

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board of the
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
May 20, 2013**

Present: Laura Edman, Dean; Sharon Kleckner, Sub-Dean; David Geslin, Treasurer; Kirsten Falc Uhlenberg, Secretary; Carsten Slostad, David Jenkins, Mary Newton, Geoff Olson, Carolyn Diamond, Andrew Hackett.

Excused: Jane Nienaber, Phil Asgian, Jeffrey Patry

Guests: Michael Edwins, Chaplain

I. Call to Order

Dean Edman called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM at our meeting location, Centennial United Methodist Church, Roseville, Minnesota.

Rev. Mike Edwins opened the meeting with a scripture reading and a prayer, including a prayer for tornado victims in Oklahoma.

II. Secretary's Report

Sharon Kleckner moved to accept the minutes from the April meeting and Mary Newton seconded. The April minutes were approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

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

IV. Committee Reports

A. Program: Sharon Kleckner submitted a report of the TCAGO Program Committee, including notes of a meeting on May 31, 2013 (following the May 20 Executive Board meeting). All members were present along with Dean Edman.

The plans for June 10, 2013 boat trip are in place, but registration is low.

Michael Barone reported that an opening event for Sunday, September 15, 2013 (3 or 4 PM) is in the final planning stages. Norman Mackenzie will perform works of Robert Elmore (organ, brass, percussion). Venue is not confirmed but will likely be St. Andrew's in Mahtomedi. A dinner and installation of officers will follow the concert.

October 19, 2013 we will meet in Stillwater for a daylong event featuring recitals and organ crawls in five local churches. There will be an option for a group lunch in Stillwater.

Saturday, November 9, 2013 will feature a master class (9 AM-12 noon) at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Rachel Laurin. She will play a recital the following afternoon at Bethlehem.

Tentative plans for 2014 include another tune-up, likely February 8, 2014.

PODD is confirmed for Saturday, February 22 at House of Hope (9:30 AM – 3:30 PM).

Saturday, March 15 (all day): Barone's Bach Birthday Bash. Venues TBD.

Events for April and May 2014 are in the planning stages, and will include a member recital in May.

A June social event will likely not be another boat trip, as attendance this year was only 31 people (we needed 40 to meet expenses).

B. *Website*: Content and documents from the old website continue to be added to the new website. Suggestions for improving the new website were taken, including adding more e-mail links for contacting committee and board members and adding more website links to pages with job listings.

C. *Special Projects*: Andrew Hackett reported that the committee received three requests for project funding. The following requests were discussed:

1. Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis requested \$3,000 to support a performance by the Thomanerchor (The St. Thomas Choir of Leipzig) in November. The church will offer tickets for students in return. Andrew, Carolyn Diamond, and Carsten Slostad will work with Mark Sedio to determine the details for and the distribution of student tickets. Carolyn Diamond moved to accept the request and Carsten Slostad seconded. The motion was approved.
2. The Cathedral of St. Paul requested \$1,000 to help fund the organ restoration project. David Jenkins moved to accept the request and Carolyn Diamond seconded. The motion was approved.
3. The Composition Competition Committee requested \$1,750 to award a 2014 prize of \$1,500 plus \$250 for costs related to the competition. David Jenkins moved to accept the request and Kirsten Uhlenberg seconded. The motion was approved.

V. Budget for 2013-2014

David Geslin proposed a 2013-14 budget with an overall increase of \$995 in total revenues due to dues, placement fees, and advertising in *Pipenotes*. The budget for expenses will remain similar to the previous year with the following exceptions: increases for Programs, Student Competition, Hospitality, and Promotions; decreases for mailings for membership renewals and Development. The Board discussed Promotions and the need for more effective, well-designed postcard mailings to promote Chapter events and allocated \$300 to be added to Promotions (to total \$1,300) while subtracting \$300 from the costs for producing the Directory (to total \$900).

VI. Membership Fees and Mailing

A printable form for renewing membership by mail will be added to the website in addition to the online form for renewing electronically. The renewal date is July 1.

The Board discussed the Dual Chapter membership category and its possibilities for growth next year. A list of churches would be a valuable tool for membership growth; Mike Edwins suggested that church council and denominational websites would be a good source for such lists.

VII. New Business

A. Special Projects Committee Chair: Jim Callahan has been nominated as the Special Projects Committee Chair, effective July 1. David Jenkins moved to approve the nomination, and Andrew Hackett seconded. The motion passed.

B. Pipe Organ Encounters (POE) Technical scholarship request: David H. Anderson, a student majoring in Church Music at St. Olaf College, submitted a request to the Special Projects Committee for funding toward attending the POE Tech in Seattle this summer. He is also applying for a scholarship from the Tacoma Chapter for the same. The Board discussed his request and decided to table it until word is received regarding his request of the Tacoma Chapter.

Carsten Slostad moved to adjourn and Carolyn Diamond seconded at 8:23 PM.

The next meeting will include a potluck and will be held on June 24 at 6:30 PM at Centennial United Methodist Church with both incoming and outgoing board members.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Falc Uhlenberg, Secretary