

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
January 23,2023**

Present: Carolyn Diamond, Isaac Drewes, Nils Halker, Samuel Holmberg, David Jenkins, Kristina Langlois, Kris Rizzotto, Lise Schmidt

Absent: David Geslin, Kathrine Handford, Ju Young Lee, Mary Newton

Also Present: Chaplain John Setterlund

Meeting was called to order by Dean David Jenkins at 6:35 pm at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, St. Paul, MN 55104

The meeting began with Chaplain Setterlund referencing a book, *The Life of Music* by Nicholas Kenyon [Yale, 2021], a "new, inclusive guide to Western music". The author defines music as "...anything that moves just beyond sound, something that adds a human touch...to what already exists around us. Another way to describe it is Leonard da Vinci's phrase that music is '**a shaping of the invisible.**' Chaplain Setterlund aptly pointed out that music shapes many emotions and brings out visible responses, and we as musicians have the power in worship to create faith, love, and hope through music. His closing prayer invited us to listen to God's music, to shape greater visions for us and all those around.

New Year Check in: David Jenkins invited each person present to give a brief update of events surrounding their Christmas holidays. It was interesting to hear about a variety of situations, both positive and less than positive! As we learned more about each other, responses were given, and those responses were sometimes humorous, but always supportive. It was determined that we can have fun at our board meetings!

Motion: Nils Halker moved the minutes of the board meeting on November 28, 2022 be approved.

Second: Lise Schmidt. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Given by David Jenkins (for David Geslin)

The statement of the TCAGO Financial position remains strong as our expenses and operating income are in balance.

David Jenkins led a discussion about the Members Relief Fund, a fund that, during the pandemic, was established to help members that needed financial assistance. Not all of the collected funds were given out, resulting in a \$2500. balance. Thus, the idea to use the extra money toward scholarships (which may include transportation) for the regional convention was presented. Questions were raised: how to monitor the applications, how to apply, who could apply, age limits, need or merit based, essay required, etc. It was decided that Isaac would write up a proposal with input from David Jenkins as well as the steering committee for future determination.

Motion: Sam Holmberg moved the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Second: Kris Langlois. **Motion carried.**

Program Committee Report: Given by David Jenkins (for Kathrine Handford)

Three upcoming events were announced:

1. Presentation and Masterclass with Jean-Baptiste Robin.

Tuesday, February 28. 7pm. Church of Saint Mark, St. Paul

2. BBBB (Before Bach's Birthday Bash).

Saturday, March 18. 9am-5pm. Minneapolis locations: Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, The First Unitarian Society, Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church, and St. Paul's Church on Lake of the Isles.

3. Spring Member's Recital.

Friday, May 12, 7pm. Normandale Lutheran Church, Edina

Member Engagement and Recruiting: Given by David Jenkins

David reported on the status of the Membership Directory, and explained that the University of St. Thomas closed its print shop. However, for now, a new printing service has been found, and the database will be updated by the end of January. The design process will be next in the advancing steps towards printing the directory.

Pipe Organ Discovery Day (PODD): Given by David Jenkins

Saturday, February 4. 9am-3pm at Northrup Auditorium at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. Featured special guest, Isabelle Demers.

David reported that on January 11, there was damage done to a supporting wall of Northrup (parapet failure) resulting in a partial collapse of the roof. The theater and the Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ were unaffected, but the building

and the parking garage have been closed. Some events have been moved or postponed. However, it is looking positive for reopening Northrop for the PODD event.

Nominating Committee Update: Given by David Jenkins

Motion: Kris Langlois moved that Joyce Brown be approved as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Second: Nils Halker. **Motion carried.**

Joyce has requested names to consider for the nominating committee as well as for possible board positions. There are four open seats due to Kathrine Handford being elevated to Sub-Dean from the class of 2024. It is suggested that we nominate five candidates to fill them, and whomever gets the least number of votes will be considered an Alternate, should a vacancy become available. National requires that there are more candidates than vacant seats to insure a competitive election.

Chapter Election Procedures: Given by David Jenkins

David reviewed the current makeup of the board and the classes (2022, 2023, 2024). He explained that although we will conduct our chapter elections this year according to our current operating procedures, there will be possible election procedure changes in the future. These changes would be made when we adopt updated guidelines from National. A discussion of the possible changes followed.

Motion: Carolyn Diamond moved to adjourn the meeting. **Second:** Sam Holmberg. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. Next meeting: February 20, 2023.

Carolyn Diamond, Secretary