

# **Columbus AGO Executive Committee Meeting**

March 19, 2018

All Saints Lutheran Church

The meeting was called to order by Dean Tom Gerke at 7:03pm. Members present: Kathie Bracy, Ron Kenreich, Jan Sprecher, Brian Johnson, Clark Becker, Jennifer Kristler, Tyler Robertson, Al Adcock, Jason Keefer, Luke Tegtmeier (via Jason's cell phone), Dennis Crill, and Tom Gerke.

The minutes from the February 26 meeting were accepted.

## **Treasurer's Report & Proposals**

The Treasurer's Report was approved. We are above expected income. The February Flourish netted us over \$1,000.

## **Facebook updates**

Luke re-shared the Phillip Truckenbrod Artists Facebook post on our own page, and encouraged others to "like" that post so that it gains traction.

## **Free student memberships for High School and College students**

No new updates.

## **TAO publicity of chapter events**

Luke has pictures from Anthony Fabro of the February Flourish event; he will ask Sally Casto for text. Then he will send both text and picture in to TAO.

## **February Flourish review**

The Fitzgerald workshop on improvisation was especially appreciated.

## **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.

## **Ramirez concert advertising on WOSU and in the Columbus Dispatch**

The board approved placing 4 ads on-air on WOSU (Classical 101 FM) the day before, and 4 ads for the day of the event have been planned to be aired on WOSU (at a cost of \$216)

Dean Gerke also placed an ad in the Columbus Dispatch for Thursday, April 5. The cost is \$427.76. The board approved paying for this ad.

Al arranged for a poster to be printed for the Ramirez concert – it appeared in the April Guilder. Luke will send the poster out to the membership via MailChimp.

### **April 2018 Elections – Brian Johnson (Chair of Nominations)**

- Clark Becker, Rebecca Abbott, Bianca DeMaria, Anthony Fabro, Mari Kay Dono will be on the ballot for board members.
- Brian Johnson will be in touch with Tim Wilson regarding printing of final materials.

### **Mershon Organ updates**

- Tyler Robertson has a meeting planned with the head of the Music School to discuss plans. The building is in no danger of being torn down.

### **Review of Survey Results**

Luke sent a survey to members asking a variety of questions. Luke's summary was shared.

Highlights:

- People especially enjoyed the February Flourish, the 2017 Spring Social at the Ohio Theatre, the Madame Langlais workshop, and the Organ Crawl.
- Members do not want to see us start charging admission for events.
- Highlights of the February Flourish: The Art of Practicing (Hildreth), Music for Organ and Instruments (Bankson), and Improve your Improv (Fitzgerald)
- Several comments mentioned an interest in events for more experienced organists.
- A list of possible events for next year was provided; the top three choices were an Organ Crawl, an Opening Convocation, and a Recital by a well-known organists.

### **Ideas for Columbus Chapter Programs, Jan-May 2019**

*(Fall 2018 is already planned as part of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration)*

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

Tentative plan:

- September – Opening convocation & dinner to start the season (Tom Gerke)
- *(Firm)* October 19 – Organ and Choir at St. Joseph Cathedral
- *(Firm)* November 18 – Organ and Instruments at First Congregational with James David Christie
- January - Student Recital – (Jennifer Kristler)
- February - An event (not called “February Flourish”) to focus on AGO Certifications such as the Service Playing Exam. (Jason Keefer)
- March (21?) – Member recital on Bach’s Birthday (possibly multiple days and locations?) (Tyler Robertson)
- April - Organ Crawl – exploring local instruments (Luke)
- May - Social/Dinner (Whole committee)

### **Next meeting**

Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7pm – All Saints Lutheran.