

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Columbus AGO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 28, 2011, 7:00PM**  
**St. Alban's Episcopal Church**

**Present: Al Adcock, Pauline Fritz, Mark Meuser, John Schuder, Sara Seidel, Mark Stuart, Tom Gerke, Chuck Yannerella**

**Absent: Brian Johnson, Stan Osborn, \***  
**\*one position vacant due to resignation**

Kind thanks to Sara Seidel and St. Alban's for hosting dinner and the meeting.

The minutes of the January 31 meeting had been approved via e-mail.

The meeting was called to order.

Carol Ann Bradley was introduced and welcomed as interim Sub-Dean.

**Treasurer's Report- Al Adcock**

A check and deposit slip was submitted to AGO National for the new online renewal process.

A \$10,000 CD has matured. Al presented reinvestment options from the bank. In summary, the current CD rates are pretty miserable (0.7% for 13 months). The bank has two other bond-fund based investment options; after discussion of the merits and risks, the committee approved reinvesting the CD money into the more conservative fund (70% bond, 30% stock), which has yielded ~5% over the past 10 years. Al was given discretion to reinvest in a CD if hidden charges were found.

Some new memberships have come in from the AGO's 'end of year' membership specials. Al has paid the dues portion to National based on the estimated pro-rated memberships.

Money was shifted in the budget to fund the Bach program as discussed and approved at the January meeting.

For the local competition, the facility may cost as much as \$500 (~\$30 per hour for heating/supervision). Other costs will include \$200 for judges, \$300 in prizes, lunch, and mileage. The committee recommended comparison shopping venues for the next competition. After the competition expenses, there will still be ~\$10,000 in convention surplus remaining, which will drop to ~\$8,000 next year.

The budget report was accepted as presented.

### **Registrar's Report- Sara Seidel**

Not a lot of activity to report between renewal periods. The new website has garnered six membership inquiries since its launch.

### **Committee on part-time musicians- Pauline Fritz**

To advertise the March Bach program, a postcard is being mailed to local Lutherans, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Methodists (North & Southern). The Executive Committee is asked to wear their nametags and be visible at the program to greet people.

### **Nominating Committee- Mark Meuser**

The nominees were phoned by Stan Osborn, Allan Willis, and Mark Meuser. There will be 11 candidates for six spots. The goal is to have a diverse group of candidates, with both men and women. The candidates were approved as presented, and will be announced in the *March Gilder*. After voting, the top three vote-getters will fill three-year terms, with the next highest vote-getters filling other vacant terms. The committee felt that the nomination invitation to the chapter was worth repeating again next year. Bios for officer nominees will be published in the *April Gilder*. Officer candidates are to send their bios to Mark Meuser.

### **2011-2012 Programs- Carol Ann Bradley**

Program dates tentatively include: October, November, Early February, Late April, and a May social event.

The committee shared ideas and discussed their merits for upcoming programs. Some ideas included:

- A cooperative concert / educational even with 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational (downtown) that might highlight the life and works of a composer
- Workshops. Recommend two-event workshops (not three) in the future to give presenters more time.
  - Topics include Suzuki, performance anxiety, practicing, musical memory, conducting, conducting from console, choral techniques for choir, adaptation for organ anthem accompaniment, anthems, handbells, demystifying liturgical playing, registrations, internet planning
- Competition winner recital. Broad Street Presbyterian was suggested as a possible venue, but we would need to check on fees.
- Workshops for pianists thrust into organists roles. A simultaneous workshop could be held for current organists, concluding with a joint session. Sally Casto would be a good resource.
- Event for young people:
  - Organ builder tour
  - Youth organ crawl: should have variety, be funny, educational, etc. Visit various facilities.
  - Alternate with PPP event every other year

- Adult organ crawl
- Social
- Organ and instruments
- Partnerships
- Book study, book club format. Meeting to discuss, with seminary professor. More about “church” than music. Could be a supplemental event, not necessarily a chapter event. Rebecca Abbot might be interested in helping.
- Halloween program, costumes, etc.
- Charity event (perhaps combined with competition winner’s recital)

Sara will begin requesting proposals for co-sponsorships in the April *Guild*.

### **Programs**

March 21- Bach Birthday Bash (Tom Gerke)

All is on track. Tom encouraged everyone to invite others, and reported that Sally Casto has been wonderful to work with. Greeters will be needed at the event.

May 2- Spring Social / Game Night (John Schuder, Mark Stuart):

A report was presented on the progress toward the event. Tim Wilson’s *Brennan Loft* was approved as a venue.

### **Dean’s Report- Sara Seidel**

Minor wording changes were discussed for the Chapter Handbook’s sub-dean position, line 2.

RYCO: A reminder was issued that for the upcoming competition, judges names to remain anonymous until after the event. Rehearsals will be Thursday and Friday, for three hours per competitor. Warm-ups will be 8-9:30 on Saturday. Judges will then arrive to inspect organ and settle in. A greeter has been assigned. Jim Hildreth will welcome the audience and explain the rules. Everything should be finished by 1pm.

Founding date of the Chapter: records show ‘an organists association formed in Columbus in 1916, which affiliated with AGO in 1918’. It was agreed that we have until 2015 to decide on an official founding date.

Next meeting: April 11, All Saints Lutheran, Worthington

The meeting was adjourned.