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BE IN THE KNOW - JOIN AGO

The 1986-87 Membership Committee has set as one of its goals an active program for new member recruitment. The committee can best undertake this task with the help of current chapter members. Feel free to personally invite people involved in your church music programs or local music organizations to join AGO. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining this chapter, please give that person's name to Carol Long who is in charge of member recruitment.

If you received this newsletter and are not a member of the American Guild of Organists - Red River Valley Chapter, we encourage you to take this opportunity to join. AGO is a national professional association of more than 20,000 church musicians. Membership is open to anyone who is involved with or actively interested in church music. Joining AGO entitles you to receive The American Organist journal, puts your name on the mailing list to keep you informed about Red River Valley Chapter events, and allows you to actively participate in chapter programs. To become a part of this growing organization, just mail the enclosed membership form along with your dues to the address listed at the top of the form. Alternatively, you are invited to attend the September 21st chapter meeting and pay your dues at that time.

Prompt return of your membership form would be greatly appreciated. Up-to-date information is needed for the Membership Yearbook which will be printed in early September. If you want to be included on the Substitute List in the yearbook, please indicate on the membership form

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AGO CALENDAR FOR 1986-87

Michael Olson and the program committee are putting final touches on the 1986-87 program season for our chapter. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to join your colleagues for what promises to be a year of great programs to look forward to.

September 21 - 4:00 p.m.

Organ Plus . . .

Bruce Jacobs, Chairperson

Our Savior's Lutheran, Moorhead

October 19 -

Hymn Festival '86

Jack Close, Chairperson

Time and location to be announced

November 9 - 4:00 p.m.

Potpourri . . .

Joan Bystol, Chairperson

First Presbyterian, Fargo

December 29 -

Hors d'oeuvres and Handel . . .

Food, fun, and fellowship with a sing a long of Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah.

Home of Nora & Joan Bystol

Time to be announced

January 18 - 3:00 p.m.

Vox Humana

Gay Mohr, Chairperson

Grace United Methodist, Moorhead

February 22 -

A February Musical Happening . . .

A tentative musical event in conjunction with the Fargo/Moorhead Communiversy.

Time and place to be announced.

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STATE OF THE CHAPTER MESSAGE:

On assuming the responsibilities of Dean of the Red River Valley Chapter, I am struck by our many accomplishments in recent years. We have gone from a small, struggling chapter to a large (especially considering the size of our community), financially stable organization. Much of this is due to excellent leadership and to the broadening of our membership base, both geographically and in interest areas, thereby increasing our perspectives and horizons. In addition, our programming continues to be imaginative, with outreach to the community as a major thrust. Witness the wedding music program in March and the church music workshop in June, both of which were opportunities for us to share the wealth of education, experience and expertise present within our organization. (On the subject of the Church Music Bonanza, thank you all for your support, participation, and/or instruction. The comments have been most encouraging, especially those regarding the wide variety of sessions available and the very high quality of instruction offered.)

As we look to the future and this coming program year, we have excellent committees and chairpersons to guide us. For example, an exciting program is being finalized; membership recruitment and sustenance are receiving a high priority in this newsletter and throughout the year; a finance committee has been formed to assist us in exploring further outside sources to support our expanding program. Furthermore, the needs of our own membership are being nurtured and recorded by our newsletter, which continues to flourish, our hospitality committee, our growing library, and the archives at Moorhead State University.

Some projects under consideration for further development are: A Chapter Placement Service; a chapter banner for use and display at large performances and festivals; a choral concert through

the February Communi-versity; an Organ Crawl to Winnipeg; and a summer social event during which we will be able to install new officers and sign up for participation in the 1987-88 program season.

Therefore, to you who are already members, and to the hundreds of others of you who are receiving this newsletter and who have not yet availed yourself of the services of our organization, welcome on board for another exciting, informative supportive, and musically satisfying year.

Rod Rothlisberger, Dean

NEWS ABOUT DUES

You are urged to renew or begin your membership with the American Guild of Organists - Red River Valley Chapter by returning the form enclosed in this newsletter along with your dues to Carol Long, treasurer, as soon as possible. Renewing members should pay their dues by September 15 to avoid the \$5.00 late fee which will be charged to members renewing after October 1. If you have any questions, please call Carol Long at 701-235-6765. Dues (and inquiries about dues) can be mailed to the treasurer at: P. O. Box 2223, Fargo, N.D. 58108.

