

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board of the  
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists**

**September 22, 2014**

Present: Paul Westermeyer, Dean; David Jenkins, Subdean; David Geslin, Treasurer; Karen Becker, Secretary; Board members Jennifer Anderson, Phil Asgian, Pam Carlson, Margaret Gohman, Jon Kietzer, Jungjoo Park. Also present: Michael Edwins, TCAGO Chaplain; Jane Nienaber, Registrar.

Excused: Sarah Garner, Carsten Slostad, Jim Hild

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. Michael Edwins gave the devotions using the Moravian Daily Texts.

II. Secretary's Report – The minutes were approved.

III. Committee Reports:

A. Program: David Jenkins reported that they are finalizing plans for the October Organ Crawl. A master class with Stephen Tharp has been added November 22 at Augustana Lutheran Church in West St. Paul. This will follow his recital Friday evening, November 21. Plans are continuing for the master class with Nathan Laube and his recital at Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas, University of St. Thomas, Saint Paul, on November 8 and 9 respectively. Students from Minnesota colleges

and universities will perform at the master classes, and AGO members are encouraged to attend.

David Jenkins will send note of thanks to the St. Olaf participants, including the director, James Bobb. All agreed evensong was spectacular.

Junjoo Park suggested we continue with the tradition of opening the year's program with a worship service and seek participation with other college choirs. There was agreement towards building the AGO-church-college relationship. There was also a suggestion to consider a student rate for dinner.

B. Registrar report: There are 304 active members, 48 lapsed members, and 18 new members. They will be starting the process to print the new directory. Paul Lohman has advertisers lined up, and they hope entire process will be complete by the end of October.

It was agreed that for now, we will continue to use Wild Apricot for our data base, and Jane is willing to send paper reports to the national AGO.

C. Publicity: They will establish a chapter e-mail using Wild Apricot for e-mail blasts.

III. Old Business – The committee for the AGO and Luther Seminary relationship reported they met with the president of the seminary, and she is in favor of

reincorporating music study into the M.Div. degree. Initially, \$21,000 was donated by TCAGO to fund the position in church music in the 1990s, and financial requirements will have to be reconsidered to restart the program. The president will do more research, including exploring the situation with the president of St. Olaf College.

There was discussion about forming a visionary statement for clergy-musician collegial relations, which was tabled for now.

Phil Asgian and Martin Stachnik will do an annual audit. Phil moved that they commit to completing it by the end of the year, and John Kietzer seconded. David suggested a friendly amendment to set a start date for the audit by October 1 and end by December 31. There was some discussion on checks and balances for AGO finances as there is no legal requirement to have an external auditor, but there is a dollar limit on checks.

IV. Adjournment at 8:30. **The next meeting will be October 27 at 6:30 at St. Paul Seminary.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Becker, Secretary