

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting  
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists  
November 26, 2018**

Present: Jacob Benda, Kyle Black, Joyce Brown, Tom Ferry, Dave Geslin, Robert Glover, David Jenkins, Phil Radtke, Christopher Stroh, Joseph Trucano

Absent: Dave Fienen, Diana Lee Lucker, Jessica Park

Also present: John Setterlund

**Call to Order** by Dean David Jenkins at 6:30 PM, St. Paul Seminary

Chaplain Setterlund shared thoughts about St. Cecilia, patron saint of musicians. The feast day is celebrated on November 22. He suggested that perhaps we should promote music celebrations to commemorate this day. He concluded with a prayer.

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

The minutes of the October 22 meeting were approved as corrected.

**Report:** Treasurer Dave Geslin

-We are on track with budget expenses and doing well. It is early in the year. Membership dollars are still coming in. Placement fees are healthy. There are four scholarships that have been paid out.

-There was discussion about membership policies and monies , and the mechanics of managing memberships. The National AGO system uses ONCARD to process membership registrations. Our TCAGO uses Wild Apricot. There is currently a difference of 16 memberships between the two systems.

**Action Items:**

1. Find out the time line for replacing the current National AGO registration system.
2. What is the process to change to the National AGO system?
3. What else might be involved with that change? One local concern is what might happen to the printed directory.

**Motion:** Tom Ferry moved that we accept the Treasurer's report.

**Second:** Kyle Black

**Motion carried.**

**Report:** Secretary Joyce Brown

There is no report this month.

**Report:** Sub Dean Jacob Benda

-The Couperin program on November 10, 2018 was well attended.

-The next program for the year will be Nathan Laube performing at Northrop Auditorium on December 4, 2018.

-On January 26, 2019 we will have the Winter Workshop at Westminster Presbyterian Church. It will be a complete day from 8:30 -3:00. Lunch will be available for \$15. The workshop includes: "Church Music Repertoire" led by Stephen Hamilton, and "Sound Advice: Musicians' Ears, Practicing for Healthy Hearing" led by the Mayo Clinic Department of Otolaryngology". There will be a catered lunch followed by a tour of the Westminster Gallery. The afternoon program will feature "Clarence Mader: An American Renaissance Man" led by Jacob Benda and "Pipedreams Travelogue Slideshow" by Michael Barone. There will also be a concert at 7:30 PM at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral featuring Stephen Hamilton.

**Report:** Dean David Jenkins and Sub Dean Jacob Benda

-The upcoming 2021 Regional Convention was discussed. Karen Black is our Regional Councilor and will help us stay on track with preparations and timelines. We will need approximately 14 committees. The Convention Bureau in Minneapolis and St. Paul should be able to help us with promoting destinations in the Twin Cities.

**Report:** Dean David Jenkins

-The Chair of the Nominating Committee for 2019 is Pam Carlson.

-The Audit will be initiated by Phil Asgian with Martin Stachnik.

-We continued the discussion from October regarding ways that the TCAGO can help support the Northrop Auditorium. Michael Barone said that providing publicity for events and informing members of events is sufficient.

-The American Composers Forum sent a letter thanking the TCAGO for the donation.

-It is announced that there will be a 6 week study of the Bach's St. John Passion. It will be lead by Professor Paul Westermeyer and Chaplain John Setterlund . The dates are: January 14, 21, 28, and February 4, 11, 18 at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Roseville.

-The TCAGO outreach ideas were reviewed from last month. The ideas discussed include:

1. The need to connect with educators and enhance the publicity for the scholarships with a brochure.
2. The chapter could connect with St. Andrews who sponsors a Halloween program for children.
3. Perhaps the AGO could sponsor a children's entertaining organ program.
4. It is suggested that we follow up with the attendees of the Pizza and Pipes events.
5. We could list in our publications resources for organists as well as using Snapchat and Facebook for communications.
6. It would be great if we could have a cost effective, affordable training that could lead to certifications.
7. The scholarship winners could perform.
8. We could include something in "Pipenotes" for young organists.
9. We could sponsor programs on the radio thereby mentioning our TCAGO organization.

**Action Items:**

Follow up on forming a timeline for brochure by January.

David Jenkins will assist a follow up conversation regarding certificates and possible classes for organists leading to completing certificates.

Joyce Brown will find out what is required to sponsor a "Friday Favorites" radio program.

- The Treasurer duties and the need for providing for succession were discussed. Our current treasurer is doing all of the Treasurer duties pro bono. This amounts to around \$750 a month. There are currently three main duties done by the treasurer: 1. Work with the investment committee and make recommendations. 2. Guide the financial future of the guild and work with the board members. 3. Maintain the financial records and transactions, and write checks. The complete list of duties is to be found in the Operating Procedures of the TCAGO. It was discussed if we might outsource some of this work. The discussion will continue as to the succession plan.

**Action Item:**

Tom Ferry will investigate the possibility of a three way sharing of duties.

**Motion:** Christopher Stroh made a motion to close the meeting

**Second:** Tom Ferry

**Motion passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10

The next meeting will be January 28, 2018.

Joyce Brown, secretary