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TINTINNABULATION: HANDBELLS IN WORSHIP

Church of the Nativity Catholic Church
1825-11th St. South - Fargo, ND
Sunday, February 21, 1988 - 4:00 PM

AN ENTRANCE HYMN OR INTROIT "Celebration"

Catherine & William Payne

Rosemarie Johnk, Solist

THE PSALTER

"Give Thanks to the Lord"

Douglas Wagner

Dick Unkenholz, Narrator
Susan Clambey, Flute

SINGING OF A PSALM

Psalm 25:1-9

Intonation:
Sharon Follingstad

Peter Halverson, Cantor

OFFERTORY/PREPARATION OF GIFTS

"Aria for Handbells"

Dale Wood

SINGING OF A HYMN

"All Beautiful The March of Days"

Tune: "Forest Green"

HARMONIZATION OF A HYMN

"Pastoral on 'Forest Green'"

Dale Wood

Mary Ann Johnson, Organ
Carole Nelson, Viola

VOCAL ANTHEM WITH HANDBELL ACCOMPANIMENT

"When In Our Music God Is Glorified"

Don McAfee
Fred P. Green

Vocal Ensemble
Chancel Bells

JOYOUS THANKSGIVING

"Antiphonal Flourish"

William Payn

Massed Choirs
Pat Unkenholz, Director

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AGO Handbell Choir & Rejoice Ringers: Pat Unkenholz, Director

Nativity Handbell Choir: Nativity Catholic Church
LaVonne Rustad, Director

Chancel Bells: Lutheran Church of the
Good Shepherd
Judy Sanders, Director

CHAPTER BUSINESS

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES:1-17-88

A LETTER FROM THE DEAN

There is little to report this month, but there are a few housekeeping details, items of interest, etc.:

1. The City of Moorhead has denied us funding again this year. I have written a letter (June 9, 1987) to the Mayor regarding our applications & application procedures in general but have never received any response. If any of you Moorhead citizens have any suggestions or recommendations as to how we might improve our influence on, or approach to, the Mayor &/or City Council, let's hear from you.

2. Treasurer Phil Felde still has some Kinko's bills for which he has not received receipts. The amounts & dates follow:

9-28-87 \$44.47

9-30-87 \$16.32

10-21-87 \$ 1.11

11-15-87 \$ 5.30

Please help Phil by checking through your files, forwarding any receipts you may have, and/or letting him know if you are responsible for one of the expenditures listed above.

3. As most of you are aware, I have been submitting reports regarding our chapter activities to The American Organist. Unfortunately, these brief articles are heavily edited, "corrected," & rearranged, resulting in punctuation, grammar, spelling, syntax & content errors. Please be assured that I have made every effort to submit the information correctly.

Plan to attend the Feb. 21 program, social hour, and meeting at Nativity Church. We'll see you there.

Sincerely yours,

Rod Rothlisberger
Dean

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by the Dean at Dilworth Lutheran Church, Dilworth.

Present: Jack Close, Phil Felde, George French, Rod Rothlisberger, Theresa Smith, Pat Unkenholz.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fund Drive - Phil handed out a list of those who contributed to this year's drive. The question was brought up & discussed as to whether or not we should send out a follow-up card or letter to those who had not responded. The cost & work involved in doing this would be minimal. The idea of making personal appeals, primarily to businesses, was also discussed. The consensus was that Rod should go ahead & research these ideas. Rod asked George to draw up a 'fact sheet' for use with personal appeals to businesses, which he (George) will do.

Church Music Bonanza - Rod has found a church that is available on the proposed date of June 18. Jack will also do some checking at a couple of other possible locations. A definite date & place need to be set as soon as possible.

Membership - Our current membership stands at 103, according to Phil's (Treasurer's) records. The flow of membership information between Jack (database), Phil & Brad Steen (Membership Committee) has been going successfully.

NEW BUSINESS: Pat reported that an estimated 350 voices are expected for the Children's Choir Festival in April. Rod asked her to continue "shepherding" this program as it comes together. Response has been generally very good so far.

Motion was made & seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Smith, Secretary

FEBRUARY MEETING AGENDA

FUND DRIVE

Please come prepared to volunteer your services in visiting one or two businesses in our community to request their assistance in funding our program. Our mailings have been very effective in reaching individuals, but have been disappointing where businesses are concerned. A packet of materials & guidelines will be available to assist you.

