

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
September 24, 2018**

Present: Jacob Benda, Kyle Black, Joyce Brown, Tom Ferry, Dave Fienen, Robert Glover, David Jenkins, Diana Lee Lucker, Phillip Radtke, Joseph Trucano

Absent: David Geslin, Jessica Park, Christopher Stroh

Also present: Jon Kietzer, 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 on Albert Schweitzer. Schweitzer made a valuable contribution to the world by advocating for the preservation of historic organs in Holland and France.

The agenda for the meeting was approved as corrected.

The Minutes of the August 27, 2018 Board Meeting were approved as corrected.

Report: Investment Committee

-John Kietzer presented the Investment report. David Geslin assembled the report. Once a year David Geslin, Jim Hild and Jon Keitzer meet to discuss and determine how best to invest the money. Currently it is divided between 50% Stocks and 50% Bonds. The aim is to preserve capital.

-Following the financial report, the board had a discussion about the stewardship of the funds. It was discussed that 4%-5% could be used for programming and projects of the chapter. An increase in the yearly *Pipedreams* contribution was discussed, as well as the future of the *Pipedreams* program and its archives. It was brought up that the TCAGO helped support the Sacred Music program at Luther Seminary.

Action Item: The discussion on the stewardship and use of money is to be continued.

Report: Program Committee Sub-Dean Jacob Benda

-The Sunday September 23 opening program at Woodale Church was a great success. It marked the 35th Anniversary Celebration of *Pipedreams* and was well attended (700 people). There was varied and colorful music presented by Kathrine Handford, Jessica Park, Robert Vickery, Jacob Benda, David Cherwein, Melanie Ohnstad, Catherine Rodland and Michael

Unger. Michael Barone also played. The program was followed by a dinner at the Redstone American Grill.

-The next event will be the Celebration of the restoration of the Northrop Auditorium organ on October 12 and 13. The Minnesota Orchestra and organists Paul Jacobs and Dean Billmeyer will be featured. On Saturday morning there will be an introduction to the organ and performances by local organists. There will be open bench time in the afternoon.

-On November 10 St. Thomas University will host a music concert honoring the 350th Anniversary of Francois Couperin's birth. It will feature local organists and Consortium Carissimi.

-On December 4, Nathan Laube will be giving a concert at Northrop Auditorium.

-On January 26, there will be the organist's workshop at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The program will include a church repertoire reading session, a tour of the sacred art collection, a presentation on the music of Clarence Mader, and a slide show of the *Pipedreams* tour.

-The Bach Bash will be March 16 in the Summit area of St. Paul.

-The annual members' recital will be May 3, 2019 at Maternity of Mary church in St. Paul.

-It was mentioned that we need to be more active in advertising these public events.

Report: Secretary Joyce Brown

-A reminder was mentioned that the Dean, with the Board's approval, will appoint the Chair of the Nominating Committee and the committee members by November.

Report: Dean David Jenkins

-The POE follow up report included the budget showing a profit of \$135. Everyone who wanted a scholarship received one. The tuition covered one half of the cost. The program hosted 20 students for five days.

-A new Registrar has been appointed by Dean Jenkins. Jayson Engquist will start working with Jane Nienaber this fall.

Motion: Tom Ferry made the motion to accept Jayson Engquist as our new registrar.

Second: Dave Fienen

Motion carried.

-Kate Moss has volunteered to be the registrar for the upcoming Regional Convention.

-Jacob Benda volunteered to be the chair for the Regional Convention.

Motion: Motion made by Diana Lee Lucker to appoint Jacob Benda as the Regional Convention Chair.

Second: Robert Glover

Motion carried.

-The remainder of the meeting consisted of a brainstorming session on ideas for the convention. They were recorded and will be collated by the secretary.

Motion: Tom Ferry made the motion to close the meeting.

Second: Kyle Black

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Joyce Brown, Secretary