

Organ Historical Society Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday, 19 October 2021 8:00 PM EDT

AGENDA

Michael Quimby called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

Roll Call: Michael Quimby, chairman; Greg Crowell, Michael Diorio, Patrick Summers, Carole Terry, and CW Wescott, Ed McCall, CEO; Marcia Sommers, scribe. Lynn Dobson and Nicholas Daniels were not in attendance.

Approval of Previous Minutes: September 21, 2021
Corrections and additions: None. Approved as read.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ed McCall

Budget vs. Actual YTD – we receive most of our gifts at the end of the year
██████████ is sending a substantial support check this month; Annual Fund begins
480 Membership renewals are slated to come in between now and the end of the year. Attention was drawn to the line item regarding Board donations (anticipated at \$5K) either given or procured from others.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ed McCall

- Ed explained our relationship with Clifton, Larson, Allen Accounting firm, who handles OHS' investments. Their 3rd quarter results were not good, and Ed had a serious conversation that this needs to turn around for the 4th quarter on investments of 1.7 M Put them on notice for the next 2 quarters.
- Thank you for participating in the Members' Meeting last Tuesday! The meeting is posted and can be viewed from the OHS homepage.
- Kaleidoscope viewership is 4,947 as of today
- Tomorrow we will welcome to Stoneleigh **Janeen LaMontagne** as the new Associate Librarian.
The committee honed the list down to 4 personal interviews, and it went very well. Committee was Ed, Bynum, Marcia and Will Bridegam.
- Convention update: Ed received an email on Monday that the Columbus Hilton is breaching its contract with OHS, having to do with a construction and renovation project. Covid and supply chain issues mean neither project will be completed by the time of our Convention, and they already have a convention scheduled for that same week for the city of Columbus, and cannot accommodate 2 large groups. Because DJ Feldman signed the contract for OHS, they reached out to ██████████ emailed Ed on Monday.
 - 1.) Do we want ██████████ to represent us to find a solution?
 - 2.) What should the solution be?

Ed's recommendations are: 1. Solve this asap, and ██████████ name is on the contract. He does have a history of helping OHS in the past and has worked toward our favor to try to get this

worked out. He has signed an agreement that he will not charge us any fees. Patrick recommends that we enlist an attorney to represent us in this matter.

Second option would be to move our Convention back by two weeks; the Columbus Hilton will lower our room rate by \$10 a night, and they are downtown. They are considering giving us a cash settlement as well.

Suggested motion: To allow [REDACTED] to negotiate for OHS if he agrees and signs a document prepared for us by an attorney. Move our Convention back 2 weeks so we can stay in same hotel.

There is some misgiving on the Board for having [REDACTED] represent us at all in this, and misgivings that he did not reach out to Ed when he first got notice from the hotel.

It has to be clean and direct, and the Board has directed Ed to do this negotiating, not [REDACTED].

MOTION: Michael Diorio moved that the Board authorize Ed McCall to enter into the negotiations with the Columbus Hilton, and not engage a third party to negotiate for the OHS. Seconded by Carole. (Ed has experience handling hotel contracts and has done this type of work before.) Motion carried.

MOTION: Carole moved that the Board approve reschedulig the Columbus Convention back two weeks (31 July start date) and stay in the Columbus Hilton. Seconded by Greg Crowell and Mike Quimby. Motion carried.

Patrick would like to have professional counsel be our voice to [REDACTED] once Ed communicates with him that OHS will not be needing his services any further. There was general agreement at this approach with the Board.

- First pass at a 2022 Budget – Ed asked for any questions Members might have
Membership rates are going up; David Haas grant will come in; James Weaver Prize will be inaugurated

It was noted that the current COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) for the PA area is at 5.4% The current suggested increase for staff is only 3%; Marcia to attend Seattle AGO Convention

MOTION: Carole moved to accept the draft budget as a working document, and enter into a lengthier discussion on this at our November meeting before voting to approve it. Greg seconded. Please send any discussion items or questions to Ed, and copy the entire Board. Motion carried.

Update on Annette, who is recuperating from Covid.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Membership Committee: 26 October

Biggs Scholars planning meeting: 21 October

Convention meeting: 22 October

Investment Committee: 5 Nov

OHSLA Committee: 8 Nov

Pipe Organ Registry Task Force: 9 Nov

New Business: None

Next Meeting: 16 November, 8:00 PM, EST

Meeting adjourned: 8:59 PM