

Columbus Chapter AGO

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 17, 2020

All Saints Lutheran Church – Worthington, Ohio

Present: Rebecca Abbott, Clark Becker, Tom Gerke, Nicholas Fink, Jason Keefer, Jenny Kristler, Carol Neff, Anne Saylor, Bob Wisniewski

Absent: Jennifer Bell, Mari Kay Dono, Tyler Robertson, Michael Schreffler

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by Rebecca Abbott, Dean.

Minutes from our 1/13/2020 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

- As of 1/31/2020, there were no charges to our Chase credit card; the balance is \$0.00. Our Chase checking account deposits totaled \$288.00. Checks written totaled \$246.97. The balance in our checking account is \$6,868.16, and the Chase savings account balance is \$5,033.04. Our J.P. Morgan securities account balance is \$15,581.73, and our chapter's total assets are \$27,268.57.
- Tom confirmed that our annual audit occurs in June.
- A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was carried.

Existing Business

- OHS Convention – Payment for our co-sponsorship of the David Baskeyfield recital during the upcoming OHS convention will be sent once Tom receives an invoice. The executive committee recommends that the OHS should include our chapter's website address in our convention booklet acknowledgment.
- February Conversation with G. Dene Barnard and Marti Rideout – It was agreed that having an MC was a good idea, as it helped shape the conversation and made microphone logistics easier. The event was a success, and we'd like to thank everyone involved. After procurement of the excellent desserts/refreshments, we came in under-budget. The event was video recorded, and once permissions are obtained from Marti and Dene, we plan to post it on our chapter's website.
- Rebecca is still in the process of obtaining information regarding newsletter advertisements; discussions on the subject will continue in a few months. Anne Saylor volunteered to take a look at various Great Lakes AGO chapter websites to assist in the gathering of information for Rebecca.
- From the Nominating Committee: Thus far, Thomas Kolar, Leonard Napper, Brent Nolte, and Michael Vicario have agreed to have their names on the ballot for our upcoming election. Jenny and Bob are working on a couple more individuals, including Alex Chacon. The motion to approve these candidates was carried. Election cards need to be mailed out no later than early April. They'll be due back by April 30th.

New Business

- a. It was decided that, as Mr. Boyle now handles our chapter's communications, Rebecca will ask him to be responsible for communicating to the TAO information and photos relevant to recent chapter events, after they've happened.
- b. Chaplaincy: Cynthia Adcock has decided to retire from her tenure as our chapter's chaplain, and we graciously thank her for her many years of service. This means we will need to nominate a new chaplain soon. Duties are limited – primarily to confirm officers at our Banquet in the spring, say a small prayer, etc. Pastor Morris at Prince of Peace Lutheran might be a good candidate if he's interested. Bob will contact him and report back at our next meeting.
- c. Nicholas and Jason were both asked if they are interested in continuing for another year as officers. Both said yes. Tom is willing to continue as Treasurer for another year as well (until Mark returns). Steve Trumbull might be someone to contact about the post of Treasurer in the event Mark is unable to take over if/when he returns. We might also consider Dan DiSanto for the Treasurer position.
- d. Rebecca has appointed Brent Nolte (from Ohio Christian University) as our chapter's new newsletter editor. Rebecca has been working with him and thinks he'll do a fantastic job.
- e. Game Night Tables: Schmidt Haus doesn't have round tables (which the Game Night committee has decided are necessary), so we'll need to consider options for borrowing what's needed, transportation, etc. If you have recommendations, please let Rebecca know.
- f. Regarding our March 20th Jazz Organ Music program: Rebecca is happy to make up a poster for publicity. We should consider sending it to *The Weekender (Columbus Dispatch)/Columbus Alive*, etc. We might also consider posting it in area libraries. Rebecca will contact area college/university music departments about hanging posters. Clark will take one to Stanton's. Rebecca will email the poster to the board so we can distribute anywhere we think appropriate. It was decided that we will have OnCard information cards prepared for inclusion in the concert program. AGO members can fill them out and turn them in at the reception, or mail them in. If you are willing to give rides to chapter individuals who might not otherwise be able to make it to this event (or any other chapter events), please let Rebecca know.
- g. Possible Programs for 2020/2021:
 - Fall Quimby Winner Recital/Short Convocation Service/Reception – Free Event
 - Informal Member's Recital
 - An event (Oktoberfest?) situated around a German organ theme; possibly to help celebrate the upcoming 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth? We might consider having Schmidt's cater. This event should be on a Friday night, while the others could probably all be Mondays.

- Student Recital in conjunction with February Flourish. Would Jason and Mari Kay be willing to plan this? We will need to know by our March 30th meeting.
- March or April, 2021: The following organists have contacted our chapter about their willingness to play a concert if we are interested: Jens Korndoerfer, Tina Christensen, Matt Johnston, and Sergio Militello. Christoph Bull might be another possibility. Are there others (perhaps individuals who are more widely known) who we should consider? Please contact Rebecca with suggestions. Carol Neff will contact the music director at First Community Church, Columbus, about the possibility of hosting this event to showcase their new Klais organ that is currently being installed. Our hope is that whoever is chosen will perform a recital on Friday night and head up a masterclass or workshop on Saturday.
- Workshop – Alexander Technique
- Spring Banquet – May, 2021. Rebecca will ask Brian Johnson if he is willing to tackle this event. Clark also volunteered to assist.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Next Meeting

Monday, March 30th, 2020 at 7:00pm. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Upper Arlington. Potluck dinner at 6:30pm. Please email Rebecca if you would like to consider holding future meetings at another location.