

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting**  
**Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists**  
**October 22, 2018**

Present: Kyle Black, Joyce Brown, David Geslin, Robert Glover, David Jenkins, Diana Lee Lucker, Jessica Park, Phil Radtke, Christopher Stroh  
Absent: Jacob Benda, Tom Ferry, David Fienen, Joseph Trucano  
Also present: John Setterlund

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

Chaplain Setterlund opened the meeting with comments and thoughts about St. James of Jerusalem, brother of Jesus, whose feast day is October 23.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

**Report** : Treasurer David Geslin

-The finances were reviewed with an abbreviated report. There was a discussion on how to use the \$15K income. A suggestion was made to use \$7K yearly for various programs.

**Motion**: Robert Glover moved that we accept the report.

**Second**: Christopher Stroh

**Motion carried.**

**Report**: Program Committee given by Dean David Jenkins

-The Northrop Organ Celebration was a success. The Saturday morning demonstration hosted a crowd of 300, due in large part to good publicity. The afternoon open bench time saw a variety of people participate. The ticketed evening concerts featuring the Minnesota Orchestra and Paul Jacobs and Dean Billmeyer were sold out.

-The board discussed giving money to fund more programs and investigate how the AGO might support the Northrop organ. An organ crawl was suggested.

**Action Item**: David Jenkins will ask Dean Billmeyer how the AGO can help support the University organ.

-On November 10, at the Chapel of St. Thomas, there will be a 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Francois Couperin's Birth concert. It will feature Consortium Carissimi and local organists playing selections from the Mass of the Parishes.

-The January 26 workshop at Westminster Presbyterian will be an all day event. There will be a lecture-recital by Jacob Benda, a new music demonstration by Stephen Hamilton, a tour of the Art Gallery, an audiologist presentation, and a travelogue by Michael Barone.

-Daniel Roth will be giving a concert at Plymouth congregational on February 10, 2019. There is conversation of a possible Saturday morning gathering for organists.

-In April, David Briggs will be presenting two concerts. There will be a Master class on Saturday morning.

-The annual member's concert will be Friday May 3, 2019. There may be a possible social event at the Sky Rock Farms.

**Report:** Secretary Joyce Brown

The collated list of ideas from the September meeting regarding the Regional Convention was submitted.

-The nominating committee will be named at the November meeting.

**Report:** Dean David Jenkins

-The POE was budgeted well. Expenses were held down, and there was generous support of the scholarships. Cathy Rodland expressed interest in having another in two years.

-Pam Carlson has agreed to be the Nominating Committee Chair.

-The Audit Committee finishes its work in December, and reports to the board in January.

-The Hospitality Committee Chair is still open. The duties of this job include greeting guests, being a friendly face of the AGO, and organizing refreshments for receptions. The chair should also try to build a sustainable committee. The January Winter Workshop will need a lunch. Discussion was had about possibly have board members help with the greeting at events.

**Report:** Education Committee given by Diana Lee Lucker

The Education committee minutes were distributed. The highlights included:

-Sarah Garner will be asked to design a brochure, both a hard copy and pdf.

-The scholarship winner will be given performance opportunities.

-The scholarship will remain at \$500, with input from teachers and parents to see if adequate.

-The winner may apply for a second scholarship with teacher recommendation without a second audition.

-Publicity and Budget: There is a MMTA membership list available for \$75. All agreed that word of mouth and conversation with known teachers produces the greatest number of students. Michael Barone was also asked to announce the scholarship audition a month prior on his broadcast.

**Brain storming session:** The board used the remaining time to generate ideas on TCAGO Education and Outreach. The ideas include:

-We need to reach organists who are not members. Are there brochures to share to interested people?

-Perhaps there might be a subsidized membership for those under 30.

-Is there an interest in pedagogy?

-Is there an interest in Certificates and Exams, and offering help in achieving those goals? Can we energize the current certification interest? Could we have coaches to help?

-Primary and secondary places to broaden the network might include music programs in primary and secondary schools and Pedals and pizza events.

-Could we find mentors to students currently in schools?

-Can we look at searching for an assistant for Michael Barone?

-We should establish and energize connections with choral, and band teachers. This would help develop audiences. We need to refresh an awareness of what we have to offer.

-We should communicate with local clergy about the scholarships.

-We should try to bring young children to organ recitals.

-Hearing great organists is inspiring and motivating.

**Motion:** Christopher Stroh moved that we close meeting

**Second:** Phil Radtke

**Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Joyce Brown, Secretary