

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board of the
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
September 27, 2010**

PRESENT: James Callahan, Dean; Karen Flynn, Sub-dean; John Salveson, Secretary; Carolyn Diamond, Tom Ferry, Priscilla Franken, Jane Hanson, Dianne Jelle, Pat Kohlen, Geoff Olson, and Scott Rohr. Also present were Philip Asgian, Education; Mike Edwins, Chaplain; Jeffrey Patry, Professional Concerns.

Excused: David Geslin, Treasurer; and Bill Stump.

I. Call to Order:

Dean Callahan called the meeting to order at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, St. Paul, MN, at 6:30 p.m.

Chaplain Edwins led us in devotion from the *Moravian Daily Texts*.

II. Secretary's Report:

Dianne Jelle reported that for the 2008 convention, Carol Hipps was in charge of volunteers and Jeffrey O'Donnell was in charge of publicity. (This relates to the discussion of publicity and volunteers in the minutes of the August 2010 meeting.)

M/S/A to approve the secretary's report as submitted.

III. Treasurer's Report:

David Geslin sent out his report via e-mail.

M/S/A to approve the treasurer's report as submitted.

IV. Committee Reports:

Education

Philip Asgian came to give the board a report. He encouraged us to invite students to the Pipe Organ Discovery Day (PODD) on February 26, 2011. The event will begin at St. John the Evangelist Church in St. Paul, then move to St. Clement's Episcopal Church. The students will be able to play the instruments at these churches, along with our demonstration instrument, mini-opus.

The committee is also working on outreach. Of special note is work begun with the Selby Walker West Music Academy. The Academy was begun in order to train young black musicians. They currently have ten students enrolled in organ study. Philip will continue to reach out to them.

Two other projects are progressing. Diamond Path Elementary School (Apple Valley), an international magnet school, will be holding a condensed version of our *Pipeworks* curriculum. Mary Newton, Margaret Gohman, and Melanie Ohnstad have volunteered for this project. In Bloomington we are working with Hillcrest Scholl. They are a *Bravo School*. They will be doing a curriculum similar to the one at Diamond Path Elementary School. Burroughs school is a possibility for the future.

Priscilla asked what was happening with the PODD students after the day? Philip said we have several repeat students. Charles Hendrickson also sends them cards and organ information. They also receive information about the *Pipedreams* scholarship. Many students have gone on to attend a POE.

Dianne suggested we give the students a one-year subscription to *Pipenotes*. Philip reminded us that our student memberships are free and *Pipenotes* is included in the membership. Phil does invite the PODD participants to join the guild.

Last year we gave some of the music from our music exchange to the students. This was well received.

Pat suggested other music schools to contact. Philip said we are already working to reach out to them. We also need to remember adult learners.

Carolyn will connect Philip with the Mt. Calvary Music Academy in Excelsior.

Program

We received a report on our last program. About 70 attended the Dinner and more came for the program.

Piping Hot is coming soon. There will not be a separate *Piping Hot* brochure. Michael will ask each venue to advertise the remaining concerts and workshops.

Our 100th anniversary members' recital will be at Holy Childhood in St. Paul. The program and performers are set.

Our 100th anniversary fundraising has brought in \$2300. \$2000 will be used to defray the cost of the June 5 program in Wayzata. \$300 will be used to cover part of the cost of the opening event.

We have permission to publish the commissioned hymn in our parishes for 1 year. We will disseminate it through *Pipenotes*. Dianne suggested we ask permission before doing this. Tom suggested we put the hymn online, in the *Pipenotes* area, under a separate password protected area. Karen will talk to David Engen and Barb Herzog. Carolyn will talk to the author and let him know we plan on doing this.

Hospitality

Martin Stachnik and Bjorn Gustafson have joined the hospitality committee, giving them 5 members. They are hoping to have a hospitality person go to program committee meetings to help coordinate hospitality for events.

James said he received a number of positive comments on the hospitality at our opening event.

V. Other Business

- Congratulations to Tom Ferry who passed the Choir Master Exam.
- We have about 50 people who have not renewed. 5 people took names to call. James said that some of the people we call might have already renewed. There are some irregularities in our list.
- James met with Philip Asgian and Mary Newton. Phillips donation will cover a \$1000.00 second place prize.
- James feels we need to find better methods for communications. He asked for recommendations of people who would be good at finding ways to disseminate information. Mike mentioned the challenges of finding information on our website. Tom suggested we use a Google calendar.
- Michael wanted a survey about the new *pipedreams* time.
- James handed out a sheet with a list of our committees and chairs. We are still waiting on a few replies. He is asking each committee to create a one or two sentence mission statement. He also created a list of committees in two categories – “internal” and “external/internal.”
- James asked that we bring ideas for the 2011-12 year so that we can begin budget preparations.
- Mike showed us a *Metro Lutheran Board* name card. In certain situations something like this could be useful.
- John is playing at St. Paul UCC on Sunday.
- Carolyn is playing at St. Louis King of France on October 26.

VI. Adjournment

M/S/A to Adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 25, 6:30 P.M. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, ELCA, 701 North Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, MN 55104

Respectfully Submitted,

John Salveson, Secretary