

Board of Directors
Monthly Meeting — Via Zoom
December 21, 2021
8:00pm Eastern

The Organ Historical Society celebrates, preserves, and studies the pipe organ in America in all its historic styles, through research, education, advocacy, and music.

ROLL CALL: Michael Quimby, Greg Crowell, Nick Daniels, Michael Diorio, Lynn Dobson, Patrick Summers, Carole Terry and CW Wescott; Ed McCall, CEO; Marcia Sommers, scribe; Kristin Ross, guest

AGENDA

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

1. Review and Approval of Minutes from meeting held Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021

Approved as read

2. Kristin Ross, Executive Director, Wyncote Foundation

Thanked the Board for hosting her; announcing from the Wyncote Foundation that the \$460,000 Recoverable Grant, in connection with the OHS move to Stoneleigh, has been forgiven by the Wyncote Foundation. We have received the documentation for this. Kristin wanted to explain to the Board that the reason this was forgiven was because of the work and confidence Wyncote has in Ed's leadership. They want to give OHS the best chance possible of moving forward, and are interested to see what will happen in our next steps.

Greg offered our thanks to the Foundation; Patrick added that he is ecstatic about this news, and moving forward.

Ed added that \$80,000 gift from [REDACTED] is partially being used to pay off the OHS credit card, and pay down the OHS line of credit to \$25,000.

We have shrunk out liabilities from @ \$600,000 to a much lower amount

3. Treasurer's Report

Patrick is completing the 2020 and the 2021 budget reports.

Patrick has had an informal start to creating a Personnel Committee, which will function in a more ongoing basis and not at just moments that are needed.

Help get a handle on all administrative issues impacting OHS staff.

Patrick is willing to serve as the initial chair of this committee; it can be put together early in 2022. It will include Board Members or possibly an OHS member with some Personnel expertise to serve as a consultant.

The Budget for this year called for a deficit of @ \$8,000, and as of today we are at @ -\$15,000, so we are very close.

OHS also has received a grant of \$10,000 from the PA State Historic Society; the funds will be used to purchase a large scanner for the library.

4. CEO Report – the year in review

- Membership
 - Set a goal of 100 new members; currently at 101 for the year
 - 89 Sustaining Members
 - 154 re-activated members
 - Total of +/- 2,000 members
 - Committee, chaired by Michael Diorio, has done extraordinary work, and is currently planning a new Membership brochure
- Hilbus Restoration continues
- Documentary, A Breath of Fresh Air, continues, and we will need assistance gaining the funds to finish this project.
- Ed is going to pursue a major endowment from the Wyncote Foundation
- Biggs Program – 3 students who presented an online recital
 - Bobbie Morkin has retired; now chaired by Jonathan Gregoire
- National Pipe Organ Registry
 - Committee has done a lot of planning. We will look at this in a moment
- James Weaver Prize in Organ Scholarship
 - Administrated by Rae Ann Anderson

- Ads will begin to appear in February
- Applications open on March 1.
- Less than a year from idea to actuality
- OHS Library and Archives
 - Richard Spotts, hired as Library Assistant
 - Janeen LaMontagne hired as Library Associate
 - Preparing for spring, 2022, book sale
- Changing banks from Bryn Mawr Trust to Malvern Bank
- Investments have moved from CLA to Nehrbas Investments
- Tracker is now being offered in full color
- January Tracker has been put into the mail
- Columbus Hotel contract has been signed; we have heard little from DJ Feldman
- Toronto Festival is moving forward
- Annual Fund is being underwritten quite well
- Marcia and Bynum have provided ‘dream budgets’ to move forward with major underwriting/endowment
 - Including annual symposiums
 - Full-time archivist
 - Bring staff salaries up to the levels they need to be
 - Chiff recordings project

5. National Registry for Historic Pipe Organs

- a. **Motion:** That the OHS approach and invite the following people as Panelists

Moved by: Michael Diorio; seconded Carole Terry

- i. 
- ii. 
- iii. 
- iv. 
- v. 

- vi. Melanie Eberhard as the Panel Secretary (ex-officio) (already accepted)
- vii. Alternates

- 1. [REDACTED]
- 2. [REDACTED]

We will reach out to the first 5 on the list; if any say ‘no’, we move on to the alternate(s)

Approved as read.

6. The James M. Weaver Prize in Organ Scholarship

- a. Motion: That the OHS approach and invite the following people as jurists in the first round for 2022

Moved: Gregory Crowell; seconded, CW Wescott

- i. [REDACTED]
 - ii. [REDACTED]
 - iii. [REDACTED]
 - iv. [REDACTED]
 - v. [REDACTED]
 - vi. [REDACTED]
- 1. [REDACTED]
 - 2. [REDACTED]
 - 3. [REDACTED]
 - 4. [REDACTED]
 - 5. [REDACTED]
 - 6. [REDACTED]

Approved as read.

7. NEW BUSINESS from the board

- 8. NEXT MEETING –EASTERN STANDARD TIME: [Tuesday, Jan 25, 8:00 pm EST], with Membership Committee that same night at 7:00 pm.