

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
April 26, 2021

Present: Jacob Benda, Joyce Brown, Dave Geslin, Nils Halker, David Jenkins, Jessica Park, Laura Potratz, Phillip Radtke, Kris Rizzotto, Lise Schmidt, John Varona

Absent: Liisa Keranen, Joe Trucano

Also present: Chaplain John Setterlund

Call to Order by Dean David Jenkins at 6:30 PM, Virtual Meeting via the Zoom App hosted by St. Paul Seminary.

The meeting began with a reflection on St. Mark followed with a prayer offered by Chaplain John Setterlund.

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

Dean David Jenkins led a brief discussion with board members on our well being at this time.

The March minutes were approved as corrected.

Report: Treasurer's report given by Dave Geslin.

The TCAGO finances are healthy. The documentary used \$5,000 that was in the program budget. There was \$12,000 dedicated to pay for one year renewal of memberships. The member's relief fund has paid \$2,000. Work is being done on merging Oncard with Wild Apricot membership data bases. There was discussion on forming a working committee to create a member directory next season.

Report: Program report given by Jacob Benda

There will be a May 2 Zoom Meeting for the entire chapter. David Jenkins will have a brief address followed by a trailer of the documentary produced this year. Two contest winners will perform their pieces. Then there will be an interesting tour of home instruments. Dr. Stephen Hamilton, Kris Rizzotto and Carolyn Diamond will share their instruments and Phil Radtke will share his projects completed during the pandemic.

Looking ahead to the fall, there will be a chapter event on October 17. It will be a 3-part event weekend of activities celebrating the Northrop organ. The documentary will be viewed. Hector Olivera will give a program and there will be a reception at the U of M campus center.

Report: Dean's report given by David Jenkins.

The 2021 Election is ongoing. There was an error in the transferring of addresses which caused a lot of confusion. The problems have now been solved. National AGO still recommends paper ballots as the most secure method of voting.

The Audit Committee will meet with the board in January 2022. Paul Hanson has agreed to help Phil Asgian.

The Oncard system is old and outdated. Unfortunately, that is the system we are left with for National. Renewals will be sent out. The "Under 30" group of organists will get free memberships given by National AGO.

A discussion was had about ways of engaging younger organists. This included a discussion of digital relationships. We need to be proactive in inviting everyone to our events and involve people in committees.

Motion: Phil Radtke moved to close the meeting.

Second: Laura Potratz

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06PM

Joyce Brown, Secretary

Next Meeting June 14 (tentative)

