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Red River Valley Chapter

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CHAPTER BUSINESS

CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES: 5-15-88

The chapter meeting was called to order by Dean Rothlisberger at St. John Lutheran Church, Fargo.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion was made & seconded to approve the minutes from the last business meeting (February) as they appeared in the March Newsletter.

Treasurer Phil Felde reported that we have \$476.14 in our checking account. We have also received a grant from the ND Council on the Arts for \$2,000.00 to cover operating expenses for 1988-89.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recital - Rod informed us that Lake Region Arts Council denied our grant proposal for the recital. It should succeed with other fundraising. Mary Ann Johnson will check on status of Karel Paukert.

Program - Char Shirley asked that we all sign-up for next year's programs on the chart prepared by the Program Committee. It looks like a great year.

Membership - Brad Steen introduced David Salmen from South Dakota - our newest member.

Workshop - The grant application which would have covered the brochure was denied. Three years ago we had 80 registrants, last year - 150. Motion made & seconded to reconsider the timing of the Workshop & refer this to the Program Committee for further discussion. (Possibly a Mini-Bonanza in October instead of the recital.)

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was approved to accept the slate of officers for 1988-89 as presented by the Nominating Committee. George French, Dean; Brad Steen, Sub-Dean; Phil Felde, Treasurer; Marge Possehl, Secretary; Mariowe Kulish, 2-yr. Executive Board; Norman Roos, 3-yr. Executive Board.

DUES: A motion was made, seconded & approved to follow the national recommendation to set dues for 1988-89 at \$42 (\$22, national; \$20, local).

Rod thanked the membership for their support this year and complimented us on the 40 events presented this year. Our membership also broke 100!

George French thanked Rod for his endless work these past 2 years on behalf of our chapter. We have made great strides!

Lance Johnson, Chairman of the Lake Agassiz Arts Council Outreach Committee, reported that an Arts Fair will be held at West Acres the last week in October, Thursday through Saturday. It was suggested that our chapter have a booth.

Motion was made & approved to adjourn. Carolyn Hensrud, Acting Secretary.

CHURCH MUSIC BONANZA POSTPONED

Due to a lack of funding, the church music workshop scheduled for this month (Saturday, June 11, 1988 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead) has been postponed. A grant proposal for fixed costs (publicity, printing & postage) was denied by the Lake Region Arts Council (Fergus Falls, MN). (Funds were received from a similar proposal to LRAC for our 1987 workshop). Rescheduling plans are pending.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES:
5-15-88

The Executive Board meeting was called to order by the Dean at St. John Lutheran Church, Fargo. Present: Rod Rothlisberger, Phil Felde, George French, Carolyn Hensrud (substituting for Theresa Smith).

OLD BUSINESS: Minutes from the March 13 meeting were read & approved & will be published in the June Newsletter.

Treasurer Phil Felde reported a balance of \$564.52 in our checking account.

Rod reported that we received a grant of \$2,000.00 from the ND Council on the Arts for general operating expenses for 1988-89. We got the most of any smaller arts groups.

Rod asked Phil to gather publicity items under one category since there is no line item for this in the budget. This will assist in next year's planning.

Rod proposed we cancel the Church Music Bonanza since no money was received from LRAC. It was recommended we bring it before the membership for voting.

After discussion, motion was made & seconded to publish the newsletter in bulk. The expanded list would include members, auxiliary list, donors & other chapters in our region. We will also buy cards at Kinko's to reduce the cost.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was approved to reply to Organ Odyssey International who would like to advertise in our yearbook. Rod will suggest \$25/full page, \$15/ 1/2 page.

A motion was approved to contribute \$25 to the Annual Fund as a chapter gift.

Motion made & approved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hensrud, Acting Secretary.

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES: 3-13-88

The executive board meeting was called to order by the Dean at Plymouth Congregational Church, Fargo. Members present: Rod Rothlisberger, Phil Felde, Theresa Smith, Pat Unkenholz, Dorothy Koopmann.

Rod brought up the idea of moving the July social event to August, so as to combine installation of officers, our "fall kick-off", & a social event into one. No firm decision was made on the idea.

Rod also informed us that a grant has to be written by next week in order to get funding for the fall 1988 recital, & that there was some confusion regarding availability of potential recitalists. On the subject of this summer's Church Music Bonanza III, we were informed that a date of June 11, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead, has been cleared for the event.

Regarding the follow-up card that had been sent to potential contributors who had not responded to our initial fund drive this year, Rod informed us that no response at all had been received on it.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report - Phil reported that the chapter has \$467.59 in our checking account, which is \$2,500 under budget at this time. Concerns about this serious shortfall, & how to possibly solve it, were discussed. The committee agreed that aggressive fundraising will have to be a priority for the chapter in our near future.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Smith, Secretary.

DUES RENEWAL NOTICE ENCLOSED

It is now time to renew your membership in AGO for the 1988-89 program year. Your dues (if for either a regular or special membership) include a one-year

subscription to THE AMERICAN ORGANIST magazine & support programs of our local chapter as well as the national organization. Please mail the enclosed Dues Renewal Notice along with your dues payment now to avoid an interruption in your membership. Make your check payable to Red River Valley Chapter, AGO. Contributions beyond dues are both encouraged & tax-deductible.

