

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board of the Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists June 24, 2013

Present: Laura Edman, Dean; Sharon Kleckner, Sub-Dean; Kirsten Falc Uhlenberg, Secretary; Phil Asgian, Sarah Garner, Andrew Hackett, Jim Hild, David Jenkins, Mary Newton, Jane Nienaber, Geoff Olson, Jeffrey Patry, Carsten Slostad.

Excused: Carolyn Diamond, David Geslin, Jungjoo Park.

Guests: Michael Edwins, Chaplain

I. Call to Order

Dean Edman called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM (after a pot-luck supper) at our meeting location, Centennial United Methodist Church, Roseville, Minnesota.

Rev. Mike Edwins opened the meeting with scripture readings, Ps 19:1 and Lk 3:21-22, and a prayer.

II. Secretary's Report

Geoff Olson moved to accept the minutes from the May meeting and Carsten Slostad seconded. The May minutes were approved with a minor change.

III. Committee Reports

A. *Program*: Sharon Kleckner reported that Norman Mackenzie confirmed September 15 for the Opening Event. Dean Edman suggested attending the Duluth chapter's January Jubilee event.

B. *Website*: The committee met on June 4 and discussed advertising rates and the possibility of including a slideshow of advertisements on the Home page, the posting of substitute lists and teacher lists on the website in light of privacy issues, and the idea of lengthy *Pipenotes* articles being accompanied by a paid advertisement.

C. *Membership*: Jane Nienaber reported that the first group of forms for renewals is ready to be mailed in to National. The breakdown is as follows:

36 at the regular rate

24 at the special rate

1 partner

4 students

6 chapter friends

TOTAL: 71 people

Five people are new: Luke Tegtmeier (regular), Emma Haupt (student), Jennifer Anderson (regular), Jayson Engquist (dual), and Robert Bergford (regular). As of this report, there are 144 renewals, and some still in progress for payment.

D. *Pipedreams Scholarship*: There were no applicants for the scholarship this spring. Phil Asgian suggested that we ask that a link be added from the *Pipedreams* website to the TCAGO *Pipedreams* Scholarship page and that Michael Barone announce it during the *Pipedreams* radio program. Mary Newton offered to be a liaison between piano teachers and organists to encourage piano students to apply.

E. *Professional Concerns*: Jeff Patry proposed new guidelines for substantially higher salaries, hourly rates, substitute fees, and wedding fees. Carsten Slostad agreed that determining an hourly rate is helpful for determining a fee for the times an occasional and/or unusual task arises. Kirsten Uhlenberg suggested a five-year plan for incorporating a significant rise in rates. Phil Asgian suggested that a survey of the membership be taken. Andrew Hackett suggested that degrees earned be kept as a factor in determining substitute fees.

IV. New Business

A. Board meetings for 2013-14 are scheduled: August 26, September 23, October 28, November 25, January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May 19, and June 30. There are no meetings in July or December.

B. *Pipenotes* newsletter: Dean Edman conveyed Merritt Nequette's suggestion that more pages be added to the hard copy edition of the newsletter since the cost would be minimal and about 100 members still receive it. It has been discussed in the past that in order to continue printing and mailing the full newsletter edition as a hard copy, the membership fee for those members would need to be raised, and that option was discarded. It was agreed that the number of pages not be increased so that printing and mailing expenses continue to decrease.

C. New Publicity chair: A new chair has not yet been determined at this time.

D. New Hospitality chair: A new chair has not yet been determined at this time.

E. Recognition: In addition to recognizing Bob Anderson, Charles Hendrickson, and Kathryn Moen for their service to the Chapter at the dinner after the September event, the Board agreed to recognize long-term members, as well.

F. Summer Get-togethers, social events to introduce people to the TCAGO and to encourage membership, are being planned for a second year and will be hosted by Laura Edman, David Geslin, Stephen Hamilton, Mary Newton, Jeff Patry, and John Salvesson at two different venues in the metro area.

G. Springfield (Missouri) Convention: Dean Edman reported that Regional convention was a success and the highlight was Jessica Park winning the Regional Competition. Jessica was the winner of our own TCAGO Student Competition this spring.

H. The Board welcomes Sarah Garner, Jim Hild, and Jungjoo Park as new board members. Also, the Board thanks outgoing board members Carolyn Diamond, Andrew Hackett, and Geoff Olson for their service.

Phil Asgian moved to adjourn and Carsten Slostad seconded.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 26 at 6:30 PM at a place TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Falc Uhlenberg, Secretary