

**Minutes of the Executive Board meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
23 March 2015**

Present: Paul Westermeyer, David Jenkins, Phil Asgian, Sarah Garner, Pam Carlson, Jim Hild, Jennifer Anderson, Margaret Gohman, JungJoo Park, Carolyn Bliss
Absent: Carsten Slostad, John Kietzer, David Geslin, Michael Edwins

Dean Westermeyer called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. He led in prayer using the Moravian texts for the day.

The minutes of the February meeting were accepted as corrected.

Program committee report – David Jenkins

Paul thanked David for excellent programs. All board members agreed. The Bach Birthday Bash was well attended at all venues. All five churches were comfortably filled. 2016 Bash will be on March 19. Program committee is meeting March 24 to finalize members' recital program. David indicated his goal for next Board meeting is to have an overview for next year.

Treasurer's report - David Geslin absent. Will return next meeting.

Discussion re a thank you letter received from Minnesota Public Radio for \$5000 gift from TCAGO in support of Pipedreams. Discussion re annual gift of \$5000 to MPR for Pipedreams.

Discussion re including TCAGO logo and chapter tag-line on all programs that relate to or are sponsored by chapter.

Phil Asgian report

Phil thanked Margaret and all publicity people for Pipe Organ Discovery Day. A wonderful day. 17 young people, 8 adults. Philip Radke, who as a young student attended the Discovery Day, on break from graduate school in Ann Arbor, MI, participated and attested to the value of the day. Paul Stever, organist at Pilgrim Lutheran, included high school cantors and a narrative about the pipe organ by Wayne Leupold.

Possible venue for next year: Mount Calvary Lutheran, Eagan, Pam Carlson, organist, will have a new John Nordlie organ by next year.

DVD of installation of new organ in Augustana Lutheran, West St Paul, is still in the works.

Re questions raised by audit for last fiscal year. (see minutes of previous meetings.)

[Check made out but not given to teacher of 2013 scholarship winner was found in audit. Rules for scholarship state that teacher should be member of TCAGO. Scholarship money pays for student's ongoing lessons. Teacher in this instance was not a current TCAGO member and in spite of repeated reminders did not renew membership.]

Phil moved that (1) award recognition to the student stand as given; (2) that the check to the teacher be voided and money returned to the scholarship fund; and (3) that the scholarship committee remind scholarship applicants and their teachers that conditions of the scholarship require that the teacher be a member of TCAGO. The motion was seconded by David Jenkins.

Considerable discussion followed. Motion carried.

Paul will check with David Geslin (?) and then be in touch with Diana Lee Lucker, chair of the scholarship committee. Any change in the conditions of the scholarship award will be on a further agenda. Current requirements will be in play until there is an action by the Board.

Dean's report – Paul Westermeyer

Re Twin City organs data base, begun and maintained by Richard Greene. Began at the time of the 1980 national convention held in Twin Cities with the need for a full inventory of organs in the area. Richard Greene has also had a number of other positions in the chapter. An article in April Pipenotes will profile his contributions, especially the organ list. He will be recognized at the members' recital in May. Sarah suggested that there be also something in the program and a line something like: "Please join us for a reception following the recital honoring Richard Greene." David Jenkins will talk to the program committee.

Paul read a thank you from Steven Paulus's family.

The report of the nominating committee, Jim Callahan, chair, was presented. For year 2015-2016:

Dean: Paul Westermeyer

Sub-Dean: David Jenkins

Treasurer: David Geslin

Secretary: Dee Ann Crossley, Geoff Olson, David Fienen

Executive Board – Class of 2018: Linda Armstrong, Robert Bergford, Andrew Birling, Jayson Enquist, Margaret Gohman, Sean Vogt

Paul thanked the nominating committee for efficient work.

Discussion re preparation of and mailing of ballot.

Paul presented information received from Pipe Organ Encounter in Oklahoma and North Central Regional convention, which should be repeated in Pipenotes.

Paul presented a calendar template (what to do and when) for future action. Discussion. Paul will follow up on particular points. David wondered about periodic reports to the Board of standing committees [who are not otherwise represented on the Board] in the manner of an annual report. Paul will redo the calendar template in the light of the Board's remarks and will send it on Board members for future discussion.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Bliss, secretary

Future meetings: 27 April, **18 May (note change of date)**, 22 June – potluck with new Board members, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4100 Lyndale Ave So, Minneapolis