

**Columbus AGO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 1, 2010, 7:00 PM**  
**Fritz Residence**

**Present:** Al Adcock, Pauline Fritz, Mark Meuser, John Schuder, Sara Seidel, Mark Stuart, Julia Parker, Tom Gerke, Stan Osborn  
**Absent:** Brian Johnson, Chad Baker, Chuck Yannerella

Many thanks to Pauline Fritz for hosting a delicious meal!

The meeting was called to order.

The minutes of the September 7, 2010 meeting were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report (Al Adcock)**

Al asked for recommendations on the disposition of ticket stubs from the Olivera concert. They were felt to be inconsequential. A motion was approved for him to throw them away. Al also received a \$20 check from concertgoer, made out to him personally. It was suggested and approved that he simply deposit the check in the Chapter account.

A proposal/solicitation received from Opera Columbus was shared. (summary: Hire their singers for fundraisers or concerts.) Opera Columbus requested help in promoting the program. There was a discussion of the merits and concerns of the AGO publicizing this. While it marginally related to the goal of "promoting excellence in music", it is not core to the mission/purpose. It could open the floodgates for other groups with similar requests. It was noted to be similar to an ad exchange, but we wouldn't get anything for it. We could have some leverage in asking for sponsorship credit in Opera Columbus's program, but the benefits of this could be negligible. The consensus decision was to treat the request as a "late coming directory ad" out of respect for paid advertisers. If they choose to purchase the ad, we'll send out in an upcoming *Guilder*. It should clearly state that it is a paid advertisement, again in consideration of other advertisers. The decision was brought to a motion and passed.

**Registrar's Report (Sara Seidel)**

Nothing new to report.

**Website Redesign (Sara Seidel)**

A vendor has been selected. They are working on three sample sites. The committee is reviewing existing content and developing new content. The launch date had to be pushed back because of time needed to review the bids. A request was issued to the chapter to send photos to Phil Everingham.

**Task Force on Part-Time Musicians (Pauline Fritz)**

Pauline reported that she is deliberating additional ways to publicize the AGO to local musicians. She thanked members for their outgoingness at last AGO event [workshops at Central College].

**Financial Audit Report (Mark Meuser)**

Mark reported that the Chapter's books were audited with no discrepancies. Al Adcock was commended on the transparency and thoroughness of his bookkeeping.

### **Dean's Comments (Julia Parker)**

The declaration form was submitted for the Young Organists competition. King Avenue UMC has agreed to host the competition. March 5 seems to be a good date. The January TAO will have an announcement. It was observed that the notice seems short, but others commented that the contest announcement should have been on the AGO website for at least a year, with repertoire and rules. Jim Hildreth will be invited to the EC meeting in January or February to report and ask for any help that may be needed. Marvin and Adrienne Zonheizer (sp?) have offered that they'd be happy to help with AGO events as needed.

From national office, a request was issued from Michael Barone asking us to publicize *Pipedreams* and to not take it for granted. Julia will send memo to Sara to include in the *Guilder*.

Tom, Mark Meuser, and Chuck were asked to contribute to a *Guilder* article sharing their experiences, benefits, or rewards of being on the EC to encourage greater participation. This is needed by Nov 20. They each agreed to write a paragraph, to be sent to Sara, who will compile and edit it. Julie will write the introduction.

For the Spring elections, Mark Meuser was appointed to chair the nominating committee.

There was a discussion of the draft revision to the nominating procedure to the Executive Committee. Mark Stuart will revise and redistribute a second draft prior to the January meeting.

### **Programs for 2010-2011**

#### **November 15 Program "Solos, Duets, and Tutti" (Stan Osborne)**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30, St. Michael RCC

Everything is set. Stan will take care of program printing. We need volunteers to collect money for charity (door). Bill (from Honor Flight) will be asked to say a few words during the program. Money will not go through AGO, but will be presented directly to Honor Flight.

Notices were sent to *The Dispatch*, St. Michael parishioners, and Dayton AGO members. It was also suggested to be sent to the Catholic Times. EC members should arrive by 7PM.

#### **February 13: Hymn Festival at Cathedral. Al will coordinate with Paul Thornock.**

Feb 13, 3:00 PM

We are simply expected to show up and sing. Al will ask Paul to list us in program.

#### **March 21: Orgelbüchlein – members' recital (Tom Gerke)**

7:30 PM, Asbury UMC Delaware

Tom is coordinating with Chad Baker, Marti Rideout, and Sally Casto. He has met with Sally. The feeling is that the "Bach Birthday Bash" should not be dry and mournful. As the Chapter is used to hearing our top notch players, they are considering opening it to other members for exposure. The Chapter will be surveyed as to their favorite Bach piece to play as well as a favorite they don't hear very often. The committee is considering a historical re-enactor to introduce pieces and tell their history. The focus will be on the pieces, not on the performance. The attendees may sit in a circle to sing chorales. Bach may blow out birthday candles (325?). The ideal candidate will be a good storyteller / entertainer. It was suggested that promotional materials *not* prominently feature the word "Orgelbüchlein" so as to not scare people away.

**May 2** (Sara Seidel & John Schuder)

Place:

Time:

The EC brainstormed ideas for the program. A popular idea was a Game Night; Name-that-tune with local “celebrity experts”; Jeopardy; Trivia; Crossword puzzles.

December will have a “Virtual Meeting” to approve job descriptions of Dean and Sub-Dean, Secretary, Treasurer. Julia will e-mail for comments and approval.

**Next Meeting**

Date: Jan 31 Time: 6PM potluck, meeting to follow Place: Meuser home

The meeting was adjourned.

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