

COLUMBUS AGO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, January 16 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: North Community Lutheran Church

Present: Weldon Adams, Sara Seidel, May Schwarz, Josh Brodbeck, Stan Osborn, Pauline Fritz, Katie O'Keefe, John Schuder, Brian Johnson, Mark Stuart, Terry McCandless

Absent: Sara Montgomery, Al Adcock

The meeting was called to order. Minutes from the November 7, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report Mark Stuart, for Al Adcock
Al had noted several line items which have changed since the prior meeting. Most significantly, \$500 was paid for co-sponsorship of the March Hector Olivera concert in Zanesville. Josh Brodbeck noted that his church's concert series will cover expenses for the Ann Labounsky recital / lecture. The corresponding budget line can be zeroed. The treasurer's report approved as presented.

Registrar's Report Sara Seidel
There was nothing to report.

Committee on Part-Time Musicians Pauline Fritz
There was nothing to report.

Discussion of program planning & evaluation checklist John Schuder

The next regional convention will be in 2013. If the chapter wishes to send an RCYO contestant, we will need to have a competition in February 2013. John will ask Jim Hildreth if he will chair the competition again.

Several artists have sent program proposals for consideration.

The bulk of the discussion focused on programs for the upcoming year. In years past there have typically been 5-6 programs, with varying degrees of attendance. The committee discussed having 2-3 programs geared toward higher level topics/artistry, along with a series of smaller focused workshops requiring RSVP. These smaller programs might allow for a better one-on-one experience. They would be smaller in scope and budget. It would allow the chapter to reach and support those who might appreciate a less intimidating and more educational experience. Churches could be asked to help underwrite major program expenses (e.g. facility

fees) where applicable. Sara will coordinate an online survey of chapter membership to gauge interest and to help tailor future programs.

John discussed a New York City chapter event called "organ day for pianists," which consisted of an introductory level talk from an organ builder, and organist/pianist talking about similarities and differences between piano/organ, and then an organist talking about fundamentals. After lunch, participants went in pairs to local organs for personalized instruction. The committee discussed concerns centered around how to publicize such an event, and how to reach pianists or non-members. One idea was to reach out to seminaries, etc.

Another idea was to invite an "organ celebrity" to talk about their career. Candidates included Marilyn Mason, Marilyn Kaiser, Eileen Gunther, Michael Barone, Stephen Hamilton, Tom Trenny. Perhaps someone could give a keynote speech at the spring social?

Other ideas that were proposed:

- Concert of organ and choral music by Wilbur Held.
- Recital by young organists. A benefit concert? Include those who might not be capable of playing an entire program on their own.
- Bach marathon or general marathon.
- Introduction to Hauptwerk virtual pipe organ software.
- A program on electronic organ. – Not highlighting or promoting the brand, but just a program that happens to be on that organ. Registration on electronic instruments?
- Internet resources for organists.
- Exploring performance anxiety.
- Teaching joy of practicing.
- General service playing.
- Conducting from the console.
- Introducing new service pieces & hymns.
- Adapting large choral works to the organ from a reduced score.
- Anthems with instruments- use AGO members as choir.
- Liturgical use of handbells.
- Organ crawl.
- Clark Wilson: Intro/demonstration of theatre organ. (note: Ohio Theater costs may be prohibitive. There may be ways around.)
- Two big programs + social + 2-4 workshops, + competition?
- Josh to look into having chapter partner with churches to coordinate large events. Get Michael Barone- wide public interest.
- Recitals from within the chapter- exchange at each others' churches.

There was a proposal to table the discussion until next time. Sara will send the chapter an e-mail requesting workshop topics.

NEXT MEETING: Discuss how to increase participation of young people and students at workshops and general chapter events.

The next meeting will be on March 19th.

The meeting was adjourned.

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