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Message From the Dean

School days, school days...

With the beginning of September (and indeed the last days of August for some), we find ourselves back into the routine of school activities. I



have always found it exciting to open new textbooks and new notebooks, there are so many possibilities to be found within the pages, so much to discover, process, and incorporate

into whatever topic and application is currently at hand.

So it is with organists. Whether we are returning to our choir rehearsals, playing for a new church or different style of worship, or, just coming out of our summer "laissez faire", the month of September and ensuing fall provides us many opportunities for learning and growing as musicians.

Our program committee for this year, Carolyn Hensrud, Dawn Pappenfuss, and Sally Harmon, are working diligently on an excellent variety of programs for us to engage in. Details and dates will be found later in the newsletter but grab a calendar to get these into your schedule NOW!

And, we are continuing with two very important items as well. If you haven't already done so it's time to renew your membership for the coming year. Our treasurer, Ruth Strawn, has mailed forms to all who hadn't renewed as of August 20. Please renew as soon as possible by mailing your form and check back to the mailbox (PO 2223, Fargo, 58108-2223). Renewing 90% of our membership by

Sept. 1 puts our chapter into the "**Race to Renew**" and the possibility for a \$500 gift to use as we wish. What a simple way to pad our coffers – renew your membership and help us enter this promotion!

The **AGO Phonathon** is moving forward nicely. We have heard from 3 or the 9 lapsed members – 6 more to go as we encourage them to re-join the Guild this fall. Finishing up this campaign by September 1 has already provided us a \$25 credit toward our 2010-2011 dues report AND puts us in the running for a \$1500 gift from the national headquarters.

The Board is working to include a broad variety of information in each month's newsletter for your use. Check out the reports and board minutes, monthly calendar of events, the program offerings, a new meet our members feature produced by Board member Marty Baumgartner, reminders of our monthly "First Friday" luncheons and much more. If you have information to share, a job listing to post, a concert to publicize, whatever, forward it on to a Board member and we'll make certain your information is included. There is something for everyone!

Soli deo Gloria,

Peggy

First Friday Luncheon

Who Everyone is Welcome!

When First Friday of the Month at Noon

Where Fryn' Pan
302 Main Ave, Fargo

Remember to get
your content in
by the 25th of
each month!

Chapter Officers

Dean: Peggy Johnson

Sub-Dean: Anna Goodin-Hayes

Secretary: Robyn Vinje

Treasurer: Ruth Strawn

Board Members at Large

2011: Anna Goodin-Hayes

2012: Michael Olson, Marty Baumgartner, Lance Johnson

2013: Ruth Discher

Board Meeting Notes

August 19, 2010: The board met at Boulger Funeral Home at noon. Members present were Dean Peggy Johnson, Ruth Discher, Lance Johnson, Michael Olson, Ruth Strawn, and Robyn Vinje.

The secretary's minutes of the July meeting were approved as previously submitted electronically to the board members.

The treasurer's report was given by Ruth Strawn. We presently have \$4,222.16 in the checking account, and \$5,648.51 in a CD, for a grand total of \$9,870.67.

Peggy announced that Anna Goodin-Hayes will be updating the website and the year's program information. Sheila Baumgartner will be putting out the Pipeline after the board meeting.

Under old business, Lance Johnson said he was not having much luck arranging a September social with ATOS, so it was decided to put it on hold for now.

The Program Committee (Sally Harmon, Carolyn Hensrud, Dawn Papenfuss) met August 5. Preliminary plans are as follows:

*Sunday, October 17, 4:00 PM "Basically Brahms" at First Presbyterian. Sally Harmon and David Fandrich will co-chair this event. There will be a massed choir involved, which will rehearse at 2:00 that day. *The board expressed concern about the conflict with the FMSO concert at 2:00 that day. Peggy will relay this to Carolyn.*

*Monday, December 13, 7:30 PM Christmas Carol Sing-along at Trinity Lutheran Church. Carolyn will chair, and plan the program around the theme of HOPE. (This will be the twelfth one, not always annually.) It was noted that the expenses were \$563.18 for this program in 2008, for advertising, and honoraria to some musicians and the church. There will be an offering for the Food Pantry at the doors as people leave. There will be an usher at each of the four doors who will be responsible for collecting and getting the offering to the treasurer.

*Sunday, March 27, 7:00 PM Bellabration! at Nativity Catholic Church. The program will be Fantastic Favorites, rather than new music. Jessica Westgard (director at Nativity) and Dawn Papenfuss will be in charge of the program.

There was considerable discussion about programs for organists and church music, as well as introducing school children to the pipe organ. These would be two separate events. Saturday, May 7, 2011, from 9:00 AM to noon, was tentatively set as the date and time at the Fargo Theater to do the program for school children, and follow with a lunch. Lance is going to check on this date later, as this is too early for the theater to schedule an event.

The possibility of holding another Church Music Bonanza was briefly discussed. There was agreement that there is a need for it, but no definite action was taken.

Under new business, the Phonathon, a "contest" to contact lapsed AGO members, must be completed by September 1. There are only nine members on our list, and various members volunteered to contact them. If we contact 90% (or eight) of them we will get \$25 credit on our national dues.