ORGAN RECITAL

The Recital Committee (Peter Nygaard, chair), will present a slate of potential recitalists for our consideration. This year's recital is planned for October or November.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING

At a recent meeting of the Nominating Committee, several of us were reminded of the enormous growth of our chapter & the multi-faceted character of our organization. During the past decade we have seen an impressive increase in membership; our programs have expanded to monthly presentations, of which some are major undertakings; and our outreach to the community via publicity, organ demonstrations, & fund drives continues to develop. In addition, the organization continues to serve its members as a social unit, a support group, an educational resource, & a performance venue.

The question arises as to how long we will be able to expand & remain strictly a volunteer professional organization. Certain positions (Dean, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Program, Membership, Finance, & Publicity Chairs to name but a few) have evolved into demanding positions for people who lead otherwise active & busy lives.

Developing programs of interest to our colleagues & to the public, drawing the attention of our colleagues & the public-at-large to these activities, & procuring funds for them have become major commitments.

Therefore, a portion of our next meeting (Feb. 21 at Nativity) will be set aside to discuss where we have been, where we are going, & how we can get there. Does this involve restructuring? Program reduction? Further expansion? Without the active participation and support of ALL of our members in these crucial areas, will our organization face a period of decline?

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

ADDITIONS:

We welcome the following new members to the Red River Valley Chapter, AGO:

Charlo (Char) M. Shirley (H) 235-7934
2813 South 11th St. (O) 241-4765
Fargo, ND 58103 (C) 232-8521
CD: St. John Luth., Fargo

Sub List: Vocal/Choral W/F
Handbells W/F

William M. Jones (H) 233-4494
1303-18th Ave. S.
Moorhead, MN 56560

Sub List: Choir Director S

Gretchen Person (H) 612/641-3456
P.O. 441 Luther NW Seminary
2481 Como Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55108 (C) 612/537-3653
O: St. James Luth., Crystal, MN

CHANGES:

Please make the following address change in the 1987-88 Yearbook:

Michael Byzewski
2620-14th St. S. #13

GREETINGS FROM THE KVAMMES

Kristen & Diane Kvamme send their greetings from Decorah, Iowa, where Diane is Secretary of the Northeast Iowa Chapter of the AGO, & Kris is Newsletter Editor.

Diane will play the dedicatory recital on a 37-rank Levsen organ at Decorah Lutheran Church on February 14.

Their address is:
709 W. Water Street
Decorah, IA 52101

"VOICES OF WOMEN" Concert Held

A special concert entitled, "Voices of Women", featuring music composed & performed by women was presented Friday, February 5, 1988 at 7:30 PM at MSU, Recital Hall in Moorhead.

Among the pieces presented were 3 compositions by Susan M. Clambey of Moorhead: "Rondeau of Praise" for Harpsichord, played by Jennifer Lorentzen; "Joy Song" for Handbell Choir, presented by Trinity Cathedral Chimes; & "Great Joy to All People" for SSA, sung by Women's Chorus of Fargo-Moorhead Area Music Club, directed by Jill Post, accompanied by Norma Halverson. The event was sponsored by the Fargo-Moorhead Area Music Club & Sigma Alpha Iota.

AGO ANNUAL FUND: A NEW TRADITION

Daily Guild concerns have changed over the past 90 years - we now have national volunteer committees on subjects such as Denominational Relations & Chapter Development, & a Task Force on the New Organist, to address the shortage of new students that threatens the future of our profession. In addition, many of the Guild's original services continue - the Professional Certification program, which preserves high standards of musicianship & guides members to improve their skills, for example, has never been in greater demand.

In order to support these & other important programs & services & still maintain affordable dues, we must ask those members who are able to express their conviction in the work & purposes of the Guild by participating in the Annual Fund. Together, we can make the Annual Fund a NEW TRADITION, one that will enable us to continue to serve & promote our original tradition of quality church & synagogue music in this country.

To participate, you may either respond to the mailing to all members sent last November, or send you contribution directly to:

1987-88 AGO ANNUAL Fund
815 Second Ave., Suite 318
New York, NY 10017

All contributions to the Fund are tax deductible.

COMING EVENTS

HANDBELL WORKSHOP DIRECTED BY PAT UNKENHOLZ February 27

Our very own Pat Unkenholz will be conducting the Area VII Handbell Workshop for Experienced Directors & Experienced Ringers to be held Saturday, Feb. 27, 1988 at Calvary United Methodist Church, Fargo. The workshop will be from 1:00-5:00 PM.

Participants will have an opportunity for "hands on" experience under Pat's guidance. You are asked to bring your own equipment (pads, bells, gloves, etc.), if available. The tables will be provided by the church. An afternoon coffeebreak will be provided. NURSERY CARE AVAILABLE. Cost: \$3.00 per individual.

Registration - limited to 75. A minimum of 2-years experience is suggested to participate; much can be learned by observation.

