

Columbus Chapter AGO

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 13, 2020

All Saints Lutheran Church – Worthington, Ohio

Present: Rebecca Abbott, Clark Becker, Jennifer Bell, Mari Kay Dono, Tom Gerke, Nicholas Fink, Jason Keefer, Jenny Kristler, Carol Neff, Tyler Robertson, Anne Saylor, Michael Schreffler, Bob Wisniewski

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Rebecca Abbott, Dean.

Minutes from the 10/7/2019 meeting were read and approved, after a clarification of wording was suggested pertaining to the procurement of organ/position information for the OnCard site.

Treasurer's Report (as of 12/31/2019)

- The balance on our credit card is \$0.00; deposits totaled \$310.00; checks written totaled \$609.89. The balance in our checking account is \$6,827.13, and the Chase savings account balance is \$5,033.00. Our chapter's total assets are \$27,268.57.
- A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was carried.

Tom reminded everyone that there are usually funds available to cover memberships for new, young organists interested in joining the chapter.

Existing Business

- We had 7 youngsters (not 8) at the recent Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza event. A big thank you to Brian Johnson for organizing the event. Brian requested that more committee members be present at future events.
- About 15 members/guests showed up for the recent Movie Night. Thank you to everyone involved.
- Rebecca wrote and sent a letter to the Columbus Symphony thanking them for their decision to use the Morton organ in the upcoming concert with Cameron Carpenter.
- Our new nominating committee consists of Jenny Kristler, Tyler Robertson, and Robert Wisniewski. Robert has agreed to be chairman. We are looking to nominate three new members at large, so we'll need between five and six candidates. The committee should plan to have a list of names for approval during our February meeting. Biographies will be needed for publication by March 10th.
- 2020 OHS Convention: There was a motion to approve contributing \$1,325.00 toward the David Baskeyfield recital (The Sacred Music Institute of America has also been asked to contribute.), and it was agreed that we would ask that members receive free admission to the recital. The motion was carried. Please contact Rebecca if there's a particular piece you think David should play during his recital.

New Business

- a. Tyler said that St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Upper Arlington, would be happy to host an upcoming Executive Committee Meeting. It was agreed that we will hold our March, 2020, meeting there. Thank you Tyler.

- b. Valentine Matula presented a gift of \$100.00 to the Columbus Chapter AGO. A thank you note was sent.
- c. SMIA Update – Please check their website for information on new courses and learning opportunities. www.SacredMusicInstitute.org
- d. Upcoming Student Recital – Sunday, January 19 at Worthington Presbyterian Church. Four students are currently signed up. If you know of any students who might be willing to play, please contact Jenny Kristler as soon as possible. We're grateful that Worthington Presbyterian's been so supportive of this event. Thank you Jenny for planning everything!
- e. Mari Kay and Michael recently contributed articles that should be ready to publish in upcoming Guilders. Thank you.
- f. Thank you to Tyler for organizing the February 10th Dessert and conversation with G. Dene Barnard and Marti Rideout. Tyler will handle procurement of desserts (\$500.00 was budgeted for the event). This event is free to members, and no advance registration is necessary. Let's plan for at least 40 guests.
- g. This year's Quimby Recital will be held in the fall, and Noah Klein said he'd be delighted to play. Tom suggested an abbreviated Convocation coupled with Noah's recital. Let's plan to ask Noah if he has any preferred dates (Mondays seem better for the AGO, but Fridays may also be possible.) and then the board will make the decision. We should ask Noah if he has any preferred venues in mind.
- h. There was a motion to implement "suggested donations" at future AGO-sponsored concerts as a way of generating revenue for our chapter. The motion was carried. Many board members agreed that \$10.00 would be a good amount to suggest. An announcement introducing this will be included in a future *Guild*.
- i. Electronic Ad Sales in *The Guild* to help supplement our chapter's income was discussed. Let's keep it simple for now and see what direction it takes. For now, we will only accept camera-ready art; otherwise someone would be needed to convert images into a usable format. Someone will have to be responsible for writing up the sales information. Rebecca will do more research and suggest prices for quarter-, half-, and full-page ads. There was a motion to begin newsletter ad sales. The motion was carried.
- j. Because of Rebecca's responsibilities as Dean, she suggested it might be a good idea to consider finding a new editor for *The Guild*. She would be more than happy to teach the new individual. Please contact Rebecca if you have any questions or recommendations.
- k. John Schuder asked Stephen Sollars to organize our upcoming Game Night (May 11, 2020) at Schmidt Haus. John Schuder and Sara Seidel said they would help out.
- l. We need to begin brainstorming ideas for next year's events at our February meeting.

Next Meeting

Monday, February 17, 2020 at 7:00pm. All Saints Lutheran Church, Worthington. Potluck dinner at 6:15pm. Please email Rebecca if you would like to consider holding future meetings at another location.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.