

Columbus AGO Executive Committee Meeting

February 26, 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, Dennis Crill, and Tom Gerke.

The minutes from the January 22 meeting were accepted after spelling of two names was corrected.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Anniversary Committee updates

Al thanked everyone for helping to make the February 24 "February Flourish" event a success – over 90 people attended!

Covenant Presbyterian charged us a total of \$150 to rent the church, plus a \$60 custodial fee. The company that supplied the lunches passes tips on to a fund to assist victims of human trafficking. Al proposed sending them a \$100 tip – the motion passed.

Upcoming events

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". Members are encouraged to dress *a la* 1918.

OLD BUSINESS

Facebook updates

No updates at this time.

Free student memberships for High School and College students

An ad will be run in the upcoming *Guilders* encouraging students to apply for a scholarship for membership in AGO. This budget line-item also supports students who wish to attend POE events.

TAO publicity of chapter events

Sally Casto will be invited to write articles for the next *Guilders* and TAO. The TAO article will be passed on to Luke to pass on for publication in TAO. Anthony Fabro may have HD pictures to share – Luke will ask about that.

February Flourish review

Dean Gerke thanked everyone involved. The event was very well-received.

100th Anniversary Publicity in Dispatch, WOSU, etc.

WOSU publicity rates:

- Two ads could be run on the WOSU 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.

At the January meeting, we decided to not place website ads.

At our next meeting, we need to decide on how many audio ads to place.

Dean Gerke will look into placing an ad in The Columbus Dispatch, as well as contacting the Dispatch Music editor in hopes of a free article about our events. Various members offered to take

posters to local nursing homes to post. They will each email Dean Gerke to coordinate this effort. Dean Gerke will get information from Al about details to print on a poster by Wilson Printing.

Dean Gerke furthermore encouraged us all to be as welcoming as possible to young organists and possible new members at all of our events. They may even be invited up to the console at the Ramirez event.

Restoring the Mershon Organ at OSU (Schantz)

To host an event at Mershon, the AGO would need to pay a rental fee. Clark Wilson has done some work to bring the organ back to life. Anthony Fabro is continuing to research the possibility of a project; Dean Gerke encouraged Tyler Robertson will be in touch with various people at the OSU School of Music, and be in touch as events move forward.

April 2018 Elections – Brian Johnson (Chair of Nominations)

- Agreed to run: Clark Becker, Rebecca Abbott, Bianca DeMaria
- To-be-asked: Dennis Davenport, Anthony Fabro, Mari Kay Dono

Ideally, three more people will agree to run. All current officers have agreed to run again.

The Nominating Committee of Brian Johnson and Jan Sprecher was approved.

Info on people running and the completed ballot must be submitted to Rebecca Abbott by March 5.

Ideas for Columbus Chapter Programs, Jan-May 2019

(Fall 2018 is already planned as part of the 100th Anniversary Celebration)

Tom invited members to think of programs for the second half of the 2018-2019 program year.

- Greg Gyllsdorf (Regional AGO Coordinator for Education) could come do a workshop on taking AGO certification exams. He only asks for one night's lodging.
 - Another option would be to Robert Wisniewski (who has proctored exams for many years) to present such an event.
- A repeat (on a smaller scale) of the February Flourish – especially to include education for new or part-time organists. Jason Keefer will head a team to coordinate this event.
- Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza (or similar event)
- Organ Crawl – exploring local instruments
- Student Recitals
- Member Recitals – perhaps on Bach's Birthday (March 31). Perhaps a Bach Organ Marathon
- May Social/Dinner
- Fall Opening Convocation to kick-off the season and install new officers
- Repeating purely social events (the Post-Easter dinner for young organists)

NEW BUSINESS

Several discussions were had that will require input from members:

- Should admission be charged for AGO events? The additional money could help for more events, and events involving bigger names, to be held. Currently all AGO events are free.
- Review the February Flourish – what events were most helpful, what was least helpful, was the length of time appropriate, what could we offer that would allow you to do your job better? etc.

Luke will arrange for a Survey Monkey link (or similar survey site) for members to share insights on these questions.

Next meeting

Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7pm – All Saints Lutheran.