

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting

Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

May 23, 2016

Present: Jennifer Anderson, Linda Armstrong, Andrew Birling, Sarah Garner, David Geslin, Margaret Gohman, James Hild, David Jenkins, Paul Westermeyer

Also present: Michael Edwins

Absent: Pam Carlson, Dee Ann Crossley, Jon Kietzer, Jungjoo Park

Call to Order by Dean Paul Westermeyer at 6:30 p.m. St. Paul Seminary. Chaplain Michael Edwins opened with the Moravian readings for the day.

The minutes of the April 25, 2016 Board meeting were approved as printed with the addition of the words “in Eagan” after “Mount Calvary Lutheran Church”.

Treasurer’s Report: David Geslin

The finances of the year-to-date were reviewed. A discussion took place about TCAGO chapter dues as they compare to AGO national dues.

Program Committee Report: David Jenkins

- The Max Reger Centenary Festival Concert (a TCAGO Members Organ Recital) on May 6 was very good and well received; many positive aspects were noted, including the good turnout and fine hospitality offered by St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi. It was noted that with one exception, the musicians participating were men. Michael Barone’s role and contributions were greatly appreciated.

- Dean Paul Westermeyer attended the musical tribute to Robert L. Kendall on May 7 at St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, St. Paul.
- TCAGO fall opening event: September 25 at 4:00 p.m. at House of Prayer Lutheran Church in Richfield. Chad Winterfeldt from Gustavus Adolphus College will participate along with a choir and brass group from Gustavus.
- Historical Concerns committee: status remains the same.

Dean's Report: Paul Westermeyer

- Newly elected to the TCAGO Executive Board are: Kalle Akkerman, David Fienen and Nancy Lancaster.
- He mentioned learning of several TCAGO members who wish to serve as volunteers and will call Registrar Jane Nienaber to learn more about a possible list of volunteers. A discussion took place about the online membership form and it was agreed that this should probably be modified to include a section to indicate willingness to volunteer, and also a section where members may make an additional financial contribution.
- Dean Westermeyer led a discussion about the June 27 Board meeting which will be a potluck at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis. The Board will recognize and thank outgoing Board members and welcome incoming Board members. The meeting will also include the viewing of the new video of the Glatter-Götz/Rosales organ at Augustana Lutheran Church, West St. Paul: *A Guide for Organ Committees*. Michael Edwins shared details about the hospitality that Mount Olive will offer. Dean Westermeyer will email the newly elected board members about this June 27 meeting.
- A discussion of Committee listings, that is, making the Pipenotes listings and the Operating Procedures match and be consistent was postponed and will be discussed at a future meeting.

Investment Committee: James Hild reported that the Investment Committee met on May 2. He reviewed their report and noted that both funds are doing well. The committee recommends no changes.

Funerals:

Jennifer Anderson distributed a draft of Professional Guidelines regarding funerals, particularly those that take place at funeral homes and at cremation societies. She will send this draft to Jeffrey Patry for review and will then follow up by sending the updated guidelines to funeral home directors, etc. Board members commented that this draft looks good.

Margaret Gohman reported that she and Philip Asgian presented the Pipeworks program to 3rd, 4th and 5th graders at King of Grace Lutheran School in Golden Valley on May 17 and May 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Gohman, acting secretary