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ATTENTION!!!

H o l i d a y P a r t y :

♪ "V I V A V I V A L D I" ♪

has been CHANGED from

December 28th

to

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 1988 5 P.M.

at

BYSTOL'S

3701 Kennedy St. South, Fargo

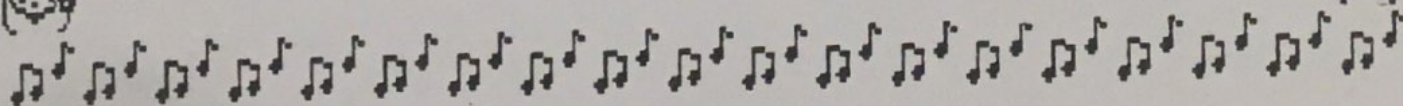
P O T L U C K :

Hors d'oeuvres
Cookies or Sweets

B.Y.O. Vivaldi, if possible

YOU WILL BE CALLED!!!

S e e y o u t h e r e !!



CHAPTER BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES: 11-15-87

Trinity Lutheran Church, Mhd.

Members present: Jack Close, Dorothy Koopmann, George French, Rod Rothlisberger, Theresa Smith.

Minutes from the September meeting were read. Motion was made to accept them as presented; motion was seconded & passed.

OLD BUSINESS: The effectiveness of the "flow of information" (as established at the September meeting) was discussed. The consensus was that it is working well, especially in determining who is not a member.

Regarding the upcoming Fund Drive, Rod, Jack & Phil Felde will meet soon to draft a letter(s) for it. People will need to be recruited to help assemble the mailing within the next couple of weeks; Rod will bring this up at the business meeting. It was decided through discussion to assemble the mailing on November 23, send it out on November 25.

NEW BUSINESS: Lisbon Lutheran Church has informed our chapter that they would like to have us involved with the celebration of their centennial & the dedication of their new Reuter pipe organ in 1988. Further planning with this will be referred to the Program Committee.

Rod asked the committee if they would mind if he sent a letter to the members of the Bismarck & Minot AGO Chapters encouraging them to support financially the broadcast of Pipedreams on Prairie Public Radio in western ND. It was decided that Rod should consult again with Carolyn Hensrud (State Chairperson) & the Bismarck Chapter before taking any further action on this.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Smith, Secretary.

GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN

The dust is finally beginning to settle from the flurry of activity our chapter experienced this fall. October was probably our busiest month ever, beginning with yet another very successful organ crawl, this time to Winnipeg. Departing Friday evening along with several members of the Bismarck chapter, we arrived in Winnipeg in time for a late supper. Early Saturday, we were met by members of the RCCO (as arranged by SubDean George French) who guided us to several beautiful churches & some fine organs throughout the city. After a festive evening meal, we returned to Moorhead, tired & exhilarated.

October also saw the completion of our fall round of organ demonstrations. Peter Nygaard & Judy Sanders provided well-received, hands-on commentaries about the instruments at their respective churches. The series will resume in the spring & will include children from each of the Moorhead public elementary schools.

Finally, Marge Possehl, Jill Post & Jack Close are to be congratulated on their hymn festival weekend with David Cherwien. Opening with an "Autograph Party" at Jill's home on Friday evening, & continuing with a very helpful introduction to organ improvisation on Saturday morning, the weekend concluded with another successful hymn festival at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Mr. Cherwien's hymn concertato on "Duke Street" was premiered at that time.

"The French Connection," a recital of 19th-century & 20th-century French Music was well-attended & marked: 1) the anniversaries of the births & deaths of several of the composers included on the program, 2) National Arts Week, & 3) the 30th anniversary of the installation of the Holtkamp organ at Trinity, Moorhead.

Thanks are extended to all who contributed their time, talents & imaginations to these events.

We now look for a somewhat more tranquil, but no less interesting, winter.

