

Columbus Chapter AGO
Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 30, 2020

Meeting via Zoom

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

Absent: Michael Schreffler, Bob Wisniewski

Meeting called to order at 7:13pm by Rebecca Abbott, Dean.

Minutes from our 2/17/2020 meeting were emailed, in advance, to Committee members for review. Anne Saylor moved to approve said Minutes. Carol Neff seconded, and the motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report

Chase Credit Card Usage: We paid \$128.00 to AGO HQ for young organist AGO memberships for Weaver, Cherup, Garrett, and Garrett.

Checking Account Balance as of 3/27/2020 \$6,904.16

Savings Account Balance as of 2/28/2020 \$5,033.08

JP Morgan Investments Balance as of 2/28/2020 \$15,358.63

The balance of all accounts held by the Columbus Chapter AGO as of 3/27/2020 was \$27,295.87.

Tom urged us to be careful with our spending, especially during the current economic situation.

Jason Keefer moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jennifer Bell seconded, and the motion was carried.

Existing Business

- A. Spring Banquet – Rebecca has made the decision, in consultation with the Committee, to cancel our upcoming Spring Banquet on account of COVID-19.

- B. Programming for Next Year
 - 1. September 14, 2020 – Noah Klein at St. Joseph's Cathedral. \$500.00 stipend, plus travel and hotel (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday). Not sure about the reception cost yet. Rebecca to follow up regarding travel information.

 - 2. October 16 or 23, 2020 (preference for the 16th) – Oktoberfest with Bill Antoniak (accordion) and Rebecca Abbott (Organs of Germany). Presenters are donating their time. Mari Kay, Jennifer, and Tom are checking on beer donations. We've cancelled our reservation with Schmidt's; a refund check will be sent to Tom. However, in an effort to support local business, perhaps we could still consider having Schmidt's cater?

3. November 6 or 13, 2020 (preference for the 13th) – Jazz Organ with Rhonda Edgington. Total of \$500.00 for both performers. It was suggested that we give them an additional \$150.00 for the inconvenience of rescheduling. Perhaps we could give them \$250.00 now and then \$400.00 in November (total of \$650.00). Church of the Master, Westerville, still wants to host the event and is planning to cover the reception and programs. Jennifer Bell moved that we accept the above suggestions. Mari Kay Dono seconded, and the motion was carried.
4. February, 2021 – February Fanfare. Arrangements of Lenten Hymns organized by Tom Kolar. Perhaps members could play arrangements. \$200.00 was suggested for treats.
5. March, 2021 – Dale Beaver, Alexander Technique. Dale has confirmed that he is interested. Tom Gerke pointed out that Columbus Chapter members typically don't receive payment for events, but we could offer \$150.00 for travel. Suggested \$200.00 for treats. Possible locations are MVNU Chapel, St. Agatha, and Peace Lutheran.
6. March/April, 2021 – Performer. With the completion of the new Klais organ on hold, Clark Becker's alternate suggestions are Carol Williams or Herndon Spillman at First Congregational Church (on the Kimball organ). Either 4:00pm on Sunday, March 7th, or 4:00pm on Sunday, April 25th, 2021, could work. Isabel Demurs was also suggested for this program. This would be a co-sponsored event; we will split the artist fee with the church. At present, we're probably looking at \$2,000.00 for the artist fee plus \$500.00 for travel.
7. May, 2021 – Game Night and Member's Meeting. All Saints Lutheran is likely still interested in hosting the event, though we need to try and find round tables. It was suggested that we charge \$20.00 per person and plan for \$200.00 for needed supplies. Possibly Monday, May 10th.
8. August/September, 2021 – Rebecca will contact Christoph Bull about the possibility of playing a recital on the new Klais at First Community Church. Expenses will likely be: \$2,500.00 for the Friday recital (plus flights and hotel), \$500.00 for the Friday reception, \$400.00 for the Saturday master class, and \$200.00 for Saturday refreshments/treats.

Jason Keefer moved that the above (tentative) schedule of events and expenses be approved. Anne Saylor seconded, and the motion was carried.

C. Advertising in the *Guilder*

Our plan is to offer only full and half-page ads at this time. Advertisers may choose a full year or month-to-month. Ad deadlines will need to be clear. Camera-ready art only.

Full-page \$100.00/year or \$20.00/month

Half-page \$50.00/year or \$10.00/month

Jennifer Bell moved to accept our new plan for *Guilder* advertisements. Jason Keefer seconded, and the motion was carried.

- D. New Chaplain for the Columbus Chapter – Thank you Bob for searching for new Chaplain candidates. Bob’s suggestion is Reverend James Childs, Jr., Ph.D., who is Joseph A. Sittler Professor Emeritus of Theology and Ethics, Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University.

Tyler Robertson moved that we accept Reverend James Childs as our new Chaplain. Mari Kay Dono seconded, and the motion was carried.

New Business

- A. Ryan Boyle is planning to look into alternate email options, as Mail Chimp will begin charging \$30.00/month for services.
- B. Ballots need to be sent out by April 15th and should be due by May 15th. Wording of Motions for the May business meeting needs to be included as part of the ballot. An email will be sent to Committee members for final approval before ballots are printed and mailed. Jason Keefer moved to accept this decision. Carol Neff seconded, and the motion was carried.
- C. Next Meeting – Monday, April 27, 2020 at 7:00pm. This will be another Zoom meeting.
- D. Sacred Music Institute of America – Please see their website for more information on two upcoming free seminars. www.SacredMusicInstitute.org
- E. A copy of our current *Dean’s Timeline* and *Program Checklist* has been emailed to all Committee members. Each member is asked to review so we can discuss during our next meeting. Jennifer Bell volunteered to look at the Checklist for possible update ideas. (Thank you!)
- F. The Committee agreed that we should honor Al and Cynthia Adcock in our upcoming *Guilder*. Let’s see if Michael Schreffler is interested in doing the write-up. Or if there are other suggestions, please let Rebecca know.
- G. Should we consider adding a link on our website for “gift” donations to our chapter to help boost revenue? We will make a decision in a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.