

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting  
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists  
February 20, 2023**

**Present:** Carolyn Diamond, Isaac Drewes, Nils Halker, Kathrine Handford, Samuel Holmberg, David Jenkins, Ju Young Lee, Mary Newton, Kris Rizzotto

**Present: via the Zoom App:** Lise Schmidt

**Absent:** David Geslin, Kristina Langlois

**Also Present:** Chaplain John Setterlund

Meeting was called to order by Dean David Jenkins at 6:35 pm at Church of Saint Mark, 2001 Dayton Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104

The meeting began with Chaplain Setterlund reporting on a splendid hymn festival at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in St. Paul. He was particularly inspired by the hymn “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”, with stanza 5 standing out, noting there are 8 total stanzas, but it is rare to find them all in most hymnals!

Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!

Our joy be all with music crowned,

Our voices gaily blending!

For Christ goes with us all the way—

Today, tomorrow, ev’ry day!

His love is never-ending!.....

Chaplain Setterlund’s devotion closed with prayer, beckoning our music ministries to be filled with awareness of God’s beauty and grace. Amen!

**Motion:** Isaac Drewes moved the minutes of the board meeting on January, 23, 2023 be approved.

**Second:** Kris Rizzotto. **Motion carried.**

**Treasurer’s Report:** Given by David Jenkins

Because Treasurer David Geslin is out during tax season, David Jenkins abbreviated the report with the assurance that we are in strong financial shape.

**Program Committee Report:** Given by Kathrine Handford

Kathy reported that the opening event for the next program year (2023-24) will be at Westminster Presbyterian Church on September 24, 2023 with an emphasis on the life and ministry of Edward Berryman. There will be a program and dinner.

Upcoming programs:

~ Monday, Feb. 27, Recital by Jean-Baptist Robin, 7:00 pm at Church of Saint Mark, St. Paul, sponsored by the church.

~Tuesday, Feb. 28, workshop by Jean-Baptist Robin, 7:00 pm at Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Paul, sponsored by the TCAGO. Topics: "Behind the Notes," style and ornamentation in French Baroque music; findings in newly discovered manuscripts of Cesar Franck.

~Tuesday, March 7, Lecture Recital by Thomas Fielding on Mulet's Byzantine Sketches, 7:00 pm, St. Olaf Catholic Church, Minneapolis.

~Saturday, March 18, Before Bach's Birthday Bash, all-day (9am-5pm), five concerts in downtown and Minneapolis/Kenwood area. Co-sponsored with MPR. The 9:00 am concert at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral will be aired live on MPR.

~Friday, May 12, Members Recital, 7:00 pm at Normandale Lutheran Church, Edina.

There was a discussion of possible uses for the Michael Barone tribute video that was originally produced for our opening event at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church on September 25, 2022.

Ideas presented were the following:

YouTube Channel, Facebook Page, Regional Newsletter, Elizabeth George's Newsletter for National Leaders, and coordinating with 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pipedreams.

Ideas and/or their implementation would be in collaboration with and agreement from Michael, along with securing permission for the rights to the music as well as permission of those interviewed.

**Report of the Regional Convention:** Given by David Jenkins and Kathrine Handford

David gave a review of the convention program and suggested we refer to the convention website.

**Concerts:** will include a range of international/regional/and local talent, with balance of gender and race, along with new venues and organs.

**Workshops:** must include workshops pertaining to the Guild and its programs. Such things as Education, Professional Concerns, Choral Training, Pedagogy, Preservation of Hearing will be offered.

**Worship:** new venues- Gloria Dei and Augustana Lutheran Churches for Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer.

**Meetings:** to include chapter leaders, members forum, regional meeting.

**Competition:** winners of chapter competitions compete on July 4 at The Church of St. Louis, King of France. The regional winner gets a prize and represents the region at the 2024 national convention in San Francisco.

**Steering Committee:** due to the postponement of the convention because of the pandemic, all members have worked hard to get things organized and scheduled for this year, 2023. Several people were named for their outstanding work: Lise Schmidt, Registrar; Jeremy Haug, Publicity; David Fienen, Treasurer; and David Jenkins and Kathrine Handford, Convention Directors.

David continued with listing opportunities for board participation and volunteering.

~ Before the convention: follow up with potential advertisers; stuffing convention swag bags; preparing signage for hotel.

~ During the convention: hospitality for artists/workshop leaders/competition judges; hospitality at the hotel for welcoming/registration/info; ushers for events; assistance with the competition; logistics and busing assistance.

~ Request for donations. Board members are expected to take some leadership with monetary donations if possible. We have to give a small percentage of our convention profits to National, but the value of gifts and donations is not counted in this profit.

He ended his appeal by encouraging us to celebrate our chapter by becoming Ambassadors for the Convention, to make it a successful experience for all!

**Motion:** Nils Halker moved to adjourn the meeting. **Second:** Kathy Handford.  
**Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting: March 27, 2023.

Carolyn Diamond, Secretary