MERRY CHRISTMAS,

Rod Rothlisberger, Dean

SECOND ANNUAL FUND DRIVE IN PROGRESS

Sometime this week, letters will be sent to nearly 1800 businesses & individuals requesting financial support for our chapter's activities. Names & addresses have been compiled over the year by Carol Long & include all of you, as well as others who have a history of contributing to the arts in our community.

Please be as generous as you can. We are very short of funds just now. The hymn festival proved to be very expensive (fees, commission, housing, transportation, publicity, etc.) with less income than budgeted. Furthermore, recent grant requests to Lutheran Brotherhood (2), the City of Moorhead, & the Lake Region Arts Council (formerly the West Central Regional Arts Council) have been denied. Therefore, this drive is crucial so that we will not be forced to curtail our scheduled program.

At the beginning of the new year, we plan to make some personal appeals to certain businesses as a followup to this week's letters. Also, work will begin on grant writing to foundations which may not prove productive. Therefore, once, again, please set a good example for our community & give!

Following is a list of last year's donors, whom we heartily thank for their generous support. In addition, funds were received from the Lake Region Arts Council, North Dakota Council on the Arts, the Cultural Environment Commission (city of Fargo), & the Lake Agassiz Arts Council.

Budget & Finance Committee

1986 RRVC-AGO FUND DRIVE CONTRIBUTORS

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ADDITIONS

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

Gerald K. Berg	H: 281-1163
510 Woodland Ave.	O: 281-3127
Crookston, MN 56716	C: 281-4276
Worship & Music Comm.	
Trinity Luth., Crookston	

Camilla Sorenson
15 E. 3rd Ave.
Ada, MN 56510

CHANGES

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

Marlowe Kulish
1522 - 13th Ave. N.
Moorhead, MN 56560

INTRODUCTIONS

GERALD BERG is Fiscal Supervisor for the Polk County Social Service Center in Crookston, MN. He is a graduate of French's Business College, Bemidji, MN. Gerald serves on the Worship & Music Committee of Trinity Lutheran Church, Crookston, MN. He is also the Committee's representative on the church council. Gerald serves as a Stephen Minister at Trinity, has served on the Trinity Board of Education, and has written an "Advent Program" which the Children, Youth & Adult Choirs have performed.

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JANUARY A.G.O. PROGRAM CENTERS ON EVENSONG

The January program of the Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will center on the Service of Evensong or Evening Vespers. Scheduled for January 17, 1988, at 4 PM, the program will expose participants to the history & worship significance of Evensong or Evening Vespers in various religious denominations, i.e. Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic & reformed denominations, & will allow participants to experience worship through one form of a Service of Evensong, that found in the Lutheran Book of Worship. This program will be hosted at Dilworth Lutheran Church.

Conducting the service will be the Reverend Hal A. Andersen. Rebecca Te Velde & Bryan Dockter will provide organ music for the service. Members of the Dilworth Lutheran Church Senior Choir will participate in leading the program. AGO members are invited to come at 2:30 PM & participate in the choir which will lead the liturgical responses & perform the following numbers: "Oh, How Beautiful the Sky" (P.J. Christiansen), & "Evening Prayer" from Oramus-Set I (C. Schalk). The hymns included in the service are "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night" (Tallis' Canon), "Oh, Gladsome Light" (Elizabeth) & "Now the Day Is Over" (Merriall).

ENJOY WINTER & PLAN FOR SPRING

Everyone is busy singing or playing carols for Christmas programs now. But it's not too early to make a decision to also have a wonderful choir program in April, led by Charlotte Trautwein.

(Do you direct a children's choir? Or could you please direct this information to the correct person in your church?)

Your children's choir is invited to join in our special festival coming April 24th. 10 choirs have already made plans to sing.

In order to enable more children to participate, it would be possible to learn those anthems or anthem which would best adapt to your children's choir needs. We are including here a list of 4 which are unison or 2-part; however, if your choir would like to sing one of the anthems from the program repertoire not listed here, we also encourage your participation.

