

Columbus AGO Executive Committee Meeting

January 22, 2018

All Saints Lutheran Church

The meeting was called to order by Dean Tom Gerke at 7:00pm. Members present: Kathie Bracy, Ron Kenreich, Jan Sprecher, Brian Johnson, Clark Becker, Jennifer Kristler, Tyler Robertson, Al Adcock, Jason Keefer, Bob Wisniewski, Luke Tegtmeier, and Tom Gerke. Excused: Dennis Crill (new replacement for Chris Warner).

The minutes from the November 6 meeting were accepted. Luke will take responsibility for providing a copy of the minutes at all future meetings.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Anniversary Committee updates

Al has started to think about the 2 events in the 2018 year (as continuation of our 100th Anniversary Year) – he presented some numbers for the Organ & Choir concert and the Organ & Instrument concert.

Al and Tom both wished to express their appreciation for all the work done by the committee to make this event happen.

Giving Options for Members

It was decided not to use PayPal as a third-party donation means. Instead, there will be two ways for members to give money to the chapter.

1. Mailing a check (payable to Columbus Chapter, AGO) to Al Adcock
2. Via the national AGO website.

Several categories may be designated for donations: General Fund, 100th Anniversary Celebration, Scholarships for Young Organists, and Other.

The board approved updating our website to include a link to enable the second option.

Upcoming events

February Flourish – Saturday, February 24, 9am-4:30pm at Covenant Presbyterian in Upper Arlington, featuring several of our own members doing workshops on various topics. Registration is due by February 14; a final reminder email has already been scheduled to be sent out on Feb 7.

Raul Prieto Ramirez – recital at St. Paul the Apostle Roman Catholic, Westerville, 7:30pm on Friday, April 6. A single camera with 3 screens will be in place for the event. Jan Sprecher, Brian Johnson, and Kathie Bracy will coordinate the reception afterwards.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Free student memberships for High School and College students

3 students have been reimbursed for their membership dues. These were found via the AGO National listing.

2 new student memberships have been processed. Rebecca Abbott is working on one more.

*At the next meeting, we will brainstorm about how to reach out to local organ teachers to encourage their students to join AGO for free.

Communications – Mail Chimp update

Constant Contact has officially been cancelled. Emails have been going out via MailChimp, including most recently the announcement of the new *Guilder*.

A list of email addresses of AGO members within a 200-mile radius was given to us by AGO HQ; this has been uploaded to MailChimp to promote our February Flourish.

Letter to the Columbus Symphony re: Morton Theatre Organ

No response from the Ohio Theatre.

Restoring the Mershon Organ at OSU (Schantz)

Clark Wilson and Mark Meuser have been working on this in small ways. They are working to bring the organ to the attention of the general public, and are also trying to find who at OSU needs to be contacted for permission. Brian Johnson will be in contact with Clark; others are encouraged to also be in touch with Brian, Mark, and Clark if they have interest in restoring this historic instrument.

Meal for Homeless at Broad Street UMC

Brian is continuing to investigate and coordinate this.

Photo and article for TAO chapter events

Luke is happy to continue submitting information as events happen. He reminded members that cameras need to be set to HD for pictures to be accepted for publication in TAO.

100th Anniversary Publicity in Dispatch, WOSU, etc.

Tom had an email from WOSU listing prices and options for us to have an ad read on-air and to have an ad on the website.

- Two ads could be run on the website for one week for \$150.
- On-air announcements would be 20-seconds each, at \$27 each. Recommended maximum is 4 ads per day, but 8 ads on the day of the event.

We decided to not place website ads, but did not decide on how many audio ads to place. *To be addressed at the next meeting.

April 2018 Elections – Brian Johnson (Chair of Nominations)

Brian will chair; Jan, Dennis, and Clark will also serve on the committee, as their terms are ending.

Ideas for Columbus Chapter Programs, Jan-May 2019

Tom invited members to think of programs for the second half of the 2018-2019 program year. (note that the 2018 part is already planned, as part of the 100th Anniversary Celebration)

Next meeting

Monday, February 26, 2018 at 7pm – All Saints Lutheran.