

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board of the  
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists  
January 28, 2013**

Present: Laura Edman, Dean; Sharon Kleckner, Sub-Dean; David Geslin, Treasurer; Kirsten Falc Uhlenberg, Secretary; Phil Asgian; Andrew Hackett; David Jenkins; Mary Newton; Jane Nienaber; Geoff Olson; Jeffrey Patry.

Excused: Carolyn Diamond, Carsten Slostad.

Guests: Michael Edwins, Chaplain.

### **I. Call to Order**

Dean Edman called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M. at our meeting location, Centennial United Methodist Church, 1524 West County Road C2, Roseville, Minnesota.

Rev. Mike Edwins opened the meeting with a reading from the Moravian Daily Texts, three stanzas from a children's hymn text, two scripture readings, Psalm 40:3 and Luke 18:42-43, and a prayer.

### **II. Secretary's Report**

Jane Nienaber moved to accept the minutes from the November meeting and Jeffrey Patry seconded. The November minutes were approved with a minor correction.

### **III. Registrar's Report**

Dean Edman reported that the Registrar, John Salvesson, is resigning his position, effective April 15, and nominated Jane Nienaber to replace him. Jane accepted the nomination. Phil Asgian moved to accept Jane's appointment as Registrar; Sharon Kleckner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **IV. Committee Reports**

*A. Program:* Sharon Kleckner reported that the Program Committee met via teleconference on 21 January 2013. Members involved were Jeremy Haug, Kraig Windschitl and Sharon Kleckner. Michael Barone and Bob Vickery were excused (both out of town).

Plans for upcoming events were reviewed:

**Feb. 2, 2013** Four members are confirmed to perform works for Don Franklin's lecture (Michael Barone, Sharon Kleckner, Geoff Olson, Kirsten Uhlenberg). Jehovah Lutheran Church is confirmed as a venue. E-mail contact is ongoing with Don Franklin. All in attendance are invited to lunch following the event, with Don Franklin as our guest. Sharon Kleckner is in charge of arrangements.

**Feb. 23, 2013** Workshop leaders have been confirmed, as well as a "town hall" moderator. John Ferguson, Maria Bucka, Dee Ann Crossley (TCAGO members) and Mary Pechauer (clergy at Bethlehem Lutheran) will present the program (Dee Ann to moderate the panel). John will deal with improvisation, while Maria and Mary will discuss conflict resolution. The venue is secured (Mt. Olivet) and permission for the used music sale has been obtained by Kraig Windschitl.

Jeremy Haug has reserved a room at The Malt Shop for lunch, with all invited. Haug and Windschitl are in charge of arrangements.

**May 10, 2013 Member Recital.** There is a tentative program planned with several performers. Membership status is in question for two folks who appear not to be TCAGO members. This is a firm requirement for participation for performers. We are working with them to become members if they wish to play. The venue is confirmed (Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran) along with permission for a wine and cheese reception. Repertoire will be “less-heard” pieces. Jeremy Haug and Kraig Windschitl are in charge.

B. *Website Committee:* The committee set an informal goal of having website content from content writers by the third week of February. David Jenkins and Laura Edman will be available at the February 2 event to help members register on the new website.

C. *Publicity:* Geoff Olson reported that photos of chapter events were sent to *TAO*.

D. *Student Competition:* Mary Newton reported that the competition has seven competitors this year, with one from last year returning. It will be held on April 6, 2013.

E. *Education/Outreach:* Phil Asgian reported that Pipe Organ Discovery Day is set for February 16 and that Margaret Gohman and David Lim (a former PODD attendee) will be assisting students at the organs.

F. *Audit:* Phil Asgian reported that he and Martin Stachnik will have findings and recommendations to give to the Board next meeting.

G. *Investment:* David Geslin reported that the Chapter's investments are up this year by about \$18,000, and they will be making a decision on the contribution for the general budget.

## **V. Treasurer's Report**

David Geslin reported on the Chapter's finances; Phil Asgian moved to accept the Treasurer's report and David Jenkins seconded. The report was approved.

## **VI. Professional Affiliations**

The listing on the chapter website of events given by other organizations was discussed. It was determined that the listing of non-chapter events should be approved by the Program Committee. Such events would be listed on the website's “Other Events” page.

## **VII. New Business**

A. *Nomination Committee Chair:* Kris Langlois has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee for next year's Board elections. Sharon Kleckner moved to accept her appointment; Phil Asgian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. *mnuet.com:* Considerable discussion was held on the topic of membership on a website that provides advertising, publicity, and social media services for Twin Cities arts organizations. The fee for an organization of the Chapter's size is \$150/year. It was decided to not pursue membership at this time.

C. *Region VI Convention Sponsorship:* The Springfield, Missouri Chapter requested sponsorship as a donor or advertiser for its 2013 Convention. After discussion, David Jenkins moved that

our Chapter buy a quarter-page ad in the Program Book for \$250 and Jeffrey Patry seconded. The motion passed.

D. *Resignation of Placement Director*: Bob Anderson has submitted his resignation as Placement Director. Dean Edman will accept by e-mail suggestions for his replacement.

E. *Reduced Membership Rates*: National's membership promotion for reduced membership rates (Chapter Portion: set by the chapter; National Portion: \$43 for regular, \$30.50 for over 65 or disabled) for new members from February 1 to March 31 was discussed. Sharon Kleckner moved to offer the reduced rate during the promotion, to be reflected on the new website and advertised in *Pipenotes*; Geoff Olson seconded. The motion passed.

F. *Other*: Andrew Hackett raised the question of privacy issues associated with posting photos on the Chapter's website and Facebook pages. It was pointed out that photos in a public place are not subject to privacy. However, for the sake of courtesy and transparency, it was agreed that a photographer representing the Chapter should get verbal approval from those being photographed to have their photos placed on Facebook or on the website.

Andrew Hackett moved to adjourn and Mary Newton seconded at 8:28 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on February 25 at 6:30 P.M., the place to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Falc Uhlenberg, Secretary