

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board of the Twin Cities
Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
February 28, 2011**

PRESENT: James Callahan, Dean; Tom Ferry, Bill Stump, Jeffrey Patry, Geoff Olson, Carolyn Diamond, Diane Jelle, Jane Hanson, Priscilla Franken

Excused: Pat Kohnen, Karen Flynn, Pastor Mike Edwins, and David Geslin
Guest: Tim Strand

I. Call to Order:

Dean James Callahan called the meeting to order at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, St. Paul

II. Secretary's Report

Tom moved to approve the January minutes, Bill seconded.
Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report - no treasurer's report at this meeting

IV. Nominating Committee Report

Dean Callahan reported a meeting was held to identify candidates to be nominated for board openings. Out of four calls for potential sub-Dean nominations, one agreed to be on the ballot. Bill suggested a write in option on ballots. Geoff seconded a motion to allow write-in candidate names to be added to voting members' ballots.

Motion passed.

Diane moved to accept nomination list of seven candidates. Tom seconded.
Motion passed.

V. Membership topics

Dean Callahan introduced guest Tim Strand as our new Membership Chair. We have 166 regular memberships, 93 special and 16 student members for a total of 314 in our membership base. Our challenge is recruiting more members, particularly college and university organ students to join TCAGO. We discussed how to increase their membership and participation, whether fee should be waived if a college student. We reviewed membership renewal form for content and ease of following instructions. We discussed pros and cons of on line registrations.

VI. Committee Reports

Investment Committee - Dean Callahan announced that a Michael Sullivan

provided valuable information and insights on investments and working with Financial consultants that our chapter committee should consider.

Special projects - this committee functions as a foundation to consider requests for funding and support from TCAGO, whether it be for a composition or public event. We discussed whether project considerations ought to be open - ended anytime during the year or with a deadline imposed for submission to SP committee, for example at two or three intervals during the year. It was the consensus that the Special Project Committee should meet three times a year.

By laws and operating guidelines - Dean Callahan announced by-laws were last updated in May 2001. At some point these need to be examined and updated.

Publicity - Geoff announced the committee met with Joel Carver and shared ideas on ways the public can easily find out about events. Diane suggested our focus should continue to be collaboration with other organizations--choristers' guild, and ACDA for example.

Hospitality - had coverage for 2/26 Pipe Organ Discovery Day, and working on March events to cover three events: 3/5, 3/12, and 3/19.

Program - no formal report although committee has been meeting regularly to prepare next year's programs and fine-tune remaining events winter-June. .

VII. Organization of Ideas Proposal

Dean Callahan suggests we organize ideas and put in to action either in the form o of workshops or educational events. We need to think about priorities and share what is most beneficial for our chapter.

VIII. Budget Process

Committees need to come up with a dollar amount needed for next year's budget. We are to submit to Dean Callahan what expenses or revenue generating amounts We anticipate for next year. Final budget to be approved at the May 23rd meeting.

IX. Other

Pipedreams listeners on Sunday mornings have doubled.

X. Adjournment

M/S/A to adjourn.

March meeting is Monday 3/28 6:30 pm, location TBD.

Respectfully submitted, Priscilla Franken for John Salvesson, Secretary