

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
October 24, 2016**

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

Call to Order by Dean Paul Westermeyer at 6:30 PM, St. Paul Seminary

The minutes of the September 26, 2016 Board meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's report: David Geslin

The finances of the year-to-date were reviewed.

The TCAGO gift of \$200.00 to the National AGO Annual Fund (\$100.00 each for 2015 and 2016) was acknowledged.

Financial support requests from the Organ Historical Society were discussed.

Motion: David Jenkins moved we sponsor one OHS calendar page for \$550.00. The Schlicker page is our first choice, but another page is acceptable.

Second: Andrew Birling

Motion carried.

Motion: David Fienen moved we buy a full page ad in the OHS Convention Handbook for \$380.00.

Second: Linda Armstrong

Motion carried.

The request for financial support for the North Central AGO Young Organists Composition Competition was considered.

Motion: Andrew Birling moved we give \$200.00 toward the support of the NCAGO Young Organists Composition Competition

Second: Margaret Gohman

Motion not carried.

Dean Westermeyer will ask for more information about the competition.

N.B. After the Dean emailed Competition information to the Board, the minutes were appended on October 27, 2016, to record the approval of the Board, via email, to give \$250.00 to the NCAGO Young Organists Composition Competition.

In response to a request from the National Lutheran Choir, the Board agreed not to place an ad in the NLC Christmas Program book.

Program Committee Report: Sub-Dean David Jenkins

The October Organ Crawl was not only a success for our chapter, but was also greatly appreciated by the host organists and the host church community. Goodwill and positive feelings abounded.

The upcoming November 4 video premiere and the November 12 master class and improvisation workshop by Tom Trenney were noted.

Dean's Report: Paul Westermeyer

Dean Westermeyer updated the Board on the Church Music Institute's Peer Learning Project in Worship and Music. Two of the peer learning teams are located in the Twin Cities. Paul Westermeyer is the curriculum director of the project.

Many of the lapsed TCAGO members have now renewed their membership. Kathryn Moen's membership payment by our chapter has been clarified.

The Board's directives re: hard copy *Pipenotes* content and ads have been put in place.

The Facility Usage Liability Form(s) required for our February 11 TCAGO meeting have now been signed.

A discussion followed re: the request from the Committee On the New Organist for names of TCAGO organ teachers who may wish to be placed on a national list of organists willing to teach via new media. David Jenkins suggested that we send an email blast to all our members, so that interested individuals can reply directly to Isabelle Demers, CONO committee member. David Jenkins and Dean Westermeyer will compose the email.

Re: letter from Syracuse, NY AGO chapter inquiring about events our chapter presents/sponsors that specifically are intended for, or attract, teenage organists. David Jenkins suggested that we refer this matter to Phil Asgian and the Educational Outreach Committee.

There was much discussion about how the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's regulations require the AGO to make procedural changes in order to be in compliance, particularly in regards to our employment ethics, salary guidelines and model contracts. The necessary alterations will be made, while maintaining the collegiality that characterizes our profession.

New Business:

Jennifer Anderson led a discussion on the Fair Labor Standards Act and how it affects musicians' church employment. It was agreed that our February meeting/workshop will address the issues, as we seek to understand the laws.

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