

Presbytery of Western New York

Synod of the Northeast/Presbytery Partnership Group

Music for Worship:

Transformation through Sound and Song

Music Worship Leaders Network Meeting

Monday, February 22, 2010, 4:30-6 PM

Gardenvue Restaurant

1744 Union Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224

MINUTES

Present: Karen Hummel (Hamburg), Greg White (Orchard Park), Marlene Harrington (North, Williamsville), Janita Byars (PWNY)

- I. Planning for the "Music Conference" Part of Presbytery Day, October 2, 2010, at North PC (Williamsville)

Bill Carter and Presbybop will appear in a seminar and music-focused worship. The ensemble may be engaged on Friday night in another local appearance. Rev. Thomas Yorty is serving as a facilitator for this.

The area-wide Grades 4-8 Children's Choir will sing at the service. The Choir will be conducted by Dr. Teryle Watson, from Rochester. Children will learn four musical arrangements. Music and practice CDs will be available after Easter. The Children's Choir schedule for the day is:

11 AM	Register; Eat
11:30 AM	Rehearse
12:45 PM	Break
1:10 PM	Music Worship Service

During the rehearsal time slot, there will be a Presbytery Day workshop designed especially for parents of Children's Choir members. Other possible workshop topics or presenters include technology, creating musical works (for example, Alice Parker, Ron Martin), or Allen Pote (Joanne Hollenbeck as possible contact). Janita will contact Chris Gawlak (Clarence/Hamburg) for possible resources.

- II. Parameters for Loan of Musical Instruments

Instruments will be loaned for six months, unless a specific, shorter time is requested. For extensions of loans and in the event that no other church has made a request, a borrower could request an extension noting a specific timeframe. Janita will investigate possibilities for insurance coverage.

III. Identification of Resources Needed to Address Grant Components

A. Technology

Janita will contact Perry Babcock regarding resource personnel.

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Janita will research services provided by GIA license.net.

IV. CD Project

A goal was set to create two CDs (one of PWNYS top favorites and one of "demonstration" new music). In addition, uniquely-constituted CDs could be made from a hymn bank (repository of numerous hymns). Choirs from across the PWNYS area would be invited to prepare a favorite hymn for recording. Janita will do the recording. She will prepare a flyer for distribution on the PWNYS website, to all churches, at the Presbytery meeting, and in the e-newsletter.

V. Next Meeting Time/Date/Place

Monday, March 22, 4:30-6 PM, Gardenview Restaurant (1744 Union Rd., West Seneca)