graphic representation can be used at coffee hour to teach the parish. Stephanie Stafford asked how fast the children learned. Christopher was able to teach a hymn in 15 minutes each day and started a second hymn on the third day. Samuel Herron though the colored notes on the staff were helpful. Adriana Kolendrianos as a conductor thought the colors were not needed.
2:40-3:00	Closing (2:30 pm) - Final discussions - Process check - Closing Prayer	Ross Ritterman had thoughts on the Development activities and commented that our Metropolis was the largest land wise in the world. There are blind spots in the organization and the CMD team will be working with each parish to learn what their music program is and how the ministry can assist. The Be-Do-Have Workshop will help with this. Kay gave closing remarks and thanked the leadership team. Christopher Hondros thought the meeting was very productive. Fr. Pallad gave closing prayer. The meeting ended at 3:00 pm

	<p>Further Discussion about specific parish needs</p>	<p>Adriana Kolendrianos asked how to have congregational singing when the parish's needs change. Athena spoke about how her parish transitioned to singing with the chanters and encouraging congregational singing. Fr. Pallad spoke about losing his choir and during service encouraging congregational singing. A new divine liturgy hymnal will be coming soon in Greek/English/staff and chant notation. Samuel Herron spoke on evaluating strengths and weaknesses and scalability of the parish – how many people and finding music to fit. Sophia Rodis spoke about how the children do not come if there is no choir. There was positive talk about how the music programs will grow again but the ministry will not be what it was before as that was more social and the ministry is more spiritual now. Kay Harkins said we will move forward. The meeting ended at 3:37 pm.</p>
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Attendance:

Leadership Circle: Kay Harkins, Athena Anastos, Christopher Hondros, Liz Levy, Sarah Gyurkovitz, Samuel Herron, Ross Ritterman and Meg Jakovas

Stewards: Tina Athans, Adreana Kolendrianos, Mark Powell

Non-Stewards: Fareeda Christ, Irene Supica, Sophia Rodis, Stephanie Stafford, Tery Kastanis, Danilo Smilich, Fr. Michael Pallad and Metropolitan Gerasimos

Total: 19.