

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board of the
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
February 25, 2013**

Present: Laura Edman, Dean; Sharon Kleckner, Sub-Dean; Kirsten Falc Uhlenberg, Secretary; Carsten Slostad, David Jenkins, Phil Asgian, Geoff Olson, Mary Newton, Jeffrey Patry, Carolyn Diamond, Jane Nienaber.

Excused: Andrew Hackett, David Geslin

Guests: Michael Edwins, Chaplain; Martin Stachnik

I. Call to Order

Dean Edman called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M. at our meeting location, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Rev. Mike Edwins opened the meeting with a scripture reading and a prayer.

II. Secretary's Report

Phil Asgian moved to accept the minutes from the January meeting and Carsten Slostad seconded the motion. The January minutes were approved.

III. Auditor's Report

Phil Asgian reported on the Audit Committee's recommendations. Martin Stachnik explained the findings and Phil Asgian further described the three recommendations. Sharon Kleckner moved to accept the Treasurer's report and all three recommendations and Jane Nienaber seconded. The report was approved.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Program: Sharon Kleckner reported that the Program Committee met Monday, February 18, 2013 at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church. Members present were: Sharon Kleckner, Jeremy Haug, Robert Vickery, Kraig Windschitl. Excused: Michael Barone, Laura Edman (ex-officio).

This on-site meeting focused on details for the February 23, 2013 TCAGO event. We explored the venue, choosing rooms for various activities. Additionally, we agreed to pursue a September TCAGO meeting featuring Robert Plimpton with a tribute to Robert Elmore's centenary. Our first choice of venue is Central Lutheran in Minneapolis.

Jeremy is working on the Members' Recital for May 10, 2013 at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, with performers confirmed and publicity in the works.

The TCAGO program on February 23, 2013 was a great success. About 50 people attended. Presenters were outstanding, the used music sale featured 10 tables of music and hospitality was enjoyed by all. Mount Olivet was most gracious in hosting this event.

B. Website: Kirsten Uhlenberg explained the nature of the content writing for the chapter website and distributed a list of page assignments for people directly involved with the

information needed.

C. Education/Outreach: Phil Asgian reported that 6 students attended Pipe Organ Discovery Day, and that a former regular attendee since grade school, David Lim, returned as a helper and is now a college student studying organ.

V. Report from Luther Seminary

Laura Edman reported that the Academic Dean of Luther Seminary, Roland Martinson, was very grateful for the Board's response to the suspension of the Master's of Sacred Music degree. He emphasized the seminary's \$5.7 million shortfall in the budget and the reduction in the faculty by one-third as major contributing factors to its suspension.

The MSM degree will remain on hold and adjunct faculty will be used for currently enrolled students. While the MSM program was evaluated as a high quality program, the number of those in the program has declined.

VI. New Business

A. Nominating Committee: The committee selected candidates for the upcoming election to the Executive Board. Committee members were: Stephen Hamilton, Jon Kietzer, Kristina Langlois (chair), Mary Newton, and Jeffrey Patry. The candidates for the Class of 2016 are: Sarah Garner, Joseph Henry, Jim Hild, Joshua Lindgren, Jungjoo Park, Deb Schoenberger, and Paul Stever.

B. Approval of the slate of candidates for the Class of 2016: Phil Asgian moved to approve the slate of candidates; Carolyn Diamond seconded the motion. The motion passed. The ballots are planned to be mailed out in early April and counted by May 1.

C. Placement Coordinator approval: Bob Anderson retired from the Placement Coordinator position after 21 years. Jeffrey Patry is the candidate nominated to replace him. Jane Nienaber moved to install Jeffrey Patry as the Placement Coordinator and Sharon Kleckner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VII. Other Business

The April meeting will be followed by potluck appetizers and dessert.

Carsten Slostad moved to adjourn and Carolyn Diamond seconded at 7:55 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on March 18 at 6:30 P.M., the place to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Falc Uhlenberg, Secretary