

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
March 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
Also present: Judy Campen, Jane Nienaber

Call to Order by Dean Paul Westermeyer at 6:30 PM, St. Paul Seminary
Dean Westermeyer began the meeting with scripture and prayer.

The minutes of the February 27, 2017 Board meeting were approved as corrected.

Judy Campen was welcomed as the new TCAGO Membership Coordinator.

Registrar Jane Nienaber reviewed the new AGO fees and membership categories.

Several points were discussed, particularly as related to our Chapter membership. The Board agreed that the TCAGO membership form should include:

- a "Chapter Friend" category for \$40.00
- a "Student" category for those currently enrolled in a degree program, with complimentary membership subsidized by TCAGO, and with online resources only
- a line for "additional contribution to TCAGO"

Kirsten Uhlenberg will send the Board a prototype of the membership form for approval before it is printed.

The issues of a "variable renewal date" for TCAGO membership were discussed. It was suggested that the few members who fall in this category be given a one-time rebate on the membership fee difference, in order to permanently move them to a July 1 renewal date.

David Engen's observations about the membership renewal process apply only to National and International membership, which does not concern TCAGO.

Jane reviewed the timetable for sending renewal notices to TCAGO members.

Dean Westermeyer's next *Pipenotes* column will give a "heads up" about the new membership points. Jane will send an email blast to members the week after Easter, succinctly presenting the new fees and categories, with encouragement to read the relevant April TAO article.

Jane will see that Kathryn Moen's membership status will be designated "never renew" in *wildapricot*, so she isn't sent a renewal notice. The Board will continue to pay Kathryn's membership fee annually.

Judy Campen expressed her intentions to think of creative ways to contact our members and attract new members.

Nominating Committee Report: Jon Kietzer

The candidates for the Board members-at-large are Kyle Black, Tom Ferry, Rob Glover, Diana Lee Lucker, and Chris Stroh.

Treasurer's Report will be carried forward to the April Board meeting.

Report: Sub-Dean David Jenkins

The Before Bach's Birthday Bash was well attended by enthusiastic audiences.

Performer recruitment for the Members' Recital on May 5 is going on now.

The Program committee is now planning 2017-18 events, while being ever mindful of the overall budget.

TCAGO member Mary Newton has requested scholarship money of \$200.00 for a teenage student of hers to attend an upcoming POE. The student will be asked to send information about herself and the POE program to David Jenkins.

Motion: David Jenkins moved we give a \$200.00 scholarship to Mary Newton's student to be used for her POE participation.

Second: Jon Kietzer

Motion carried

There was a general discussion about the TCAGO Student Competition. Several comments were directed to Mary Newton's excellent work as Competition Coordinator.

Report: Dean Westermeyer

- Communication re: website systems details is with David Engen.

- The new Hymn Society Executive Director is Jan Kraybill.

- The TCAGO ad in the The North Central AGO Convention program booklet has been taken care of. (The Board approved purchasing the ad by email.)

- Questions about FTC and FLSA issues are shelved until we receive further direction from James Tomashower at National.
- Dean Westermeyer reminded us to give thought to the precarious position of the arts in our country as humanities grants are being cut, and to consider how the cuts may effect the AGO in the future.
- The Eastman Summer Academy for High School Organists, July 24-28, was noted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Ann Crossley, secretary