MINUTES
ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JANUARY 17, 2017

CALL TO ORDER
A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Organ Historical Society was called to order by Chair Christopher Marks at 8:04 p.m. EDT by teleconference on January 17, 2017. Secretary Jeffrey Dexter was present.

ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The Secretary called the roll. A quorum was established. Members in attendance were: Willis Bridegam, Craig Cramer, William Czelusniak, Jeffrey Dexter, Christopher Marks, and James Weaver. Bill Weary, consultant, was in attendance as a guest. Kimberly Marshall was absent.

Without objection, the minutes of the October 20, 2016 meeting were approved as distributed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS
Will Bridegam led a discussion of the December financial report.

CEO James Weaver provided a brief report. The 2017 Twin Cities convention registration will open soon. Jim addressed the Philadelphia AGO ‘January Jump Start’ event. Jim asked for the Board’s direction on the 2017 Provisional Budget. Motion carries.

Will Bridegam moves and Craig Cramer seconds that we ask Jim Weaver to approach the Wyncote Foundation for assistance in funding the following three purposes:
- $250,000 support for the Strategic Planning Sessions (January 29-31).
- $15,000 in support of assistant to the CEO, particularly for fund-raising activities.
- $4,000 to support the services of a writer to help create final drafts of fund-raising material.
Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS
Will Bridegam led an extended discussion on the 2017 Provisional Budget.

Czelusniak moves and Dexter seconds to amend line 8 of budget to $100,000.00. Motion carries.

Czelusniak moves and Cramer seconds to accept the 2017 Provisional Budget as amended. Motion carries.

Chair Chris Marks gave a brief update on the progress of the website redesign.

NEXT MEETING
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be Tuesday, February 21 at 8:00 p.m. (EST) via teleconference.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

CALL TO ORDER
A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Organ Historical Society was called to order by Chair Christopher Marks at 8:01 p.m. EST by teleconference on February 21, 2017. Secretary Jeffrey Dexter was present.

ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The Secretary called the roll. A quorum was established. Members in attendance were: Willis Bridegam, William Czelusniak, Christopher Marks, and James Weaver. Jeffrey Dexter and Kimberly Marshall were absent.

Motion carries.

Czelusniak and Weaver provided an update on fund-raising activities.

NEW BUSINESS
Most of the meeting was given over to a far-ranging discussion of the long-range planning meeting that was held recently in Radnor, Pennsylvania. Bill Weary’s report was considered and reviewed. Members noted a common theme; namely that the OHS is the only organization that is devoted solely to the pipe organ. Further, the OHS is in a unique position to reach out to organists and enthusiasts. In light of Mr. Weary’s unflinching assessment of the organization, it was suggested that we should - as an organization - study how we can improve and move forward.

The budget was reviewed. The NEH Foundation grant is in process.

NEXT MEETING
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be Tuesday, March 21 (the 332nd anniversary of the birth of J.S. Bach) at 8:00 p.m. (EST) via teleconference.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Ratify motion adopted via email: “The OHS Board authorizes the CEO and Treasurer to guarantee the existing restricted fund balances with the OHS General Endowed Fund and to borrow from that fund, if necessary, to solve temporary cash-flow problems.”

Dexter moves to ratify motion. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS
Discussion of CEO succession — process and timeline.

NEXT MEETING
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be Tuesday, May 16 at 8:00 p.m. (EST) via teleconference.

APRIL 18, 2017

CALL TO ORDER
A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Organ Historical Society was called to order by Chair Christopher Marks at 8:03 p.m. EST by teleconference on April 18, 2017. Secretary Jeffrey Dexter was present.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS
Len Levasseur has agreed to redo the Society website. He is working on a draft. A sub-committee comprised of Christopher Marks, James Cook, Craig Cramer, and Jeffrey Dexter was established to oversee the redesign of the website. James Weaver will look for funding for the website updating.

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