

Organ Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, 16 March 2021 8:00 PM EDT

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Michael Quimby at 8:03 PM.

Roll Call: Michael Quimby, chair; Greg Crowell, Nick Daniels, Michael Diorio, Lynn Dobson, Annie Laver, Patrick Summers; Ed McCall-CEO, Marcia Sommers, scribe; Carole Terry was unable to be here.

Minutes of January meeting – approved as read

Report of the Finance Committee

Anne Laver, chair

- Have met twice since our January meeting
- In Feb, wrapped up 2020 statements; good news is that we finished + \$90,000.00
- Testament to Ed's careful financial management
- 2020 Document has been sent to our accountants; this is earlier than in past years
- Good start to 2021; balance sheets all good
- Need to vote to allow other persons to sign checks in Ed's absence
 - Would require 2 signatures on a check
 - Greg thinks this may be unusual
 - Somewhat difficult because of geographic distance of Board members
 - Tabled until our next meeting; Ed will look at best practices
- Will want to speak with the Board about charging the Temporarily Restricted Funds a small fee in the future for administrative expenses. Will share more at our next meeting

Investment Committee

- Patrick and Ed have been working closely with CLA, our accountants.
 - To assure that the funds are labelled correctly, and are clear on Permanent Restrictions vis à vis Temporarily Restricted Funds.

CEO Report

Ed McCall

Kaleidoscope of Colors – going very well

- All instruments are lined up
- Contracts from most of our players, along with photos, stop lists
- Chris Anderson will chair the publication booklet
- We are at 95% of sponsorship funds
- Several AGO chapters are sponsoring
- Opening instrument is an Appleton at the Metropolitan Museum, closing night is Princeton University Chapel
 - We are even going to have suggested meals and beverages for each night
 - 15 young authors researching and writing about the instruments

- Ed is going to be a guest on RCCO's podcast regarding online organ recitals
- Biggs Scholars recital – our 3 students are putting their programs together
- Richard Spotts has started working 3 days a week
- OHS Catalog – going very well
 - Putting 25 packages into the mail @ every 3 days

Membership Committee – Michael Diorio is chair of this group

- Dynamic committee, good discussions and work from that group
- Connecting with our newest members
- Will be looking at connections with college and university programs
- Considering a survey to our membership, looking for specific information and suggestions. Survey will go out in the fall
- Meeting monthly here at the outset
- OHS sent out 124 packets to colleges and universities with organ programs
- The Library and Archives Committee wants to make connections to encourage students to use the Library, and possibly have Bynum offer organ repertoire sessions by Zoom, etc.
- Marcia reported that we have 41 new members since 1 Jan 2021; 27 are absolutely new, 14 lapsed members who have renewed. This is quite good for 10 weeks into the new year.

National Registry (Historical Organ Citations)

- A bit slow finding the leadership and energy to get this accomplished
- Randy Wagner is very keen on working on this, along with Thomas Murray.
- Ed is going to speak with Joe Dzeda on Wednesday. He will report back on this.
- Ed is reading up on the National Registry of Historic Places, and wants to borrow some of these same ideas for our Organ Registry.

ATOS

- Ed meets regularly with their director, and Bynum is continuing his work on combing through the collection

A/S 878

- Maintenance issues have slowed down our ability to continue with our recordings at Stoneleigh
- There has been a flurry of maintenance activity in the last 6 weeks after a long period of inattention

MOTION: That OHS move to terminate our business relationship with [REDACTED]. Michael Quimby; Anne Laver seconded.

Approved unanimously

Board Structure, going forward

- Anne will stay with the Finance Committee, but wishes to step away from the Board
- Greg and Michael Q. will continue
- Nominating Committee: Dan Schwandt and Dan Clayton
 - Ed will work with this committee
 - Mike Quimby and Nick Daniels offered to serve on this
 - Ed will set up a meeting with all
- Ed would like to stream-line the Nominating process for board positions, and make it clearer for the Membership at large to understand

Documentary: A Breath of Fresh Air

- Ed shared the brief video from DeBergerac
- Donation envelope included in the April Tracker
- We will be sending this brief video off as a teaser; may send to store customers
- Letter of Engagement with DeBergerac
- We have raised \$50,000 already, but would like to raise 1/3 of the costs
- Confident we can reach our goal of \$170,000
- We have already paid \$20,000 for the pre-production materials
- Making it the quality that could be used in a PBS program
- Date? Received about a month ago. Perhaps sign in 2 phases, add contingency clause? If we go back to DeBergerac with additional terms, how will it be received?

MOTION: That OHS move forward with DeBergerac Productions to continue the work on Breath of Fresh Air, spelling out 2 letters of engagement, 1 for Production and 1 for Post-Production, with a contingency clause. Moved by Michael Diorio, seconded by Lynn; Approved unanimously.

Development Committee

- Please send names to Ed, especially individuals not in the organization who have an interest, and would like to contribute and participate.

Annual General Meeting

- we did not have one last year, and one is not planned for this year because of the structure of past meetings during Conventions.
- Marcia and Ed have done some training on Zoom meetings and Webinars and suggest that this could be a good forum for us to hold an Annual Meeting.
- Includes a polling segment that is available
- Questions and Answers structure is built into this
- Panelists could report on Committee work and progress
- Michael D suggested a speaker who could draw members in to attend
- Please give this some thought, and we can discuss this more next month

Associate Librarian; part of our strategic plan for 2022.

- Reaching out to Drexel University, which offers a Masters in Library Science

New Business: None

Michael Quimby adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM

NEXT MEETING: 20 April 2021, 8:00 PM EDT via Zoom