

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
May 18, 2020

Present: Jacob Benda, Joyce Brown, Tom Ferry, Dave Geslin, Liisa Keranen, David Jenkins, Diana Lee Lucker, Jessica Park, Andrew Paulson, Phillip Radtke, Christopher Stroh, Joe Trucano, John Varona

Also present: Chaplain John Setterlund

Call to Order by Dean David Jenkins at 6:30 PM, Virtual Meeting via the Zoom App hosted by St. Paul Seminary

The meeting began with a prayer offered by Chaplain Setterlund .

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

The Minutes of the April 2020 Board Meeting were approved as corrected.

Report: Secretary report given by Joyce Brown

The election results were published in the May *Pipenotes*. It is also noted that there were 107 cast ballots this year.

Report: Dean's report given by David Jenkins

There has been good response to phone calls made to members. About one half of the membership has been contacted.

Report: Sub Dean's report given by Jacob Benda

The Program Committee met on May 12 and continues to look for ways to serve the membership this season with the pandemic precautions. Ideas being considered are Virtual Concerts, Virtual Happy Hours, regular communications via email, production of a documentary, and in person workshops with distancing guidelines.

The Regional Convention is on hold because of concerns about safety and health, and the economic impact. There are many unknowns. The Steering committee and Board will meet and make a decision in consultation with Karen Black from National. There is also a possibility of hosting the Regional Convention in 2023.

Motion: Tom Ferry moved that the Board authorize the Steering Committee to make the decision on the Board's behalf regarding the 2021 Regional convention.

Second: Diana Lee Lucker

Motion carried.

Report: *The Pipedreams* Scholarship Committee given by Diana Lee Lucker

The *Pipedreams* Scholarships currently have one student and one adult request for renewal. The committee met and decided to give the scholarships to them. The committee is in contact with the teachers and the \$1000 will be given when they resume their lessons.

Motion: Tom Ferry made a motion to accept and renew these scholarships.

Second: Phil Radtke

Motion carried.

Report: Treasurer Report given by David Geslin.

There currently is 20K available for the Board to allocate this year. With the cancelled events this year and reduced publicity costs there is excess money. The Board has also been able to set aside excess money from previous years. Our secure financial position is possible because of the careful stewardship and excellent leadership from the Board and the Treasurer.

It is suggested that this money (\$20K) be used for renewing memberships for our chapter this year. Many members are currently laid off, facing reducing employment and reduced income. Members can pay their dues if they wish and those monies along with personal donations would go to a "Members Relief Fund". This fund would provide grants to those in need during this pandemic.

Motion: Tom Ferry moved that the Board approve the budget as presented with the grants process to be decided later.

Second: Joe Trucano.

Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding including an increase in the chapter's donation to the *Pipedreams* program. It is felt that this is a very worthy cause and important to our profession.

Amendment to the Motion: Joyce Brown moved that the donation be increased to \$6000.

Second: Diana Lee Lucker

Amendment to the motion carried.

Motion: Diana Lee Lucker moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Phil Radtke

Motion carried.

The meeting closed 8:20PM

Joyce Brown, Secretary