What an opportunity for children & directors alike! At this point in time, you may have a new budget, so purchase of new anthems may be just right. Please make a decision by Jan. 4; order your own music through either of our music stores directly.

You should phone in your order quickly (it may take 2 weeks to receive). What good literature to learn before the Lenten Season begins!

All we need for AGO is a verbal commitment to Susan Clambey (233-6652) or Michael Olson (235-7389) in early January. No fee!

Here is the information for ordering:

"O Daniel!" by Mary E. Caldwell
(Unison) Fred Bock Music/Alexandria House BG2086, 75 cents

"Nature's Carol" by Sebesta/Bock
(2-pt.) Bock/Alexandria House BG2043, 65 cents

"I Never Touched a Rainbow" by Ruth
(Unis, 2pt) Artman, Choristers Guild CGA-355, 95 cents

"Sing a New Song to the Lord" by
(2 pt) Natalie Sleeth
Sacred Music Press, S 400
95 cents

(If your choir is grades 1-3, you may all learn the melody if you wish).

Have a Wonderful Holiday!

Looking forward to Singing in the Spring,

Susan Clambey.

8th ANNUAL YOUNG ARTISTS SOLO COMPETITION

KCCM-FM, MN Public Radio in Moorhead, & the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Women's Association will co-sponsor the 8th ANNUAL YOUNG ARTISTS SOLO COMPETITION on Saturday, May 14, 1988 at the Center for the Arts, Mhd. State University, Moorhead, MN.

Those eligible are high school students currently in Grades 10-12 studying piano & orchestral instruments and living within a 150-mile radius of Fargo-Moorhead.

3 cash awards and scholarship opportunities will be given. The Grand Award entitles the top performer to play a solo with the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony during its Young People's Concert the following Spring.

Preliminaries begin the morning of May 14; finals begin at 1:00 PM and are open to the public at no charge.

Over 250 repertoire lists & applications have been mailed to local music teachers. Applications are due in the KCCM Office Tuesday, April 26, 1988 (KCCM-FM, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN 56560). Questions? Call Lois Hanson, 218/299-3666.

ARTS CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Dec. 17: NDSU Concert Choir Christmas Concert, 8:15 PM

Dec. 19-20 "Christmas with the Master Chorale" - 6 PM, Concordia Centrum

Dec. 20: "A Family Christmas" - 3 PM, Fargo Theatre; FM Civic Opera Co., \$3 Adults, \$1.50 children 12 & under

MICHAEL OLSON - Organ Recital, 1st Lutheran Fargo, 3 PM.

Jan. 26: JEAN GUILLOU: 7th International Organ Series, Plymouth Church, Mpls., 7:30 PM; \$4, \$3 Std, Sr.Clt. Call 612/871-7400 or 612/377-4859.

PIPEDREAMS on KCCM (91.1 FM)

Saturday, Dec. 20, 5:30-7:30 PM
REGIONAL CONCERT: Concordia College Christmas Concert for 1987 - "Light Eternal, Light of the World."

Sunday, Dec. 21, 9:30 PM: THE BIRTH OF JESUS - Complete performance of Messaien's NATIVITY SUITE played by Theodore Gillen, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN. Christmas carol improvisations by Dr. Paul Manz on the Mt. Olive Schlicker.

Sunday, Dec. 27, 9:30 PM: AN ORGANIST'S YEARBOOK - reflections & forecasts for the organ world.

Sunday, Jan. 3, 9:30 PM: GOING ON RECORD - new recordings, selected with an ear for good sound & impressive playing.

1. William Albright.
2. Blockwerk.
3. Intabulation.

1. What Christmas chorale in the ORGELBUCHLEIN contains a canon at the octave?
2. What composer of "Gesu Bambino" was organist at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYCity?
3. Name 5 famous musicians born in December (besides my son, Matthew)!



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