

COLUMBUS AGO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Monday, August 22, 2011

Time: 7:00 pm.

Place: Osborn / Hendrickson Residence

Present: Weldon Adams, Al Adcock, Pauline Fritz, Brian Johnson, Katie O'Keefe, Stan Osborn, John Schuder, Sara Seidal, Mark Stuart

Absent: Josh Brodbeck, Terry McCandless, Sara Montgomery, May Schwarz

Thank you to Stan and Bob for hosting the meeting and for providing a wonderful meal!

Sara introduced Anthony Fabro, the chapter's new Webmaster. His services are appreciated.

The meeting was called to order.

Treasurer's Report ..... Al Adcock  
Membership renewals account for ~\$2000 less than last year. The income may be less than budgeted, which could lead to a shortfall of up to \$2700; a closer look at expenses may be warranted. Most easy savings have been captured. Printing costs were reduced from \$4000 to \$1520. The finances will likely be in the black this year due to the remaining surplus, but the surplus will be exhausted. Regarding the conservative growth investment account, it is hard to gauge investment income/interest due to market fluctuations. All current bills have been paid. The report accepted as presented.

#### 2011-12 Programs

- September 19 (Monday): Katelyn Emerson Recital and Installation of Officers
  - 7:15 pm. installation, 7:30 recital; Broad Street Presbyterian
  - Katelyn won the Regional Competition in Lexington
  - Team: John Schuder, Tom Gerke, and Weldon Adams

John reports that the program is on track. Katelyn is driving from Oberlin and may be staying with Pauline. Need to find additional funds for mileage, if needed (~\$100). John will ask about her expectations. Jim Hildreth has been very helpful as always. No firm expenses involved with BSPC. May need to pay a doorkeeper if there is no other program. It was suggested that John ask if BSPC would be willing to underwrite the doorman fee since we are paying for recital. There was a discussion on the principle of sponsor churches taking a freewill offering at chapter events. Members should not feel like they have to pay again. It was agreed that in this economy, churches should have the option to ask for an offering at AGO events. Proper communication in advance of events should help smooth the way. AGO policy should be consistent for all events. A freewill offering would be perceived differently from a door donation. Sara will write an explanation of policy for *The Guilder* stating that the AGO strives to "help support the people who support us". AGO programs remain free, and freewill facility offerings are 100% voluntary. Al will ask Cindy for a proposed format for the officers and Executive Committee installation. 7:15 installation, 7:30 program. John is handling refreshments for event. Paragraph needed for directory.

- October 30 (Sunday): Halloween Program
  - 3:00 pm.; Northwest Christian Church
  - Team: Al and Cynthia Adcock, Brian Johnson, Katie O'Keefe

A directory announcement has been sent in. A magician has been procured. Al is in the process of contacting other organists. The church will provide a reception, which may draw attendees from an Arlington community event.

- November 12 (Saturday): Two Workshops
  - 9:00 am.-noon; Broad Street United Methodist
  - (I) Improvisation (Bob Wisniewski, Chuck Yannerella)
  - (II) Sacred literature for solo voice and organ (Al and Cynthia Adcock, Katie O'Keefe)
  - Team: Brian Johnson, Al Adcock, May Schwarz

There has not yet been a response from Bob. An alternate may be needed, or Chuck is willing to lead the entire program if needed. Brian is assembling a list of vocal resources based around liturgical seasons. Sara reminded everyone that all program committees are responsible to submit descriptions to Weldon for *The Guild*.
  
- February 13 (Monday): Worship Leadership Workshop
  - 7:30 pm; First Congregational
  - Jamie Bobb
  - Open to musicians, clergy, all interested
  - Team: Pauline Fritz, Terry McCandless

No updates. No anticipated costs.
  
- April 22 (Sunday): Langlais Masterclass with Ann Labounsky
  - 4:00 pm; Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
  - Team: Stan Osborn, Chuck Yannerella, Josh Brodbeck

Ann is all set. The format will be lecture/recital. Ann may request mileage reimbursement (not yet mentioned), but housing will not be necessary.
  
- May 14 (Monday): Spring Social Event
  - Time, place, team, program TBD (location to have a digital instrument)
  - This date was selected to be well removed from Easter, Memorial Day, and Graduations
  - Team: Mark Stuart, Sara Montgomery

Mark and Sara will get together soon to plan. It was suggested that the venue have an electronic organ (St. Matthews?)

Part-time Musicians Task Force Report ..... Pauline Fritz  
 Pauline was given a contact for the Episcopal church, and she is working on reformatting to their specification. The ELCA Southern Ohio synod has asked the AGO to provide a workshop for their leaders at an upcoming convention (the audience is delegates, both lay leadership and clergy). Sara will put Pauline in contact with Paul Barte once the ELCA sets more concrete expectations.

Hospitality Report..... Pauline Fritz

- Discussion of the note from the President in the July TAO

The chapter has been making some progress on wearing name tags The chapter needs to continually work on breaking down isolation, respect others, and treating them as equals. "Honey catches flies." Music and enthusiasm for the organ is a common bond which needs to be continually strengthened. People need to feel welcomed and warm. A members' table with guest book and name tags should be visible and accessible at all events. Recognize and greet new members. Print in programs: "See someone with a name tag if you have questions or need help." Pauline will source ribbons for Executive Committee badges. Sara in her introduction will ask participants to greet someone new and invite new members to introduce themselves (and to introduce guests). Printed name labels at each meeting would incur unreasonable cost and waste. The Executive Committee is to attend all events and come early to greet. Others can be enlisted to help. Jan Dunphy may be willing.

Discussion of Substitute Organist Fees..... Pauline Fritz  
There is a desire to unify fees and expectations, as the National website has very broad guidelines. There was discussion of a proposal to make local fee guidelines. It was felt that such a document may be perceived as collective bargaining. Also, fees and expectations vary too widely with congregations, instrument, program, time, etc. A decision was made to pursue a guideline document to chapter members, which will include what things do need to be considered when substituting, how to avoid pitfalls, what to ask about. Pauline will work on a draft. Regarding the expectations of some churches that substitutes are free, it was agreed that musicians must not undercut the profession; churches should be educated. Weldon will help write articles for *The Guilder*.

Registrar's Report ..... Sara Seidel

- About 19% of members have not yet renewed. The committee split up responsibility to contact those not yet renewed (need info by August 30).

Dean's Comments..... Sara Seidel

- Someone is needed to call those who don't have email when an email is sent. Names were assigned to Executive Committee members.
- Request from Tom Gerke- Thomas Dahl will play at All Saints Lutheran on Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dahl has offered to give lecture on the music of Hamburg on Thursday afternoon. Tom Gerke invites the chapter to co-sponsor the lecture in name only (there would be no financial obligations.) Members may elect to possibly provide refreshments. The recommended time is 3:30pm to avoid choir practice conflicts.
- Discussion regarding non-renewed membership

Next Meeting Date: September 26

Time: 7:00

Place:

The meeting was adjourned.