Carol Long, Treasurer

ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! !

We NEED a Banner Design ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! !

Please send your brilliant sketches to:

Carolyn Hensrud
2520 Viking Circle
Fargo, N.D. 58103

Merci! Gracias! Tak! Dank! ! ! ! !

Musical Notation

Sign on a Glasgow music shop door.
Gone Chopin. Bach in a minuet.

Funny Funny World

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 1986

The business meeting was called to order by the dean.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the March meeting as printed in the April 1986 Newsletter.

The treasurer gave his report. Bank balance May 18, 1986 was \$4,188.48.

The dean asked that Carol Long, Phil Felde, and Bradley Steen audit the chapter financial records sometime in June.

The dean indicated that there are still musicians who were involved in the Wedding Music Program who have not been paid. These as well as any other unpaid bills from this program should be paid as soon as possible.

Joan Bystol reported that the status of the Coordinated Arts Fund for 1986-87 is uncertain at this time. The motion was made, seconded, and passed to have our chapter go on record as being committed to being involved in the Coordinated Arts Fund for the 1986-87 season.

Dean-elect Rod Rothlisberger reported that the mechanics for the church music workshop in June are all in place, all is proceeding and now we must wait and see what the response will be. Twenty-nine of our chapter members have committed themselves to teach and/or assist at the workshop.

Dean Joan Bystol thanked all for their support and encouragement given her during her tenure as dean of the chapter.

Joan introduced Rod Rothlisberger, dean-elect, who indicated that he was looking forward to the coming year as dean of the chapter and invited all to consider serving in some capacity on one or more of the various committees. Rod stressed that an effective and vibrant organization functions best when its membership actively participates!

The meeting was adjourned.

Bradley J. Steen, secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT,
July 1, 1985-June 30, 1986

Opening Balance \$ 3590.19

Income	
Dues	2590.00
Interest	248.04
Hymn Fest Offering	534.40
Swann Recital	2146.69
Swann Brunch	217.00
Cantata (Note 1)	0.00
Misc. Contribution	10.00
Coord. Arts Fund	1575.00
Church Music Bonanza	425.00
Total	7746.13
Total Funds	11336.32

Expenses	
Dues to National AGO	1328.00
Dues to LAAC	60.00
Education Committee	0.00
General Operating Expense	370.03
Hospitality Committee	151.50
Membership Committee	55.02
Newsletter	472.91
Printing	(191.35)
Postage	(281.56)
Hymn Festival (Note 2)	930.86
Cantata	258.60
Swann Recital	2474.66
Swann Brunch	223.91
Wedding Music Program (Note 3)	825.72
Church Music Bonanza (Note 4)	759.98
Total	7911.19

Closing Year Balance 3425.13

Note 1 West Central Regional Arts Council Grant for \$1025.00 received and returned.

Note 2 Coordinated Arts Fund Grant for \$400.00 received prior to this year's business.

Note 3 Schmitt Music Center contribution of \$150.00 when received will reduce actual below budget figure.

Note 4 Not all expenses received by end of fiscal year. Actual total \$1147.70

Phil Felde, Treasurer

COMMITTEE OPENINGS:

For those who missed the opportunity to sign up for committee work for the 1986-87 program year, openings remain for the following:

Educational Concerns

Publicity

Professional Concerns

Please call Rod Rothlisberger at 233-6603 before the end of August indicating your preferences.

TRANSITIONS:

June Boyd has taken a leave of absence from her position as professor of voice at Concordia College to do doctorate work at The University of Northern Colorado at Greeley.

Mark Gronseth has accepted a full-time position in the church music program at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152, beginning this month.

SHARE ORGANIST POSITION

Vicky Sieben, organist at First Church of Christ Scientist (21 S. 9th St. Fargo) is seeking someone to share the position with her, beginning as soon as possible. No choir rehearsals and no liturgy playing is required. For more information call her at work: 701-237-4567.

CHORAL POSITION AVAILABLE:

First Congregational Church, Fargo, is seeking a conductor for the adult choir. One service; rehearsal on Sunday morning only. Contact person: Mrs. Laskey; church office telephone: 701-232-8985.