Directions to Calvary UMC: Follow University Drive South to 26th Ave. S. (at the Bowler). Turn LEFT on 26th Ave. for 2 blocks, then RIGHT one block. Church is handicapped-accessible.

Alternate Snow Date - Sat., March 5, 1988.

Call Pat Unkenholz at 232-1435 if interested. Reservations must be made by February 22, 1988.

WOJNAR PRESENTS RECITAL

AGO member William Wojnar will present an organ recital on Sunday, February 28, at 7:30 PM on the recently renovated 42-rank Moeller organ at First Presbyterian Church, Fargo.

The recital will conclude First Presbyterian's Jamestown College Day, which will begin with a performance of the Jamestown College Choir at morning worship.

Professor Wojnar, who is Chairman of the Music Department at the college, will perform: "Chorale in E Major", Franck; "Postlude for Compline", Alain; "Danksam", Reger; & works by J.S. Bach & D. Buxtehude.

The concert is free & open to the public with a reception following.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL: SINGING IN THE SPRING!

Warm weather & warm voices will join together for our special event. Choirs are busy preparing the anthems for our April 24th Festival Concert at 4 P.M. at 1st Presbyterian Church, Fargo.

Charlotte Trautwein, our clinician, has worked with directors at a mini-workshop. The Red River Boy Choir, under the direction of Linda Ferreira, also is rehearsing & polishing numbers for the program.

We hope ALL AGO members will plan to attend this concert in April.

Susan Clambey, Chairperson.

CLERGY-MUSICIAN MEETING, MARCH 13

"Clergy-Musician Relations: A Meeting of the Minds." Sunday, March 13, Plymouth Congregational Church, Fargo.

While final plans have not yet been formulated for this program, please make a point to invite YOUR clergy & any interested church musicians from YOUR parish to this event. We will discuss the importance of the clergy AND of the musicians, as well as the cooperative spirit that needs to flourish in each of our churches.

Soup & sandwiches will be served following the program - which will make your clergy feel right at home! Please use the enclosed card to let us know your plans.

If you have further questions or concerns, please be in contact with Rosie Johnk or Michael Olson. See you on March 13! (We hope that it will be much warmer by then!)

PIPEDREAMS on KCCM (91.1 FM)

Sunday, Feb. 21, 9:30 PM: THE HEROIC MR. HANDEL: Original scores & arrangements from the 'inventor' of the organ concerto performed by various well-known organists.

Sunday, Feb. 28, 9:30 PM: AN AMERICAN ANTHOLOGY. Works by Copland, Hewitt, Persichetti, Pinkham, Hancock, Larsen, Hurd Rorem, Barber, Ives.

Sunday, Mar. 6, 9:30 PM: GOING ON RECORD - A spring quarter review of recent releases of organ music on LP & CD by Michael Barone.

Sunday, Mar. 13, 9:30 PM: RECITAL AT RIVERSIDE CHURCH - Wilma Jensen, Virgil Fox & John Walker.

ARTS CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- Feb. 13 Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble
8:15 PM, NDSU Fine Arts Series
Reineke.
- 14 FM Symphony/Mahkahta Dance -
4 PM, NDSU Fest. Concert Hall
- 18 Fresk Quartet, 8:15 PM
MSU Series for Perf. Arts
- Mar. 6 Concordia Concert Choir
8:15 PM
- 10 NDSU Concert Choir
8:15 PM

IN PURSUIT OF TRIVIA



Stop Shorts

Aeroline: Planely referring to Unison, Panpipe, American, TWA, etc.

4' Coral Bass: Most 4' coral develops on 8' coral, which develops on 16' coral, etc., with the C-floor as the Sub Bass.

16' Bassball Team: The shortstop had to cover third too.

Choir-To-Pedal: When the church bus runs out of gas . . .

All Swell: From the old saying that begins, "All swell . . ."

End Swell: See above. The end of the saying, ". . . that end swell."

Matterhorn: A reed that seems to have something wrong with it.

Octave: A cut down version of the Principal, a relationship easy to remember from Octavius, who was adopted and made heir by his granduncle Julius, and later titled Augustus by the senate, and by recalling that these two were the great scissors of the Roman empire.

Flatted Fourteenth: "I just laid that pipe on the floor for just a minute! Nobody ever walks there!"

The Best: Hoped for . . .

The Worst: Prepared for . . .

Pommer: Controversial military aircraft designated the P-1.

Fagott: Don't remember.

XXVII Zimbel: Like six stars, a Zimbel of unheard of high rank.

General Custer: The highest rank at Kleine Grosse Horn and all is lost.

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