

Columbus AGO Executive Committee Meeting

September 25, 2017

All Saints Lutheran Church

The meeting was called to order by Dean Tom Gerke at 7:10pm. Members present: Kathie Bracy, Ron Kenreich, Jan Sprecher, Brian Johnson, Clark Becker, Jennifer Kristler, Tyler Robertson, Al Adcock, Jason Keefer, Luke Tegtmeier, and Tom Gerke. Excused: Bob Wisniewski. Not Present: Chris Warner.

Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Audit Update

An audit for the year ending May 2016 and the year ending May 2017 will be conducted.

Laura Silva and Kathie Bracy will work on the year ending May 2016.

Tom Gerke will ask Mark Meuser and John Schuder to audit the books for the year ending May 2017.

Anniversary Committee updates

They are working on creating an email to advertise events. The February flourish event is still being finalized; other events are already in place.

There are no plans for ticketing at any events at this time.

Upcoming events

Luke will send a reminder email to the membership one week before each event.

Brian Johnson is working with Matthew Bickett (winner of the Great Lakes Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists) to finalize his recital on Sunday, October 8, 4pm at Broad Street Methodist.

Improvisation Workshop with Jeremy Bankson – Saturday, October 14, 10am at Prince of Peace Lutheran in Dublin. Ron Kenreich is hosting this event.

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. Stan Osborn has been contacted about a screen for us to watch from the pews as Raul plays.

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

Communications

Luke is in the process of switching from Constant Contact to Mail Chimp for emailing membership and interested persons about upcoming events. He views this as also being a good opportunity to update the email list, and is working with Tom Gerke, Al Adcock, and Rebecca Abbott to work towards that.

Letter to the Columbus Symphony re: Morton Theatre Organ

The letter was discussed and slight changes were suggested. Brian will re-work the letter slightly, send it to the Executive Board to read, and Tom will sign and send it on our behalf.

Facebook update

Luke and Tyler are now administrators of the Facebook page for the Columbus AGO. Tyler has been creating events and re-posting upcoming events from our website. Luke encouraged the group to "Like" events and postings to get them showing up on others' feed.

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. A motion was made to donate \$500 for the second event, from line 31 (POE scholarships). The motion passed. Tyler encouraged us to make sure that we do in fact advertise the availability of funds to help young organists attend a POE.

Homeless shelter volunteering at Broad St. UMC

Brian Johnson announced that we will be serving a meal during the summer of 2018.

New Members

Dean Gerke encouraged us to invite organists to join our chapter. He would be happy to contact people if we share names with him. He will specifically contact Chuck Yanneralla (Allen Organs) to see what churches have recently bought instruments, so that he can invite their organist to join us.

Guilder copies via Postal Service

Some members do not have email, and thus are not getting our Guilder via email. At one point, Mary Ann Stephens was copying and mailing hard copies, but Dean Gerke was not able to contact her to check on this process.

Next meeting

November 6, with potluck at 6pm, meeting at 7pm. Again at All Saints Lutheran in Worthington.

After checking in with individual members of the Executive Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.