

**Organ Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 8:00 PM EDT**

**Call to Order** by Anne Laver, in Michael Quimby's absence

8:03 PM

**Roll Call:** Gregory Crowell, Michael Diorio, Anne Laver, Patrick Summers, Carole Terry; Ed McCall, CEO, and Marcia Sommers, scribe  
Michael Quimby was out on business; Nick Daniels and Lynn Dobson were not in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes** from Tuesday, April 20, 2021-approved as submitted

**Report of Finance Committee**

Anne Laver, Chair

Anne sent reports around; asks that the Board look at the overview report that includes all of the accounts and liabilities – this gives a more complete picture of OHS finances. In good shape

**Budget vs Actual:** Ed pointed out by July Board meeting, we hope to have a draft revised budget for this year, and a clearer picture of the closing 6 months of 2021. By September hope to have a draft budget for 2022, to be approved by the Board in October.

Membership Committee is going to look at the dues structure and consider any increases.

We will address the credit card over the next couple of months and whittle that down. May use transfers to pay down cc and address the line of credit. Between the next two Festivals (by 2023), Ed believes we can pay off the line of credit.

Patrick asked Board to consider how we manage/control transfers of funds from Restricted Funds into Unrestricted Funds. Is this a Board decision? CEO's decision with Board approval? There are varying ways to handle these throughout the year, annually or on a case-by-case basis. Could plan ahead for these transfers so that we can rely on that in budget planning. We want to reflect the donors' wishes. We will ask the Finance Committee to consider this and make a recommendation to the Board on how to handle these.

**Treasurer's Report – see above**

Patrick Summers

**CEO Report**

Edward McCall

Updates:

- 1.) National Registry of Historical Organs – slow going, but we now believe we have a few people willing to work on this.
- 2.) Toronto people will meet with Ed on Friday.  
We presented a draft schedule and budget to them about a month ago; ahead of the curve on this. Any profits will be divided based on percentage of organizations' members attending
- 3.) Board elections and information on the election will appear in the July Tracker. Will be done online, no paper ballots. Voting August 1-August 31.
- 4.) Donor appeal went out to the large store mailing list for A Breath of Fresh Air (Hilbus cabinet organ documentary). We will bring accurate numbers to the next meeting, but donations exceed \$2,500.00 as of this date.
- 5.) Membership Committee meets next Tuesday evening, May 25, 2021.

- 6.) Biggs Scholars videos are complete, and will be edited by DeBergerac for June 10 production. Airs at 9:00 pm EDT.
- 7.) We have engaged Anywhere Seat to collect emails and data for those attending Biggs and Kaleidoscope. This platform enables donors to make donations while they watch, and visitors can text each other during the performances. Link will be made available from our home page.
- 8.) Bobbie Morkin has asked to step away from chairing the Biggs Scholars program. She has recommended Jonathan Gregoire to chair it, and Ed asked the Board for recommendations. Jonathan is on the Committee, which includes David Higgs, Paul Fritts, James Kealey, Adam Pajan.
- 9.) **KALEIDOSCOPE** – starting to engage people. Ad campaign is going well. Festival Program book is in good shape and coming together.  
Ed requested short promo videos from performers, and those are coming in – they are very good teasers. Ed recorded the welcome at Stoneleigh today. These videos will also go to DeBergerac for final editing.  
Michael reported that we had wonderful conversations with the Metropolitan Museum in NYC; they are putting significant support to this project. Ed has recorded his intro and videos for Kaleidoscope. Patrick asked about an in-person Convention in 2022; we believe the in-person Convention will occur next year in Columbus.
- 10.) OHS will feature concert hall instruments in the 2022 calendar (since Columbus was last year).
- 11.) New toll-free phone number: **833/POSITIF**
- 12.) We may enter into a partnership with Philadelphia AGO in applying for grant monies from the PA State Historical Society to fund the purchase of a large archival scanner.

**ACTION ITEM:** Jim Weaver Prize in Organ Scholarship

- . Membership Committee took all of the recommendations into consideration to flesh out the details of the Prize.
- . Ed shared document for the Board to review
- . Greg Crowell moved that the Board move forward with the prize as planned; Michael Diorio seconded
- Carole commented on her enthusiasm and desire to move forward with this; different clientele
- Anne commented on the uniqueness of this prize
- Greg mentioned the American Musical Instruments Society asking for papers and scholarship; prize money is worthy of people's attention and will attract a different group of performer/scholars
- Motion approved unanimously.

-There were no additional reports by other members not covered above

-There was no New Business

-The next meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on **Tuesday, 15 June 2021 on Zoom.**

**Adjournment,** Anne Laver

8:43 PM