

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
May 22, 2017**

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

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

The minutes of the April 24, 2017 Board meeting were approved as printed.

Investment Committee Report: Jim Hild

The year-to-date investments were reviewed. The committee recommends no changes to our investments. There was a brief discussion of the Barone Scholarship.

Motion: David Jenkins moved we accept the Investment Committee report

Second: Pam Carlson

Motion carried

Dean Westermeyer reviewed the Board election results.

Jane Nienaber, Registrar, and David Geslin, Treasurer, led a discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of both ONCARD and WildApricot, and the issues related to implementing a “rolling registration.” Communications from David Engen and Bill Valentine, National IT Director, were discussed.

Motion: Pam Carlson moved that we go to a rolling registration, using WildApricot.

Second: Jennifer Anderson

Motion carried

Jane and David will come back to the Board if they have recommendations for future action re: data management programs.

The Board decided not to change the “additional contribution to TCAGO” line on the membership form. Our website can handle other contributions (eg. for specific programs or events.)

Treasurer's Report: David Geslin

The year-to-date finances were reviewed, as well as the proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-2018.

There was a lengthy discussion on the current endowment fund's yearly distribution of \$5,000.00 in the general fund. By increasing that amount we could put more money into programs. It was also suggested we consider paying non-member performers on our programs (eg. Before Bach's Birthday Bash).

Motion: David Geslin moved that the proposed budget be approved, with three changes:

- "Funds from Endowment" increase to \$7,000.00
- "Programs" budget increase to \$5,000.00
- "Donations" increase to \$1,510.00

Seconded: David Fienen

Motion carried

Dean Westermeyer reported that Nancy Lancaster is resigning from the Board. He would like to appoint Kyle Black to fill the remainder of her term. The Board approved.

Michael Edwins is resigning his position as Chaplain. Dean Westermeyer would like to appoint Jen Nagel, pastor at University Lutheran Church of Hope, as the new Chaplain. The Board approved.

Report: Sub-Dean David Jenkins

The members' recital at Our Lady of Grace, Edina, was evaluated. It was definitely a success, with good attendance, interesting program and excellent playing. David recommended that in the future we make sure the host church organist is committed to the event's planning and publicity.

The program committee has discussed using venues we haven't been to for several years.

As of now, the program calendar is:

- September 17: opening event at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, Wayzata
- November 11-12: Gail Archer at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Eagan
- February 3, 2018: Wilma Jensen
- March 17: Before Bach's Birthday Bash
- May 4: members' recital

Hospitality chair Bjorn Gustafson would like to add a member to his committee. His intent is to train a person who can chair the committee when he leaves. Bjorn indicated he would welcome discussing with the program committee the details of the planning and budget of the opening dinner event.

David reported on the June, 2018 POE which TCAGO is sponsoring. The committee, with representatives from TCAGO, St Olaf College and Shattuck-St Mary's School, has met with Regional Councillor Marilyn Schempp. The budget will be prepared this summer and a treasurer will be designated.

Motion: David Geslin moved we authorize (up to) a \$5,000.00 grant for POE, to be taken from the Board Unrestricted Funds.

Second: David Fienen

Motion carried

Dean's Report: Paul Westermeyer

- Kathryn Moen's birthday visits
- OHS ad sent - designed by Sarah Garner
- FTC update
- Strategic Plan for National AGO - as a chapter Dean, Paul has been invited to be interviewed

Old Business:

- 1) Dee Ann Crossley gave an update from Phil Asgian on the marketing of the DVD "A Guide for Organ Committees." The Board agreed to put a June 30 deadline to set up a page on the TCAGO website on which to purchase the DVD. Dee Ann will communicate this to Phil, Kirsten Uhlenberg and David Engen.
- 2) The joint meeting of the old and new TCAGO Boards will be on Monday, June 26, 6-9 PM.
- 3) The consideration of Andrew Birling's proposal to fund beginning organists is postponed.
- 4) The next Board meeting is Monday, August 28.

Dee Ann will speak with Jane Nienaber about the Officer's report to National Council, due July 1st.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.
Dee Ann Crossley, secretary

Addenda

On June 26, 2017, the TCAGO Executive Board enjoyed a potluck dinner and cruise aboard Jon Kietzer's boat on Lake Minnetonka. Outgoing Board members Jennifer Anderson, Pam Carlson and Jon Kietzer were thanked for their service to the Guild and new members Tom Ferry, Diana Lee Lucker and Chris Stroh were recognized. Dean Westermeyer confirmed Kyle Black's appointment to the Board, to fill Nancy Lancaster's position following her resignation. Dean Westermeyer updated the search for a TCAGO Chaplain. Dee Ann will organize the selling of the video "A Guide for Organ Committees" at the ALCM opening event at Augustana Lutheran Church, West St. Paul, on July 10.

On August 14, 2017, the Board approved, via email, the appointment of Rob Glover as Board Member at Large, by majority vote, to fill out Kalle Akermann's term.