

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board of the Twin Cities
Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
April 23, 2012**

PRESENT: James Callahan, Dean; Sharon Kleckner, Sub-dean; Priscilla Franken, Secretary Pro-tem; David Geslin, Treasurer; Laura Edman, Andrew Hackett, Carolyn Diamond, Pat Kohnen, Geoff Olson, Kirsten Falc Uhlenberg. Also present Jeff Patry, Professional Development

Excused: Mike Edwins, Mary Newton, Bill Stump

Guest: Jerry Bonstrom, Archives Committee Chair

I. Call to Order:

Dean James Callahan called the meeting to order at St. Paul's UCC Church, 900 Summit Ave., St Paul. In Chaplain Edwins absence, Priscilla Franken offered to open the meeting with a prayer. .

II. Secretary's Report:

March minutes were approved after several corrections necessary for the record.

III. Announcements:

New Registrar John Salveson officially began his duties in mid-April.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

David Geslin presented financial statements and reviewed with the board. Treasurer's report was approved.

V. Committee Reports

Program: Sharon Kleckner's committee asked Henry Lebedinsky to join them for a recent meeting. Lebedinsky is relatively new to TCAGO, has diverse interests and exceptional experience in his previous membership with east coast AGO chapters.

Program Committee plans for an opening event September 23rd. Chapter events for fall 2012 – 2013 are still being discussed or finalized.

Publicity: Geoff Olson announced his committee would be meeting soon. Andrew Hackett announced our Face book page is getting more attention.

Registrar: John Salveson presented a draft of the membership form. We discussed membership levels and increases we believe are justified compared to those membership levels that ought to remain the same or decrease. Regular membership would be \$ 98.00 while the Special membership level would be \$ 70.00. Carolyn Diamond recommended we approve changes in membership

levels. All were in favor except for one opposed.

Development: Carolyn Diamond proposed that the cost of funding free student memberships be a regular budget item rather than raising funds for this cost. Other members expressed different views. A decision will be made when developing next year's budget.

Professional Concerns: Jeff Patry's committee approved an increase in organist – church musician guidelines at 3 % for all categories. Wedding and funeral fees will be the same. His committee also revamped the substitution professional information form and presented a draft to the board. Substitutes will be identified according to quadrants of the twin cities and suburbs.

Competition: Laura Edman announced 3 outstanding students competed April 21st First place winner, Alexis VanZalen is a student of Kathy Handford. Second place winner, Karl Robson is student of Cathy Rodland's.

Special projects: Andrew Hackett announced that Phil Asgian submitted a project for review and funding.

Hospitality: Committee chair assisted at student competition in April.

Archives: Jerry Bonstrom's committee met to discuss policy concerning access to and retrieval of archived documents and diaries now kept in a private, secure storage room located in Westminster Church. After discussion Dean Callahan suggested the committee present the board with recommendations concerning a formal policy on accessing chapter historical documents.

VI. Election matters

Dean Callahan presented us with a timeline to complete steps to vote for board positions and new board members. John Salvesson revised the 2012 ballot form. Priscilla Franken will obtain the bio briefs on board candidates and coordinate the final steps with Registrar John Salvesson. .

VII. End of season event

Sharon Kleckner is putting the final pieces together for a June 11th members' charter boat excursion at Harriett Island. .

VIII. Adjournment

Carolyn Diamond moved to adjourn. Sharon Kleckner seconded.

Next board meeting at Dave Geslin's office in Wayzata, May 21st 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla Franken, Secretary pro-tem

