

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
August 31, 2015**

Present: Jennifer Anderson, Linda Armstrong, Andrew Birling, Pam Carlson, Dee Ann Crossley, Sarah Garner, David Geslin, Margaret Gohman, James Hild, David Jenkins, Jon Kietzer, Jungjoo Park, Paul Westermeyer
Guests: Phil Asgian, Merritt Nequette, Jane Nienaber

Call to Order by Dean Paul Westermeyer, 6:30 PM, St Paul Seminary

In the absence of Chaplain Michael Edwins, Dean Westermeyer read Psalm 18 and gave the opening prayer.

The minutes of the June 22, 2015 Board meeting were approved as printed.

Special Projects report: Phil Asgian

Update on the video of the Glatter-Götz/Rosales organ at Augustana Lutheran Church, West St Paul: 81 minutes of recorded footage by Peter Myers will be reduced to a 20-30 minute video by editor John Akre, Green Jeans Media. TCAGO members Phil Asgian, Dee Ann Crossley, James Hild and Kris Langlois are overseeing the project. The video, which will be used in many educational ways, will be ready at the end of February/beginning of March. Discussion included publicizing in *The American Organist* and ideas for sales and marketing. \$3,500-\$4,000 is requested to complete the project.

Motion: John Kietzer moved to approve funding of \$4,000 for the Augustana Lutheran Church organ installation video.

Seconded: Jim Hild

Motion carried

Pipenotes report: Merritt Nequette, editor

In response to question: should full text *Pipenotes* be mailed to members without computers?

Mailed hard copy version, in black and white, omits or condenses officer page, ads, full year calendar and photo size. 91 members receive it, many of whom also have email addresses. Lengthy discussion included mailing costs, page count/format, convenience to members and efficiency of production, topics which will be addressed at a future Board meeting.

Motion: Linda Armstrong moved that the mailed *Pipenotes* be the same as online *Pipenotes*, except that the mailed one is in black and white

Seconded: Jungjoo Park

Motion carried

Identical versions of *Pipenotes* will begin with the October issue.

Motion: Jon Kietzer moved that members now receiving mailed *Pipenotes*, except those who do not have email, be asked to consider receiving it online.

Seconded: Linda Armstrong

Motion carried

Dean Westermeyer will compose the communiqué and David Geslin will send it out.

Treasurer's report: David Geslin

Re: Oncard, with Registrar Jane Nienaber

TCAGO does not use Oncard, the National AGO registration system.

Rather, we continue to use wild apricot, which is agreeable to National.

There are still some problems (eg. new TCAGO members registering via Oncard and dual chapter membership registrations) which will be addressed as we go forward.

The final of the current year's financials was presented: balanced budget with end of year excess of \$1,512.

Motion: Jon Kietzer moved we approve the 6/30/15 year end financial statement, pending audit

Second: Pam Carlson

Motion carried

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Second: Linda Armstrong

Motion carried

Professional Development Committee report : (from Jeff Patry)

New Salary Guidelines are raised by 3%. The Wedding/Funeral/Substitute Guidelines remain the same.

Motion: Jennifer Anderson moved we approve the salary guidelines.
Second: Margaret Gohman
Motion carried

Program report: David Jenkins

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the cost of opening event on 9/18 at St Olaf Catholic Church (with organ concert by Alcee Chriss, followed by installation of officers and dinner) is over budget by \$2,000. It is expected that future program costs will help balance the deficit. Michael Barone is donating the cost of a Hammond B3 rental for Mr. Chriss' jazz stylings at dinner.

Michael Barone was acknowledged as a wonderful resource for all our programs. His creative thinking and expertise are great assets to the TCAGO. He is much appreciated.

Details of two future programs are now confirmed: Widor Festival Jan 24 – Feb 7 and Members Recital May 6 at St Andrew's Lutheran Church, August SepMahtomedi

Pam Carlson inquired about scheduling Mount Calvary's Nordlie organ dedication on the evening of PODD, Feb 27. It was considered a good idea, and suggestions were made about possible organists.

New Business:

Jim Hild reviewed the proposal from Kathy Handford about possible TCAGO sponsorship of a workshop/program with Finnish organist Kalevi Kiviniemi on Oct 19, the day following his concert at Central Lutheran. After discussion, the Board's consensus was that we could not successfully organize the event in this short amount of time. Jim Hild will inform Kathy Handford of our decision.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting : Monday, September 28, 6:30pm, Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 3930 Rahn Rd, Eagan (near Hwy 13 and Cedar), Pam Carlson, host

Respectfully submitted, Dee Ann Crossley, secretary