

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board of the
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
November 24, 2014

Present: Paul Westermeyer, Dean; David Jenkins, Subdean; Margaret Gohman, Acting Secretary; Board members Jennifer Anderson, Phil Asgian, Pam Carlson, Sarah Garner, David Geslin, Jim Hild, Junjoo Park

Excused: Michael Edwins, Jon Kietzer, Carsten Slostad

Karen Becker has indicated that for health reasons she will not be able continue to serve on the TCAGO board nor to serve as Secretary.

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

It was moved by Phil and seconded by David Jenkins to amend the minutes as follows:

Under Publicity and Social Media:

- 1) change the words "...but that practice is no longer acceptable..." to "...but that practice may no longer be acceptable..."
- 2) omit the words "as is Thursday Musical."
- 3) insert the words "Sarah is also working on a print exchange with Thursday Musical."
- 4) add at the end of the paragraph the words: "The Dean requested that Sarah bring a proposal to the board."

The motion to approve these amendments passed.

It was then moved by Phil and seconded by David J. to approve minutes as amended and the amended minutes were approved.

Reports:

Composition Competition

Paul and David J. followed up with letters to the two people who entered the competition. This resolves the matter.

Paulus contribution

Add to the minutes a copy of the Letter from American Composers Forum (Paul will email the copy.)

Also add a copy of letter from John Neuchterlein and Bonnie Marshall.

AGO Survey

Paul reported on the response to the AGO survey. Paul and David J. will confer and follow up with the idea of a database of the papers, compositions, etc. of [people in the church music field and in other fields of music.]

Pipenotes question from Merritt Nequette

Discussion among members resulted in a consensus that the article Paul received and read to the Board was OK to print in the Pipenotes.

Secretary

As to the vacancy created by Karen Becker stepping down due to illness: the board generated a list of candidates and the Dean agreed to contact [them].

Program

On Jan. 10, 2015: from 9:00--12:30 there will be a 1/2 day program: Delbert Disselhorst, Professor of Music Emeritus at the University of Iowa, presenting on Helmut Walcha, focusing in part on Walcha's organ chorales at Concordia Saint Paul using the Schlicker organ there. Vanessa Cornett, a St. Thomas faculty member, will be a presenter on the topic "Peak Performance".

David Jenkins indicated that he's working toward a future session:

John Near will do a session on Charles-Marie Widor. There is a possible connection with the AGO Jubilee.

The Program committee is meeting tomorrow (Nov. 25).

David reported that the Members' Recital will be at St. Michael's Lutheran Church on Normandale Ave. in Bloomington.

Publicity and Social Media Sarah Garner

Proposals are being considered about how our membership list can be shared.

The committee is \$728 over budget.

The mailing list has grown considerably since last year. Posters, postcards were sent to 350 people; last year it was 250.

Sarah, David Jenkins, David Geslin, and Jeremy Haug will meet and do some analysis of this.

David J. indicated that Hospitality may be under budget.

Program/Hospitality/Publicity can and do share the budget.

Budget:

David Geslin reviewed the budget and noted, "We don't have a huge amount of money with which to do all these things." The board noted that a Development Committee position remains open.

Discussion took place about the fact that David Geslin is the only person who can do a number of things connected with his role and that this practice is not fair to him nor is the best practice for the interests of the TCAGO.

Phil mentioned that the Audit Committee report is coming in January.

Old Business

Phil reported on the Pipe Organ Discovery Day on February 28, 2015.

Pilgrim Lutheran Church and Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church, both in St. Paul are the locales.

Jubilee 2016 was discussed.

New Business

Phil is asking to get a group together to edit the 4-5 hours of raw footage of the installation of the Glotter-Goetz/Rosales organ at Augustana in West St. Paul. He will come to the board with a budget request in January or later.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be January 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Gohman, acting secretary