Ruth Strawn reported that so far only nine members have paid their dues for this year. We had 34 members last year, so at this point our renewal rate is 25%! The board then discussed goals for this year: Education, especially hymn playing; a recitalist, probably in the fall of 2011 (possible organists are Christopher Houlihan (student of Paul Jacobs) and Chelsea Chen); members' recital; outreach program to area churches; and membership.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, September 16, at 11:00 AM. NOTE TIME CHANGE.

The board decided that the First Friday Lunch will be held the second Friday of September, the tenth, due to the Labor Day weekend.

Respectfully submitted,
Robyn Vinje

Help Wanted!

First Congregational UCC of Fargo is looking for an **Organist/pianist** or **Music director** and a **Choir director/Bell choir director/Organist/pianist**.

Responsibilities include: Sunday morning worship music during the (one) service, coordination of song choices

with the Pastor, practice time (at the employee's discretion), Wednesday night services during Advent and Lent, and rehearsal and accompanying the choir on Sunday mornings. Salary for this position is negotiable.

For more information, please contact Carol Roth at 281-9300 or 232-8985 (church).

Calendar of Events

Mark your calendars to attend the following events! Contact Peggy Johnson at 866-5993 or the person listed for each event for more information.

September – May

Leadership for Parish Musicians coursework

(Various locations)

NW Minnesota-Eastern Dakotas LPM. Jennifer Baker-Trinity, coordinator. For more information contact jbakertrinity@mac.com, or check out the website: <http://www.lpm-online.org/index.php>.

September 11, 9:00-11:00 am

Intro to: What Every Organist Needs to Know about the Body Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral, Fargo, ND

In this session, organists will be introduced to concepts of movement as related to playing the organ. We will first explore use of the arms and legs, and integrate those movements along with concepts of balance at the console. Students will have the opportunity to work individually toward gaining freedom of movement as they play.
Cost: \$25 to cover materials — Please register to attend!

Sunday, September 19, 4:30 pm

Kickoff Potluck/Social Time with RRVAGO and ATOS

At the home of Faye Crume - 131 130th St., Rural Glyndon, MN
(next to Crume Kennels)

Sunday, October 10, 4:00 pm

Organ Recital

Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral, Fargo, ND

An organ recital by Peggy Johnson, Director of Music and Organist,
Gethsemane Episcopal Church

Sunday, October 17, 4:00 pm

BASICALLY BRAHMS - A joint concert by First Presbyterian Church and the RRVAGO

First Presbyterian Church, Fargo, ND

A combined choir directed by Nicki Toliver (NDSU) will perform music of Brahms, alternating with instrumental and vocal pieces of Brahms. AGO members are invited to participate in the combined choir. Two rehearsals will be held on Wednesday Oct. 6 and 13 from 7-8 pm at the church. Music will be downloadable from their website. More details to follow.

Contact Person: Sally Harmon sharmon@firstpresfargo.org

Sunday, November 7, 4:00 pm

Choral Evensong for All Saints

Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral, Fargo, ND

As we are the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of ND we are able to offer services that are for the entire community to attend, regardless of where your regular place of worship may be. Choral Evensong has been sung or said throughout the Anglican Communion since the 1530's. The reflective service of Choral Evensong uses the language of the 1662 Prayer Book, reading from scripture, and musical settings of psalms and canticles.

Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral Choir

Music by Craig Phillips and Charles Stanford

Monday, December 13, 7:00 pm

A Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long

Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN

Free will offerings will be received at the door for the Fargo-Moorhead Food Pantry.

Contact Person: Carolyn Hensrud ghensrud@aol.com

Sunday, December 19, 4:00 pm

Lessons and Carols of Christmas

Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral, Fargo, ND

Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral Choir presents a program of scripture readings, carols, and anthems in the tradition of King's College, Cambridge.

Sunday, March 27, 2011, 7:00 pm

BELLABRATION! - Fantastic Favorites! - A Handbell Concert Church of the Nativity, Fargo, ND

A massed choir will be directed by Jessica Westgard

Contact Person: Dawn Papenfuss dawn@stjohnfargo.com

Saturday, May 7, 2011, 9:00-11:00 am

ATOS and AGO Open Console

Fargo Theatre, Fargo, ND

Lance Johnson will do an organ demo. Lunch to follow.

Contact Person: Lance Johnson organ@johnsonorgan.com

Singing Brahms

We are excited to invite all of you to sing in the community choir for "Basically Brahms" on Sunday, October 17 at 4:00 pm at First Presbyterian in downtown Fargo.

Extra rehearsals will be held at First Presbyterian Wednesday, October 6 and 13 from 7-8 pm. The day of the concert rehearsal will be at 2:00 pm (until 3:30.) Nicki Toliver will conduct as well as Dr. David Fandrich.

Three choral works will be sung...one in German, one in English, and an "amen", as well as two hymn concertatos.

Please go to the website for First Presbyterian to download your music at www.firstpresfargo.org, choose "Music" and you will find a spot to hear recordings of the music as well as download the scores with rehearsal markings.)

There is also a blog about all of these details:

<http://basicallybrahmsblogspot.com/>

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Catholic Church, Fargo

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Open Console, Fargo Theater
(Lunch following at a nearby restaurant)

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