ATTENTION 1987-88 COMMITTEE CHAIRS & OFFICERS

Enclosed with your newsletter is a Committee Report Form. Please complete the form, enclose it in your folio & return to Dean Rod Rothlisberger by August 28. Also, Newsletter Editor, Carolyn Hensrud, would welcome committee reports for publication in our summer Newsletters.

ATTENTION CHOIR DIRECTORS & ORGANISTS

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (LSMS), 1000 S. 14th St. Moorhead, is now accepting applications for the positions of Head Organist, Cathedral Choir Director & ACT Choir Director. The organ is a 16-rank Kilgen organ (c.1932), rebuilt & tonally updated by Johnson Organ Company in 1977. Inquiries & applications may be addressed to:

Mr. Warren Paschka, Chairman
Music Committee
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Moorhead, MN 56560

COMMITTEE OPENINGS

Openings exist on the following committees. Please indicate where you are willing to serve & return this form to Dean-elect George French, 217 S. Ash, Crookston, MN 56716.

- BUDGET & FINANCE
- HOSPITALITY
- NOMINATING
- PUBLICITY
- YEARBOOK
- PARLIMENTARIAN

_____ NAME
 _____ Address
 _____ Phone

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAM COMPLETED

Our 1987-88 Educational Outreach Program concludes with a demonstration by Peter Nygaard of the 45-rank Holtkamp at Trinity Lutheran on Monday, June 20 at 1:30 PM. Members are invited to attend. This is the last in a series of 22 demonstrations for pre-schoolers, 5th graders, & senior citizens by Peter Nygaard, Judy Sanders, Susan Clambey & John Salveson in cooperation with the Moorhead Community Arts Program, Carol Kline, Director.

NEW OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

The following slate of officers was elected at our May Chapter Meeting:

DEAN	George French
SubDEAN	Brad Steen
SECRETARY	Marge Possehl
TREASURER	Phil Felde
MEMBERS-at-LG.	Dorothy Koopmann (1989)
	Marlowe Kulish (1990)
	Norman Roos (1991)

Congratulations!

PARTIAL PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR 1988-89

The Program Committee, Joan Bystol, Chair, invites members to complete the accompanying form indicating interest in participating/performing on one or more of this year's programs. Please sign your name in the blank provided & return this form to Joan Bystol, 3701 Kennedy St., Fargo, 58103, or call her at 235-4335.

NOV. 6: 1st Lutheran HYMN FESTIVAL
(R. Johnk.M.Possehl, Chairs)_____

JAN.15: Bethesda CHORAL READING -New
Materials (Jill Post, Chair)_____

FEB.19: Trinity? NEW ORGAN LIT.
(Joan Bystol, Chair)_____

APR.16: 1st Pres.,Mhd. PANEL:DIRECTING
CHORAL MUSIC (C.Shirley,chair)_____

COMING EVENTS

JULY SOCIAL EVENT RESCHEDULED FOR AUGUST

"In the Good Old Summertime", our summer social event originally scheduled for Sunday, July 17, has been set for 4 PM, Sunday August 28, at the home of Carolyn & Grant Hensrud, 2520 Viking Circle, Fargo. In addition to a potluck salad supper & social time, there will be 1) installation of new officers by the ND State Chair; 2) opportunity to sign up for 1988-89 programs & committees; & the first chapter meeting of the 1988-89 program year. More information will follow in the August Newsletter.

RECITAL AT LISBON

Trinity Lutheran Church in Lisbon, ND will dedicate the new Reuter organ on Sunday, September 25, with a recital by John Walker. Our chapter is invited to attend - a supper will be provided, followed by an opportunity for us to meet informally with Mr. Walker. He is currently the chairman of the AGO Taskforce on the Young Organist.

PIPEDREAMS on KCCM (91.1 FM)

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 9:30 PM: OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE - Wm. Van Pelt of the Organ Historical Soc. - organs across America including Mankato, MN!

Sunday, June 26, 9:30 PM: AN AMERICAN POTPOURRI - Ives, MacDowell, Bingham, Hanson, Persichetti, Albright, Buck.

MARKINGS

MEMBERS RECOVERING

We share our hopes for the speedy recovery of two of our members who both recently underwent surgery - MERCEDES ROOS & JOAN BYSTOL. Our positive get-well thoughts are with you both!

GREETINGS FROM MARY DAHL

Greetings from Madison, WI! I have a position in Sun Prairie at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church. Now that I've been through the seasons here I feel more at home. A new place always brings new customs & traditions for one to incorporate into one's thinking & imaginative & creative processes.

I have not joined AGO here as yet, but I am a member of the Association of Church Musicians which has had great events over this past year, including sponsoring the Children's Choir Festival in February with Helen Kemp. Our little, but fine, choir of Choristers were a part of this & enjoyed the whole afternoon!

Hope all is going well in Fargo-Moorhead. Hope to get back for a visit sometime this summer. God bless you in your efforts!

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Happy Summer!