

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Columbus AGO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday April 11, 2011, 7:00PM
All Saints Lutheran Church

Present: Al Adcock, Carol Ann Bradley, Pauline Fritz, Brian Johnson, Mark Meuser, John Schuder, Sara Seidel, Mark Stuart, Tom Gerke, Chuck Yannerella

Absent: Stan Osborn, *

***one position vacant due to resignation**

Thanks to Tom Gerke and All Saints for hosting dinner.

The meeting was called to order.

The minutes of the February 28 meeting were approved via e-mail, with a minor typographical change.

2011-2012 Programs- Carol Ann Bradley

Potential content for next year's programs was discussed

September – Competition winner Elizabeth Eger. Charity Benefit? Installation of officers? Have charity event at a different program? To be decided at a later date.

Other ideas –

- Family concert: (Intro to organ, photo on organ bench, duets, organ crawl, etc.) Refer to Toledo Chapter directory.
- Potential programs were discussed for school-aged children. This would not be feasible for 2011-2012, but instead could be considered for a multi-year endeavor. Concert for children offered to 3rd graders in Columbus. Location like Broad St. United Methodist Church. 45-50 minute concert offered twice. Grant would be needed – perhaps a proposal to Columbus Arts Council. Vendor needed to pay expenses. At least one year of preparation needed. The discussion was tabled for another time, as the desired is to narrow the scope to churches to attract the next generation of organists.
- Halloween party: family event, prizes for best costume, organists dressed up. Pieces demonstrating the organ. Festival atmosphere. Benefit? Donate goods, rather than money.
- Workshops: improvisation, different levels based on expertise
- Scripted programs: AGO National does not have a list of scripted programs. Anne Labunsky does a nice workshop on Langlais materials. Albert Schweitzer program a few years ago was very good. A custom

program would require a lot of scholarship and work. Jeannine Jordan does a Bach program, but we just had the March Bach program.

- Worship liturgy and hymn playing. (ask James Bobb and/or Ron Jenkins) Winter (Nov or Feb)
- Partnership with Columbus Jazz Arts
- Aside: AGO National has liability insurance policy that covers all AGO events
- Music for solo voice (all registers): old gems, new finds

Treasurer's Report- Al Adcock

All bills have been paid. Al reminded everyone that the financial carryovers from the regional convention will diminish in the coming year. The chapter will need to operate with less of a financial "safety net" once again.

The requested stipend for the cellist at the March program is \$35, which was approved. To cover this and a few other petty expenses, a motion was passed to move \$60 from the Olivera concert surplus to make the March program cost neutral. To support the Lexington chapter's RYCO (regional) expenses, a motion was passed to move \$400 from the website redesign surplus to the RYCO line, to be sent to Lexington. There was a discussion of the budgeted AGO annual fund contribution. The recommended contribution is \$3 per member (per National). It was generally agreed that the chapter needs to continue to sponsor the AGO at the national level. This year's budgeted contribution will be paid. A *Guilder* statement may help promote awareness of this contribution. An idea for the future is to solicit individual members in hopes of sending extra money (e.g., a matching gift type program).

Registrar's Report- Sara Seidel

The online dues payment process has been postponed. This year's registration will be paper-based, as it has always been.

Committee on Part-time Musicians- Pauline Fritz

Sara shared her experience that Deans' Conference attendees were highly impressed with accounts of Pauline's efforts, especially Councilor Paul Barte. There was a discussion on the value and merit of publicity publication, and some members suggested that there is value in repeated contact from the AGO, which needs to be a long term campaign. Pauline continues to seek new/additional ideas.

For 2011/2012, members should be encouraged to invite a friend or colleague to chapter event. Members should promote the AGO through social media. It was suggested that a younger member of the executive committee focus on social media.

March Program Report- Tom Gerke

Tom previously sent out a comprehensive report of the program, which Sara would like to be used as the standard for future program summaries. The report should be amended to include mention of the media mailings sent in preparation for the event.

May Program- John Schuder

The banquet and game night are in the final stages of planning. Brian suggested soliciting an additional raffle prize from the Columbus Jazz Arts Group. He will give them a call. Brian also suggested that Mark (Stuart) contact Morningstar Music and request a copy of Paul Mantz's biography.

Dean's Comments – Sara Seidel

Sara attended the Spring Dean's meeting. The Dayton chapter reported on their organ academy. High school students audition to win scholarship for one year of free organ lessons. We would like more information. Al suggested that at the next WOSU fund drive, the chapter make a donation to support Pipedreams. Al will look into this. Pauline was asked to follow-up with a potential member.

Scholarship applications: The deadline was set at May 30, possibly incorrectly. Next year it should be April 30th.

Election results: ballots should be in by May 1st or brought on the 2nd.

The chapter's anniversary date will be synchronized with the charter, 2018.

June 15 is the concert co-sponsorship deadline.

There was a short discussion on the use of Constant Contact for e-mail support, due to occasional quota problems that prevent sent mail. \$10.50 /month. Sara will get more info. There has been positive feedback from users at St. Alban's.

Date of next meeting: June 6 (scholarship review)

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,
Mark Stuart