

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
August 26, 2019**

Present: Jacob Benda, Joyce Brown, Tom Ferry, Dave Geslin, Liisa Keranen. David Jenkins, Diana Lee Lucker, Jessica Park, Andrew Paulson, Phil Radke, Joseph Trucano

Absent: Cynthia Mortensen, Christopher Stroh

Also present: John Setterlund

Call to Order by Dean David Jenkins at 6:30 PM, St. Paul Seminary

Chaplain Setterlund shared a story from Tom Trenny (Minister of Music at First Plymouth Church in Lincoln Nebraska) and a prayer by Patrick Sommers. We are encouraged to continue our efforts to reach out to all and make fine music.

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

The Minutes of the May 20, 2019 Board Meeting were approved as corrected.

Report: Treasurer Report given by David Geslin

The 2018-2019 budgets were discussed. June 30, 2019 marked the end of the fiscal year with a budget shortfall of \$2160 due to increased opening dinner costs from September. This is viewed as a onetime expense. Excluding this onetime charge, the expenses are in line with the budget.

Motion: Tom Ferry made a motion that the Board will accept the Treasurer's Report and last year's budget as written, and to authorize the treasurer to move \$2160 from unrestricted funds to balance the budget.

Second: Phil Radtke

Motion Carried

The Board extends a "Thank you" to David Geslin for his work and complete Budget Report.

Report: There is no secretary's report this month.

Report: Sub Dean Jacob Benda

Jacob Benda, David Jenkins, and Phil Radtke shared their experiences from the Milwaukee Regional convention. There were good venues and performers. They also had a meeting with Larry Wheelock who helped organize the program in Milwaukee.

There was an introduction and welcome to the new board members.

Jacob Benda highlighted the upcoming program year. The opening event will be **September 22, 2019** at Central Lutheran Church. There will be an organ program by James D. Hicks followed by the annual member dinner and installation service.

The year will continue with:

-October 1, 7:30PM, Northrop Auditorium program featuring Branford Marsalis, saxophone and Jean-Willy Kunz organist on the newly reinstalled 1932 Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ.

-October 10, 7:30PM, guest soloist Adam Brakel (from Diocese of Orlando) plays a virtuoso program at the Cathedral of Saint Paul.

-October 25, 7:30PM, guest soloist John Schwandt will play at Mt. Olive Lutheran commemorating the Paul Manz Centenary.

-October 26, 9:00-12noon, guest presenters Paul Westermeyer, David Cherwein, and Mark Lawson offer a series of talks and workshops commemorating the Paul Manz Centenary at Mt. Olive Lutheran church in Minneapolis.

-November 2, 10:00AM, Pipedreams scholarship program will be held at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran church in Edina.

-November 17, 3:00PM, guest organist Chelsea Chen will present a program at First Presbyterian Church in Rochester, MN.

-December 15, 2:30 PM, Canon Musician Raymond Johnston will present Olivier Messiaen's La Nativité du Seigneur at the Cathedral of Saint Mark in Minneapolis.

-Winter Workshops in January on Certification and Improvisation will feature Stephen Self and Mary Newton. The location is being determined.

-February 7 -8, Vierge Festival: Feb.7, 7:30 PM guest organist Eric Plutz will play a program at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis. Feb.8, 9AM-Noon, Jon Laukvik, Norwegian organ professor will present workshop on the music of Louis Vierne.

-March 21, 9:00AM-5:00PM, the Annual Bach's Birthday Bash. Details will be forthcoming.

-March 27-28, guest organist Cameron Carpenter will appear with the Minnesota Orchestra at Northrop

-April 21, 7:30, Organist Dean Billmeyer will present a program at Northrop Auditorium.

-**April 24**, 7:30, French organists Oliver Vernet and Céedic Meckler will present organ duets at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi.

-**Student Competition** date will be announced and location is to be determined.

-**June 7**, 3:00PM, the annual members recital will be at Benson Great Hall at Bethel University, Arden Hills.

Report: Convention Update Report

The steering Committee has met. They are working on venues, programs, artists and budgets. Communications with National are going well.

Report: Dean David Jenkins

There is discussion about forming a "Historic Concerns Committee". The OHS (Organ Historical Society) has a national presence but not a local chapter.

The purpose of this committee (HCC) would be to celebrate, preserve, and support the study of the pipe organs in the Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota and adjacent regions through research, education, advocacy, and music. It would provide members of the TCAGO and the larger community with opportunities for meetings in venues with pipe organs of particular interest and merit, for discussions and demonstrations of these instruments. HCC could use its influence to have significant organs preserved in their original condition or carefully restored.

The HCC activities would include: supporting the TCAGO Organ database, working to raise awareness of historic organs with recitals and organ crawls, as well as articles in *Pipenotes*. They would work to expand membership beyond organists to include all who love the instrument and its music.

The discussion continued with dues, both local and national. Presently there is a MN OHS account balance of \$1205.59 that would be transferred to the TCAGO under an HCC line.

Action: Dean David Jenkins will contact and consult with National AGO about how to proceed with this proposal.

-There was discussion regarding a proposal presented to the TCAGO board. This proposal would establish an international pipe organ competition, to be held in the Twin Cities every four years, and administered by the TCAGO. The TCAGO would receive grant dollars and oversee the entire competition from publicity to awarding the scholarship. The money is being gifted anonymously.

Motion: Tom Ferry moved that David Jenkins hold discussions with National regarding acceptance of this proposal.

Second: Philip Radtke

Motion carried.

-There currently is a vacancy for the Membership Chair. The board will call individuals about non-renewed memberships.

-Diana Lee Lucker, Jessica Park and John Setterlund are working on reviewing operating procedures. Any changes will need to be approved by National.

Motion: Tom Ferry moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Phil Radtke

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM

Joyce Brown, Secretary