

COLUMBUS AGO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Monday, May 7, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Fritz Residence

AGENDA

Present: Sara Seidel, Brian Johnson, John Schuder, Pauline Fritz, Mark Stuart, Stan Osborn, Al Adcock

Absent: Josh Brodbeck, Katie O’Keefe, Weldon Adams, May Schwarz, Sara Montgomery

Call to Order

The previous minutes were approved via email and circulated for review.

Treasurer’s Report Al Adcock
Expenses are under budget for the year. 47 checks for the banquet have arrived. The technology budget is above budget because of the Constant Contact survey (re: future meeting topics). The investment account has earned \$350 for the year. A motion was passed to reinvest the \$10,000 principal +accrued interest earned. A motion was passed to reinvest a matured CD for one year. The treasurers report was approved as presented.

Registrar’s Report Sara Seidel
• Beginning renewal season with 167 dues-paying members
• Renewals will be officially due June 30, but typically trickle in through August.
• AGO National has raised rates by \$5. \$3 required to national; \$2 recommended to chapter. There was a discussion on whether to forego the \$2 increase. If so, it should be well communicated to membership to prevent confusion about the announcement in *TAO*. A motion was passed to increase dues \$3 vs. the proposed \$5, foregoing chapter portion of \$2. Sara will communicate this to the chapter to mitigate confusion and to capitalize on the goodwill.

Scholarship applications Sara Seidel
Applicants included:

- Tony Cherup – Holland POE
- Miles O’Flaherty – Holland POE
- Douglas Ritchey – Sewanee Church Music Conference

There was a motion passed to add \$900 to the scholarship budget and give \$300 to each candidate. The \$900 came from by savings realized from the Ann Labounsky program. [This was done because of when the scholarships fall in the budget cycle; funds for the fiscal year have already been spent on the previous year’s scholarships. This one-time adjustment will mean that in the future, scholarship funds can be debited from the active budget.]

Dean’s Comments Part I Sara Seidel

New AGO mission statement: The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music. To achieve this, we

- encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- nurture future generations of organists;
- promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and
- engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

Discussion: 2012-13 programs John Schuder

Per previous meetings, the upcoming year will include:

- One 'significant' recital
- One 'significant' workshop or master class
- Student recital or benefit? (Modeled after the Toledo chapter)
- Top four workshops from the survey
- RYCO Competition

Josh was going to explore several possible concert artists. Paul Jacobs is not available. David Higgs & Janet Fishell are unknown. Higgs is probably booking up, as is Fishell. There was some discussion on whether the program will be a cosponsorship? If so, we need to ensure AGO publicity and recognition. There was concern that "free" concerts/events like Ann's set a dangerous precedent with respect to budget and expectations. There was a suggestion to negotiate with facility over facility fees and give them partial credit. We need to pay careful / better attention to matching performers and instruments. Some information was received advertising a program/master class on Searle Wright (by Andy Kotylo). Broad Street Methodist might have an appropriate instrument. There was a suggestion to try renting the room so members get in free (to avoid hassle and conflict of a collection). This would not preclude other cosponsorship. Sara will ask what Andy's expectations might be for a workshop and recital.

It was discussed that Spring is simply too late to try to book a major artist for the coming year. Looking to the future, David Higgs, Paul Jacobs, and Janet Fishell should still be considered for 2014.

Benefit – possibly tie in with a student recital (chapter members who are also students). North Broadway was offered as a possible venue. John will make initial inquiries.

Workshops:

- 1) Internet resources for church musicians. Choral public domain library. Get Anthony Fabro involved. BSLC (Stuart) could host. A Saturday and a Monday were suggested for possible times. Sara to poll members about internet resources.
- 2) Registration for small instruments. The 5 rank Holtkamp at Capital was suggested.
- 3) Introduction to basic organ building.
- 4) Building parish music programs.
- 5) Items 2-4 tabled for the July meeting.

Discussion: How to increase young people's/students' participation in chapter events. How can the chapter better support this demographic? (Preschool, kids to concerts). A suggestion was to produce a DVD for kids to take home and continue the experience. Publish basic lesson plan with resources for members to do at their church. Get footage of basic organ building this year?

Competition- possible venues include Worthington Presbyterian, North Broadway United Methodist, All Saints Lutheran Worthington, Northwest Christian.

2011-12 Programs

- May 14 (Monday): Spring Social Event
 - 6:00 p.m., Brennan Loft
 - Team: Mark Stuart, Sara Montgomery
 - Suggested raffle ticket prices: \$1 or 6 for \$5?
 - Is cash box needed? How much? Mark to inquire with AI.
 - Talk to Josh about prizes he has collected and email Tim Wilson about prize boxes.
 - Sara Seidal and Pauline Fritz can sell raffle tickets.
- April 22 (Sunday): Langlais Lecture Recital with Ann Labounsky – evaluation

Part-time Musicians Task Force Report Pauline Fritz

There was a discussion of the Part-time Musicians Task Force to decide what next steps may be, since Pauline's term on the EC is up. The consensus was to let it go. The plan going forward is to encourage all chapter members to extend more one on one invitations.

Dean's Comments Part II..... Sara Seidel

- AGO updates from Ohio Deans' Meeting
 - Other changes: Map; Nat'l Council; Committees; Grievances
 - Need to notify early for competition; newly capped at 6 per region
 - Consider a POE in 2013? Discuss next time
 - Complete elections earlier and install as part of May program?
 - Program geared towards preparation for AGO certification?
 - Consider moving to a weekly email update rather than a monthly Guildler? (Cleveland)
- Thank you to outgoing EC Members: Pauline Fritz, Terry McCandless, and Katie O'Keefe

Next Meeting Date: July 23, 2012 Time: 7 pm Place: Powell

Adjournment