PIPEDREAMS on KCCM (91.1 FM)

Sunday, August 24, 9:30 p.m.

A Mechanic's Hall Concert . . . Worcester's famous 1864 Hook organ is played by James David Christie. This instrument is America's largest surviving 19th-century concert hall installation, an historic treasure.

Sunday, August 31, 9:30 p.m.

Homage to Perotin . . . returning to our "roots", organ music from the earliest of times plus some modern reflections.

Sunday, September 7, 9:30 p.m.

Mendelssohn - the Organ Works (I) . . . the first of several programs exploring the known and unknown music of this great early 19th century musician.

Sunday, September 14, 9:30 p.m.

The American Muse . . . works by Larry King, Horatio Parker and Ned Rorem, played by Catherine Crozier and Charles Callahan.

Sunday, September 21, 9:30 p.m.

Organ Plus! . . . concertos and other music for organ with diverse instruments.

Sunday, September 28, 9:30 p.m.

Simon Preston in Concert . . . digital recordings of performances by the noted British organist, taped in recitals at St. Mary's and Grace Cathedrals in San Francisco.

WANTED: Persons interested in learning the art of handbell ringing!

An orientation class for new ringers will begin in September and will expand the flourishing AGO Handbell Choir program.

Returning ringers: let me know if Monday night rehearsals will be satisfactory with you.

Please call me after August 12 at 701-232-1435.

Pat Unkenholz

which areas (organ, vocal, handbells) and events (wedding, funeral, church service) are appropriate for you.

The membership Committee is looking forward to contributing to the continued growth of this chapter. If you have any suggestions in this regard, please contact one of the committee members.

Carol Long, Co-chr. Phil Felde
Judy Sanders, Co-chr. Pat Unkenholz
Brad Steen

This year the membership committee is starting a new policy. We would like to be informed as to all:

1. weddings
2. births
3. deaths
4. illnesses

within our AGO family. When any of these events occur within your family please contact Judy Sanders at 701-236-0269 (home), or at 701-233-4980 and let her know. All of these occasions are very important in all of our lives and therefore should be acknowledged.

Thank you very much!
The membership committee.

March 29 - 3:00 p.m.
Focus on Funerals . . .
Panel discussion & short musical program
Gethsemane Cathedral, Fargo

April 24- 8:00 p.m.
Organ recital
Recitalist to be announced.
Trinity Lutheran, Moorhead

April 25 -
Organ class
Class to be given by guest recitalist of previous evening.
Time to be announced. Trinity Lutheran

May 15 & 16 -
Organ Crawl to Winnipeg
A visit to organs & churches of interest in Winnipeg.
Details to be announced.

June 20 -
Church Music Bonanza II
Schedule and details to be announced.

July 19 -
A Midsummer Rendezvous . . .
Food, fun, and fellowship
Time & place to be announced.

Historic
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GENERAL
INFORMATION



ORDER FORM

for handouts used at R.R.V.C.'s
Church Music Bonanza, 6-14-86.

Handouts (53 pgs)	\$2	_____
Wedding Music Booklet.	\$1	_____
<u>Postage:</u> for both	98¢	_____
Handouts	98¢	_____
Wedding Bk.	39¢	_____

Total Enclosed: _____

Send to: _____

These will be available for sale at monthly meetings if you wish to avoid paying postage.

Make checks payable to: American Guild of Organists and mail to: Carolyn Hensrud, 2520 Viking Circle, Fargo, ND 58103.

A FINAL WORD . . .

The membership committee again wishes to emphasize the fact that membership in the AGO is open to vocalists, choir members and directors, hand-bell choir members and directors, music merchandizers, organ builders and technicians, clergy, funeral home directors and staff, organists, organ teachers and students, and interested listeners who have an interest in and a love for music. If you are one of the above, we invite you to join AGO.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK . . .

With this issue of the NEWSLETTER, I begin my tenure as editor. I will have more to say about this in future issues, but for now, I ask that all items which are to be included in the September 1986 Newsletter be sent to me no later than September 5, 1986. Committee and monthly program chairpersons as well as any other person who wishes to have an item printed in the Newsletter should mail that item to:

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Ideas and suggestions are most welcome.

Sincerely,

Bradley J. Steen

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