

Columbus AGO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 7, 2010, 7:30 PM
Seidel Residence

Present: Al Adcock, Pauline Fritz, Mark Meuser, Chuck Yannerella, John Schuder, Sara Seidel, Mark Stuart, Julia Parker, Tom Gerke, Stan Osborn

Absent: Brian Johnson, Chad Baker

The meeting was called to order. The minutes of the August 9, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report (Al Adcock)

As of the meeting, Hector Olivera concert sales are lagging. \$1500 in sales estimated. A lot of door sales are anticipated. The current budget was passed as presented.

Registrar's Report (Sara Seidel)

For the 2009/2010 year, there are 173 members registered, 10 losses, 6 non-responses, and 7 new members. There are 22 repeat advertisers, 3 new, and 2 non-responses. Sara has inquired of Tim Wilson for AGO notecards (for thank-you's, etc.) The quote presented is 250 cards & envelopes for ~\$154. Al noted that policy dictates that any unbudgeted items should include the monetary source (budget category) as part of motion. A motion to debit money from the "contingency" line to buy the cards was passed. The forthcoming Policy Manual needs to cover this budgetary guideline.

Website Redesign (Sara Seidel)

The committee has met twice and has gone over a list of guidance questions / perceptions / functionality. An RFP has been assembled, to be sent to 3-6 vendors. Designer solicitations are requested. The goal is to have the site done before Thanksgiving. There was a short discussion of possible new functionality and features. The Executive Committee was asked to look at other sites and make note of what they do & don't like. What grabs attention and makes you want to dig further? The website committee is making list of must-haves versus nice-to-have features, with the intent of asking vendors for progressive proposals.

Task Force on Part-Time Musicians (Pauline Fritz)

There is nothing new to report. Pauline is soliciting ideas from others. There was a discussion of how to follow-up with visitors or prospective new members. At meetings, the Executive Committee needs to be friendly and visible, and able to give prospective members enough info to pursue further investigation (e.g., mentioning the website address). People who register in the visitor book receive a letter of welcome and invitation. Members should be encouraged to use our website now and refer their friends to it.

Dean's Comments (Julia Parker)

Carol Hofer has located "the box" of historical items. For the October *Guilder*, Al is to write an article about how dues are used. Julia has received thank-you letters from scholarship recipients and is planning to write an article with student quotes & highlights about "your dues at work". For the next *Guilder*, Sara needs articles by 9/15. Julie thanked Sara for her work on the *Guilder* and shared praise for the refreshed design.

The draft document "Duties of Executive Committee Members" was reviewed. The document will comprise a page in the Procedures Manual for the Nominating Committee to share with potential candidates. There were minor changes in verbiage. There was a discussion of attendance policy,

leading to consensus that past departures have been resignations or moves, not due to poor performance or bad attendance. The attendance policy and Dean's powers will be revised with the word "may" which gives the Dean latitude in admonishing or dismissing Executive Committee members. Several 'etceteras' were stricken. The document was approved.

For their work on Election Policies, Julia thanked Tom Gerke and his committee. A discussion ensued of whether more people should be on the ballot for a multiple-candidate election? (Presently, the Nominating Committee effectively names the Officers.) It was suggested to have an open election for Sub-Dean, with the understanding that Sub-Dean becomes Dean unless unfit for duty. Continuity is important for the Dean/Sub-Dean transition, and for the Treasurer position. In general the Chapter should encourage and strive for gender diversity. A proposal was to have open submissions of names to the Nominating Committee. Mark Stuart was asked to prepare a Straw Man of a potential procedure, to discuss at the next meeting.

The Regional Young Organist Competition petition must be submitted to AGO headquarters. It makes the most sense for Jim Hildreth to submit it, if he is willing. To save time, Laura Silva will be contacted to see if a copy of the previous petition exists.

Programs for 2010-2011

September 11& 12: 4 PM, Mees Hall - Hector Olivera Concert (Al Adcock, Chuck Yannerella)

- Final Updates
- Orange cards will be made for members, to be signed for record-keeping. Because there are no credit card sales at the door an emergency IOU form will be available. Al will provide a cashbox; the funding out/in will be captured in the next Treasurer's report. Sara has list of ticket buyers in case they lose them or don't receive them in time. Sara to provide Al current ticket volumes. Chuck reported that Hector is arriving at 2PM the day before the concert; he will make himself available and chauffeur Hector as needed. Unloading is to proceed at Capital Friday PM. Olivera's manager will handle CD sales at the concert. There was agreement to give free tickets to students who help. Al suggested that Julia welcome the audience and thank: Peebles-Herzog, Rocky Reuter, Todd Lacy, Chad Baker, Jan Linker. Rocky Reuter is to be six offered student and six regular tickets. Ushers are scheduled; Pauline has map. Sara is putting together an AGO welcome table, which needs staffers. Al can borrow a vase of flowers from church.

October 30 Workshops

9 AM – 12 noon, Central College Presbyterian (Mark Meuser)

- 1) choral conducting techniques that improve the choir sound (Jim Gallagher)
- 2) registration (John Schuder)
- 3) practice techniques (Jan Linker)

November 15 Program, "Solos, Duets, and Tutti" (Stan Osborn)

7:30 PM, St. Michael RCC Worthington

Jun Kim's fee is \$300 plus mileage. The charity 'Honor Flight' was received as a good idea by John Muller. Stan will send more specific information to Sara. Patriotic selection(s) are encouraged. The program is within budget. Chad Baker has offered assistance. At the meeting there will be to recognize students / scholarships / certificate awardees, but the installation of officers will be deferred.

Discussion on the remaining agenda items was postponed until the November 1, 2010 meeting, per a

motion and vote.

February 13 Hymn Festival at Cathedral. Al will work with Paul Thornock.
Time: Feb 13, 3(?) PM

March 21: Orgelbüchlein – members' recital (Tom Gerke)
7:30 PM, Asbury UMC Delaware

May 2 (Sara Seidel & John Schuder)
Place:
Time:

Next Meeting Date: November 1st Time: 7:00 Place: Pasta Dinner at 6:00, Fritz Residence

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,
Mark Stuart