

Columbus AGO Executive Committee Meeting

August 28, 2017

All Saints Lutheran Church

The meeting was called to order by Dean Tom Gerke at 7:02pm. Members present: Al Adcock, Ron Kenreich, Luke Tegtmeier, Thomas Gerke, Kathie Bracy, Bob Wisniewski, Jan Sprecher, Brian Johnson, Clark Becker, Jason Keefer, and Tyler Robertson. Excused: Jenny Kristler. Chris Warner was not present.

Minutes were read and accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Anniversary Committee update

New and date for the 2018 Chapter Social event: "A 1918 Night Out" on Friday, May 11, at the Brennan Loft in London. Clark Wilson has been asked to play for the event. *Update: Clark Wilson has been officially engaged.

Organ and Choir Concert will be on October 19, 2018 at St. Joseph's Cathedral.

On November 18, 2018 James David Christie will perform with instruments at First Congregational. This will be a major expense for the year, with funding coming from dedicated money already set aside for 100th Anniversary programs.

Questions were asked about ticketing for the major events (this has not yet been discussed by the subcommittee).

Giving Options for Members via our Website

This is available via the National website (but not our chapter website), but a more helpful method is to send checks directly to Treasurer Adcock. This needs to be communicated to the membership.

Review of upcoming events for the 2017-18 Program Year

Workshop on Choral Accompanying with Todd Wilson (Saturday, Sept 9, 10am at Holy Trinity Lutheran). Brian will look into getting Todd to demonstrate how to accompany piano-based choral anthems at the organ.

Matthew Bickett (winner of the Great Lakes Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists) plays a recital on Sunday, October 8, 4pm at Broad Street Methodist. We discussed passing a plate for donations toward POEs, but decided to avoid doing so.

Improvisation Workshop with Jeremy Bankson – Saturday, October 14, 10am at Prince of Peace Lutheran in Dublin.

Festival Flourish – Saturday, February 24, 9am-4:30pm at Covenant Presbyterian in Upper Arlington, featuring several of our own members doing workshops on various topics.

Raul Prieto Ramirez – recital at St. Paul the Apostle Roman Catholic, Westerville, 7:30pm on Friday, April 6. Tom Gerke will ask Stan Osborn about a screen for us to watch the Raul play from the pews downstairs.

Spring Social – May 11 at Brennan Loft in London with Clark Wilson and silent movie. Theme: “A 1918 Night Out”

Columbus AGO Facebook page

Tyler will communicate with Chris Warner to add himself and Luke Tegtmeier as administrators for the Facebook page.

New Business

Switching from Constant Contact to Mail Chimp

Secretary Luke Tegtmeier proposed switching from Constant Contact over to Mail Chimp for the purpose of sending mass emails to members of the chapter. Doing so would save the chapter roughly \$145 per year, look more professional, and be far easier for administrators to use. The motion passed.

Letter to the Columbus Symphony Orchestra.

Mark Meuser and Brian Johnson both wrote letters encouraging Maestro Milanov to make use of the Morton Organ when an organ is called for in orchestral scores. Discussion of the letters ensued. Al Adcock pointed out that we need to move carefully to not include negative connotations of electronic instruments. Brian and Jan Sprecher will continue to work to refine our letter.

Compliance with National Standards regarding Federal Labor Law.

Dean Gerke has reviewed our directory and website to make sure they are updated appropriately; he will sign the required document and mail it back to the National Headquarters accordingly.

Homeless shelter volunteering at Broad St. UMC

Discussion ensued regarding serving a meal to the homeless at the Open Shelter at Broad Street UMC. Brian Johnson will investigate dates for the 2018-19 year for us to consider serving.

Visiting New York City

David Crean is investigating a trip to New York City for members to play organs, hear concerts, and see the sights. The chapter would have no official involvement, only to serve as a means to advertise.

Contributing toward a concert for children given by Cameron Carpenter in Zanesville

Cameron Carpenter will play a concert on April 8 at Seacrest Auditorium through the auspices of the Zanesville Concert Association. The next day, he will play an event for the school children of the local schools. The request came from James Mclaughlin. Treasurer Adcock suggested possibly using some money from the POE/scholarship fund. Dean Gerke will try to find more information so that we can make an informed decision at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Monday, September 25 – 6:15 potluck/7pm meeting at All Saints Lutheran