

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
February 27, 2017**

Present: Kalle Akkerman, Jennifer Anderson, Linda Armstrong, Andrew Birling, Dee Ann Crossley, David Fienen, Margaret Gohman, David Jenkins, Jon Kietzer, Nancy Lancaster, Paul Westermeyer
Absent: Pam Carlson, David Geslin

Call to Order by Dean Paul Westermeyer at 6:35 PM, St. Paul Seminary
Dean Westermeyer began the meeting with the Moravian text of the day, a George Herbert poem, and prayer.

The minutes of the January 23, 2017 Board meeting were approved as printed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Jon Kietzer

Jon gave an update of the committee's work.

There was a lengthy discussion on the importance of a succession plan for chapter leaders, particularly for executive officers and committee chairs who do not have term limits. It was strongly suggested that committee chairs have the opportunity to report at a Board meeting.

It was agreed that a future Board agenda should include the topics of succession plans and timelines related to attracting new volunteers.

Report: Sub-Dean David Jenkins

David gave an overview of the next two TCAGO meetings:

Before Bach's Birthday Bash

Members' recital at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Edina

At a recent Program Committee meeting the 2017-2018 schedule and possible programs were considered.

Those who attended the Presentation on Scandinavian Organ Music were enthusiastic about James Hicks' scholarship, skillful playing, and engaging personality.

The Pipe Organ Discovery Day was also very successful, with about twenty-four students attending. Phil Asgian will submit a report for publication in TAO. The Board expressed appreciation for the work of Phil and his committee.

David gave an update on the June, 2018 P.O.E. which TCAGO is helping to organize.

REPORT : Dean Westermeyer

- the 2018 AGO Endowment Fund Distinguished Artist Award recipient will be John Ferguson. His celebration will feature a hymnfest at Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, on April 27, 2018. St Olaf College conductors Jamie Bobb and Anton Armstrong, as well as several choirs, will participate.
- National AGO has notified chapter officers of new membership procedures, categories, and dues structure. Treasurer David Geslin and Registrar Jane Nienaber will address the issues. David Engen will be asked to help with coordinating the TCAGO website with National ONCARD for online membership business. Dean Westermeyer suggested that Jane Nienaber attend the next Board meeting. We reviewed why the TCAGO is committed to *wildapricot* rather than ONCARD.
- There was a lively discussion in response to Michael Barone's note re: "Can we dream?" about new special programs and projects. We were asked to think about how a "dream project" could be funded and pursued in the future. Perhaps a "dream" committee could be formed.
- Items re: separating Hospitality revenues/expenses on the budget, and the Dean's role as check co-signer, will be tabled until the April Board meeting when Treasurer David Geslin is present.
- Stephen Hamilton has resigned as Membership Coordinator. Dean Westermeyer will appoint a new Coordinator. Stephen will be asked for a job description.
- website concerns: The Board Secretary will notify the Webmaster of the new Board roster following each election.

The Sub-Dean is responsible for contacting the Webmaster re: program information.

David Jenkins will talk to Kirsten Uhlenberg to clarify the process of submitting information for the website.

- update on the "Guide for Organ Committees" DVD:
MorningStar Music Publishers is interested in marketing it. Jeremy Haug and Sarah Garner are in touch with Phil Asgian about various plans to market the DVD.
- Nothing will happen in regards to FTC and FLSA issues until we get direction from James Tomashower at National.

- Dean Westermeyer asked us to consider tackling the following projects (Perhaps a graduate student could research):
 - a complete list of TCAGO members, from the beginning
 - an index of Board minutes, especially actions taken
 - TCAGO history

- Jerry Bonstrom would like to retire as TCAGO Archivist. Please communicate suggestions for his successor to Dean Westermeyer.

- A future *Pipenotes* Dean's column will speak to an upcoming survey of members' skills.

- The Jacobs School of Music summer Academies and Institute were noted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.
Respectfully submitted,
Dee Ann Crossley, secretary