

Dear AGO Members,

The 2014-2015 Board met on August 18th, 2014, to plan for the upcoming year. It was a brainstorming session. A large portion of the discussion centered how our local chapter can promote the mission statement of the American Guild of Organists:

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.*

During our brief discussion we all put forward ideas on how we might, here in Spokane, reflect the AGO Mission Statement. This was a preliminary discussion which we hope will be ongoing. The Board is always open to your input, either by contacting by email or phone any of the Board members. You are an integral part of the agenda and your ideas are solicited and valuable. My email is: jimkholmes@comcast.net

Included in this newsletter are the minutes of that meeting. We will convene again on September 21, 2:00pm, at Carolyn Payne's house to continue the discussion started at the first meeting. The Board would like to remind you that board meetings are always open to the general membership.

Also included here is a preliminary calendar of events, which covers fall 2014 and spring 2015. As noted in the calendar, the specifics of some of the events have not yet been determined.

Tyler Pattison was married at the end of August (congratulations!) and has moved to Seattle. The Board recommended that Ty Peterson be asked to join the Board to fill the vacant position. I called Ty and he has agreed to fill Ty's position.

The first event on the calendar will be held on October 3rd, at the home of Tom Jefferson, AGO member, to experience his impressive Rogers (and more) installation. Tom has asked a few member organists to perform, after which, the organ will be open to anyone who wishes to play. So, bring music and your organ shoes. This event will begin at 5:00pm with a potluck. The organ demonstration will begin at 6:30. A few details about the evening remain to be set. You will be notified by email when they are. It should be a wonderful evening, so please plan to attend. Address: 6715 S. Mount Vernon St. Phone: 822-7968

Jim Holmes, Dean
Spokane Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Calendar of Events

Sept. 21 Board Meeting 2:00pm at Carolyn's
Oct. 3 Organ party at the Jefferson's starting at 5:00pm
Oct. 12 Chris Nelson recital at St. John's at 4pm.
Nov.
Dec.
Jan. 2 Epiphany party at Vince's
Feb Movie and Potluck Dinner -- David Starkey's Music and Monarchy.--St. Mark's
March
April
Spring 2015 Organ crawl and wine tour perhaps to Walla Walla—to be arranged
May
June 15 Spring picnic Czoski's—time to be arranged

NOTE: The details for the January through June events will be provide when available

Board Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2014, 2 p.m.

In attendance: Janet Ahrend
Byrl Cinnamon
Nisha Coulter
Jim Holmes
Chris Nelson
Ty Pattison
Carolyn Payne
Vince Roland

Absent: Robert Carr
Carol Arndt

Treasurer's Report

Banking account \$8,061 (includes \$947.45 education fund)
Bank CD \$12,002 (the bulk of this came from the 1999 Regional Conference plus some income from Chapter CDs)

Annual commitments: Music Fest \$100
Lifetime membership given to Barbara Rockwood

Other possible expenditures: Scholarships
Professional musician fees
Blanche Kangas membership for bell contributions

As of 8/16, 32 members have paid dues to National.

Old Business;

We will ask Kent to reopen discussions at LC concerning their use of and our access to their organ.

New and Continuing Business;

Carolyn moved and Byrl seconded a motion to donate \$200 to St. John's Cathedral's Second Sunday fund, to use as they see fit, noting that we honor and support Chris Nelson's October 12, 2014 recital.

Much discussion ensued as to how to engage the general community in awareness and support of the organ.

Vince will investigate the \$\$ amounts for syndicated radio organ programs and some stations which might be engaged to air them.

Janet will talk to Gonzaga about their radio station and will speak with Vern Wyndam.

There was a discussion about how the Chapter's funds are invested. Vince will be investigating that issue.

There was also a discussion about bringing an organist to Spokane to present a recital and master class.

If we do bring an organist to Spokane, it was suggested that giving tickets to students for the recital and organ master classes would be a way that we can promote organ and music among the youth of Spokane.

Tyler Pattison cited his upcoming marriage and subsequent move to the Westside as necessitating his resignation from the Board as a member-at-large, effective September 1, per a following contact. It was suggested that Ty Peterson might be asked to fill that position.

Much work was done to create a calendar for the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Nisha Coulter