

COLUMBUS AGO
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, 13 October 2014, 7 p.m.
St. Paul The Apostle Catholic Church

Thanks to John Bryan for hosting!

Present: John Schuder, Mary Ann Stephens, Josh Brodbeck, Joel Mathias, Mike Hardesty, Jared Bennett, Erin Petrella, Nancy Renneckar, John Bryan, Carol Neff, Mark Stuart

Absent: Al Adcock

The meeting was called to order. Minutes from the September 8 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report.....Mark Stuart, for Al Adcock

All deposits are up to date. Around \$225 in additional directory ads are due. The conservative growth fund has shown some gains. The directory printing was under budget. Expenses from the September recital are paid in full. The report was approved as presented.

Dean's comments.....John Schuder

The financial audit has been completed in September (fiscal year 2014). Books are in good order and accounting is accurate. The auditors, Mark Meuser and Tom Gerke, commended Al on his continued diligence. The report was approved as presented.

The Nickolas Quardokus recital in September was amazing, played with musicality and maturity. A very difficult program, played very well. Thanks to Jim Hildreth and BSPC for hosting.

Josh Brodbeck and John Schuder attended the recent deans' meeting. In Cleveland, they are trying to encourage members to take AGO exams. Due to high application fees, they are reimbursing \$100 to each person who takes the exam. Do we want to consider something similar? Could we start a library of chapter resources, small group studies, mentoring? It would be helpful to have insights from prior candidates on what music to choose and other general advice. Ask Al about budgets, possibly for up to \$100 for six people. Consider a future program on an overview of AGO exams and the process.

RYO competition in 2015: March 8, 15, or 22 (Mark will check dates). Mike Unger was recommended as a potential judge. Jim Hildreth noted that judges cannot be selected until all competitors are known, as there may be no affiliation with the competitors.

Brett Greene is now in Nashua NH. Chris Warner has agreed to be the new Facebook coordinator. Sara has introduced him to the task.

Ron Kenreich has agreed to be the Nominations Committee chair for the upcoming season. Slate of candidates should be submitted by the end of January. Voting in February, decided in March. Ron will select his own committee.

Pipedreams is no longer being broadcast on Classical 101, but can be listened online. John will encourage AGO members, who are WOSU subscribers, to make their concerns known to the radio station.

Programs:

Pedals Pipes & Pizza: 26 participants have signed up. Volunteers from St. Paul will help with registration, nametags, food, etc. John Bryan discussed the plans to date.

January program: to engage all members, we should include additional topics, such as: rehearsal techniques (tricks of the trade); care and nurturing of choirs; balancing styles of church music; clergy-musician relations and how to develop good relationships. Mary Ann Stevens will be a panelist. Possibly Judy Willour? Josh Brodbeck? Carol Ann Bradley? Joel Mathias? Weldon Adams?

Spring social: John Walker has agreed to be guest speaker on May 11. Nancy Rennecker will report on possible venues at the November meeting.

For a possible future program, Sallo Casto is interested in Interlochen Director Tom Bera as a recitalist, and would be a good speaker as well (Saturday workshop).

A concert recitalist expressed interest in advertising in the Guilder. Josh Brodbeck knows him, and will contact him to learn more about his interest.

Next Meeting: Saturday, November 15 at St. Joseph Cathedral after the morning workshop.

The meeting was adjourned.