

Organ Historical Society Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:00pm EDT

AGENDA

Roll Call: Michael Quimby, chair; Gregory Crowell, Nick Daniels, Michael Diorio, Lynn Dobson, Jan Fulford, Patrick Summers; Ed McCall, CEO; Marcia Sommers, scribe. Carole Terry was not able to attend.

Michael Quimby called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

1. Review and Approval of Minutes from meeting of April 26
 - Note: Michael Diorio does not wish to serve on a Personnel Cmt
 - Accepted with that small change

2. Treasurer's Report Ed McCall & Patrick Summers
 - April monthly report
 - OHSLA spring book sale has increased some from this report
We will continue to refine how we do this sale
 - Salaries & Benefits reflect April being a 3-payroll month
 - Biggs Scholars recital should not be part of the operating expense
 1. Those funds come from a dedicated account
 - YTD donations to the Library and Archives are down
 - Store sales continue to be moderately strong; most likely there is more revenue in the 2nd part of the year
 - CEO expenses are up for the year
 - Large expense to move our email service
 - Archive supplies to outfit Bynum with a new computer
 - Had to purchase new shelving for the Warminster warehouse to get the ATOS boxes up off of the floor and onto shelves

3. CEO Report
 - Toronto Convention (July 2-6, 2023) planning is going very well
 - Events, instruments, venues are working out very well
 - Nathan Laube will play opening recital

 - At least 6 of the instruments are within walking distance of the Hotel, and others are a short train ride away

- Nice melding of RCCO with OHS; very cooperative
- May 20 staff is hosting a Garden Party, targeting local AGO Chapters around Villanova. So far 35-40 visitors
- Today Ed solidified an additional \$150,000 grant from the Wyncote Foundation (David Haas) over the next 3 years.
- Tomorrow (May 18) Ed is convening a total staff retreat for 90 minutes over Zoom.
 1. We were not able to work this out to hold it in person, but we will be dreaming future plans: 5 years, 10 years, 15 years out
 2. Out of all of this will come a frank discussion at our meeting in Columbus.

4. Board Members – a tutorial discussion on promoting the OHS

- ✓ Discussion of the email sent to us by Anne Laver regarding Board-generated donations.
- ✓ .developing fund-raising skills
- ✓ .Board members are present because of commitment to the OHS
- ✓ .becoming a story-teller about OHS as it relates to you personally, and the value that has for others who hear these stories
- ✓ asking people to support the OHS
- ✓ Writing thank-you notes
- ✓ Calling people you know, colleagues, donors
- ✓ vendors who could advertise with us
- ✓ thinking outside of the box to spread interest, develop supporters
- ✓ Ed is focusing on reaching out to donors who have this sort of interest in potentially supporting OHS, which Ed cultivated in New Orleans.
- ✓ Plans developing for Ed to go to Rochester and San Francisco to continue this same development.
- ✓ One person joining as a Sustaining Member at \$10 a month gives us \$120 that we didn't have before.
- ✓ the more people we have sharing our love for OHS, the better off we will be

- ✓ Could you record a simple video that we could post on our website, telling your story and why you support OHS
- ✓ Plant the initial seeds, and follow up paving the path to benevolence
- ✓ Ed will share some documents that highlight this

FEEDBACK/COMMENTS

-Greg noted that the website needs to be updated

5. Update on Columbus Registration

180 registrants as of today

6. New Business

- Ed is going to Baltimore next week, taking out members of the Hilbus Chapter OHS to thank them for their support. Also exploring venues and hotels in Baltimore for Convention 2024
- early June meeting with potential donors
- heading to Toronto in June for the photo shoot for the 2023 calendar (with Len Levasseur)
- Ed applied for a micro-grant with the State of Pennsylvania
- Membership Committee meeting next Tuesday
- hoping to stuff convention bags at AGO Seattle with our Membership brochure

7. **NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, June 21st - 8:00 pm EDT**

Michael adjourned the meeting at 8:46 pm