

Minutes of the Executive Board meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
18 May 2015

Present: David Jenkins, Mike Edwins, Jon Kietzer, Phil Asgian, Margaret Gohman, Jim Hild, Sarah Garner, David Geslin, Carolyn Bliss

Absent: Paul Westermeyer, JungJoo Park, Carsten Slostad, Pam Carlson, Jennifer Anderson

Sub-dean Jenkins called the meeting to order. Chaplain Edwins opened with prayer using the Moravian daily readings.

The minutes for the April meeting were corrected and accepted as corrected.

David Jenkins presented the proposed program for 2015-16. He explained the program details and budget projections. Questions were asked by board members and the program details discussed.

Jim Hild reported re the chapter's investments. Two accounts: endowment and Pipedreams scholarship. Questions raised and discussion of details of investment funds and draw-down policies. Report accepted with thanks.

David Geslin clarified "revolving membership" category being only for new and lapsed members. Other renewing members will keep to previous renewal dates. Then he presented the budget for 2015-16. Explained and discussed details of figures. Questions from board discussed and answered. Commented that budget as presented showed a slight deficit. In discussion, figures were shifted to show no deficit for 2015-16. MSC to approve budget.

Sarah reported on ads in convention publications.

Paul Westermeyer's report was presented and discussed(in absentia)

Re election: David J will talk to Jim Callahan, chair of nominating committee, and ask him to contact those who were not elected.

Re investment committee: Jim Hild, chair; Jon Kietzer, Roger Burg

Re Richard Greene recognition: Letter of thanks prepared for board members to sign. Richard will be at June 22 meeting.

Re other contacts: Scholarship question, told David Anderson to be in touch with Mary Newton. Robert Anderson letter re substitute fees set to Jeff Patry. No outcomes on either.

Phil Asgian reported on chapter archives. Some are at the MN Historical Society according to MNHS guidelines. Some are stored at Westminster Presbyterian. Some are with archivist Jerry Bonstrom. There is a process for making an application for accessing those at Westminster. There is a link on the TCAGO website indicating what is available and where. Phil suggested we consider the need for succession planning – for assistant archivist, assistant treasurer. Could possibly be a future agenda item. He will write an article for Pipenotes about the archives.

Phil also presented a project proposal. The installation of the organ at Augustana Lutheran, West St Paul, was filmed from its arrival on a flatbed truck to its completion by Peter Meyers. There is about 6 hours of raw footage. He proposed gathering a committee to review and edit this to a ca 45 minute DVD format. For organ committees, student/member education. Committee to include: Michael Barone, Carsten Slostad, DeeAnn Crossley, Kris Langlois, Jim Hild. Will develop proposal and budget and review raw footage. Comment: could be great contribution to 'organ world.'

When chapter/dean receives requests from re out-of-town placement: Steer them to local resources.

For new board's agenda: a "resource" tab on the website that could include placement, substitutes etc. for congregations and denominational judicatory organizations.

Explore the possibilities of encouraging college students to attend conventions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

**Next meeting: Monday, June 22, 6:30. Meeting with potluck supper. Including new members.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4100 Lyndale Ave So, Minneapolis**

Carolyn Bliss, secretary