

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board of the
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
October 22, 2012**

Present: Laura Edman, Dean; Sharon Kleckner, Sub-Dean; Kirsten Falc Uhlenberg, Secretary; Phil Asgian, Andrew Hackett, Mary Newton, Carsten Slostad

Excused: Zach Busch, Carolyn Diamond, David Geslin, David Jenkins, Geoff Olson, Stephen Self

Guests: Michael Edwins, Chaplain; Stephen Hamilton, Membership; Jeffrey Patry, Professional Development; John Salveson, Registrar

I. Call to Order

Dean Edman called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. at our meeting location, Christ the King Lutheran Church, 8600 Fremont Avenue South, Bloomington, Minnesota.

Rev. Mike Edwins opened the meeting with scripture readings from Deuteronomy 7 and I Corinthians 1, and a hymn text from "For the Beauty of the Earth," followed by a prayer.

II. Secretary's Report

Phil Asgian moved to accept the minutes from the September meeting and Mary Newton seconded. The September minutes were approved with minor corrections.

III. Registrar's Report

A. *Membership renewal*: John Salveson reported that we have 304 members, 175 of which are regular voting members and 20 of which have dual membership (membership in another chapter).

Stephen Hamilton made phone calls to about 30 former members who had not yet renewed to remind them to renew.

B. *Membership Directory*: The Directory is being proofread and is planned to be mailed to the membership within the week.

IV. Committee Reports

A. *Program*: Sharon Kleckner reported that the committee met on Monday, October 15, 2012 at Hope Lutheran Church, Minneapolis. They discussed final details of the October 28, 2012 meeting at St. Mark's Cathedral and will request social media announcements (Facebook and Twitter) as well as an e-mail blast. Carsten Slostad will cater the reception.

Details are in place for the meeting on November 10, 2012, a presentation by Stephen Hamilton on church music repertoire at St. Bartholomew's in Wayzata. It will receive postcard and e-mail publicity.

The committee confirmed the date of February 2, 2012 for Dr. Don Franklin's lecture/demonstration on the topic of Bach organ performance practices. The venue being investigated is Jehovah Lutheran, St. Paul. The workshop will be in the morning, followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant (TBD) with all invited.

The Winter Tune-up is scheduled for February 23, 2013 at Mt. Olivet Lutheran, Edina (hosted by Kraig Windschitl). Jeremy Haug will post a survey online to determine topics of interest to members, after which presenters will be contacted for various workshops.

- B. *Professional Development*: Jeffrey Patry reported that the committee has two new members, Dr. Sean Vogt and Cynthia Mortensen.
- C. *Hospitality*: Dean Edman reported for Priscilla Franken that the committee is planning a coffee hour prior to the masterclass given by Doug Cleveland at Augustana Lutheran Church in West Saint Paul.
- D. *Education*: Phil Asgian reported that the committee is planning a Pipeworks presentation for adults at Mindekirken (The Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church) in Minneapolis on November 13 for their Tuesday Open House series. It is a program on the history of the organ and an introduction to Bach.

V. Wild Apricot (Online Membership Website Software) Feedback

Dean Edman collected feedback from the Board members (the trial group) about using the membership and online payment features of the new website.

VI. Professional Affiliations

The issue of the American Choral Directors Association requesting that the Chapter grant endorsements to specific events of the ACDA led to discussion of creating a proposal for a collaborative partnership arrangement that could be offered to other 501(c)(3) organizations to encourage mutual benefits such as joint events and to encourage the work of educational outreach in schools.

VII. AGO Donation

The chapter donated \$100 to the AGO's Annual Fund and it will be listed in the December 2012 issue of *The American Organist*.

VIII. New Business

- A. *Board resignations and new appointments*: Dean Edman accepted letters of resignation from the Board from Stephen Self and Zachary Busch (both in the Class of 2014), each because of constraints on their time to be present at meetings. Stephen Self will remain on the Certification Committee. Under *Section IV* (Chapter Governance), 2c of the Chapter By-laws, Dean Edman nominated Jeffery Patry and Jane Nienaber to replace them. Carsten Slostad moved to accept the nominations and Phil Asgian seconded. The motion was approved.

- B. *Web planning presentation*: Phil Asgian reported on the Web group's work to reorganize the structure of the content on the current website to be more accessible before moving it to the new website. A new structure for home page tabs was presented, as well as a second level of menu options below the tabs. The work will continue this month with further organization of the content and with assigning responsibility of content to committee members in order to keep content current.
- C. *Publicity*: Sharon Kleckner raised the issue that the publicity for the October 28 meeting had been combined with non-chapter events. She stressed the importance of prioritizing chapter events and giving any chapter event top billing in all publicity. On a separate publicity note, Phil Asgian offered to write a "tag-line" for inclusion on recital and concert programs that could be sent out for general use by the membership to promote the Chapter.

Phil Asgian moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. and Mary Newton seconded the motion.

The next meeting will be held on November 26 at 6:30 P.M. The location is to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Falc Uhlenberg, Secretary