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RRV-AGO Presents.....Paul Jacobs

What are you doing on Sunday, September 16 at 4:00 pm? Be sure to add Paul Jacobs' recital to your calendar. First Lutheran Church in Fargo is hosting this fine young musician for an afternoon of organ enchantment!

Mr. Jacobs' program will consist of the following pieces:

Fantasy for Organ.....John Weaver (b. 1937)

Two Chorale-Preludes, Op. 122.....Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

Fantasy and Fugue on BACH, Op. 46.....Max Reger (1873-1916)

Prelude and Fugue in A minor, BWV 543.....Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Chorale-Prelude: Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ.....J.S. Bach

Trio Sonata in G major, BWV 530.....J.S. Bach

I. Vivace

II. Lento

III. Allegro

Prelude and Fugue in D major, BWV 532.....J.S. Bach

Mr. Jacobs is also conducting a workshop on Saturday, September 15 at 10:00 am. There is no cost for this informative session.

Recital tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 and will be sold at the door. First Lutheran Church is located at 619 North Broadway in Fargo.

Paul Jacobs is represented by Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists: www.concertartists.com.

Message From the Dean

Recruiting: to enlist new members, to restore or increase the health, vigor, or intensity of

I know, recruiting doesn't sound like much fun, it sounds like work. But think of it this way...

When you were a young, beginning organist, wouldn't it have been nice if an experienced organist had come to you and said "You know, you are not alone. There are others like you, and there is a place to meet and share ideas, and learn from one another." Maybe you

were fortunate and someone did that for you. My early experience with the organ came about because the organist at my church needed some time off, couldn't find a substitute, and someone pushed me forward and said "You can do it, you play the piano!" But as we all know, a pipe organ is not a piano! I didn't know there was an Organist's Guild in town, and when I did find out, I was sure that I wasn't good enough for membership.

Organ: a keyboard instrument in which sets of pipes are sounded by compressed air and produce a variety of timbres

Guild: an association of people with similar interests or pursuits; esp merchants or craftsmen

The purposes of the AGO are to advance the cause of organ and choral music, to increase their contributions to aesthetic and religious experiences, and to promote their understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment. To improve the proficiency of organists and choral conductors. To provide members with opportunities to meet for discussion of professional topics, and to pursue such other activities as contribute to the fulfillment of the purposes of the Guild.

Do someone a favor. Introduce them to the benefits of AGO membership. Don't think of it as recruiting, but as sharing something of value. The workshops, the networking, the substitute list, the music swap. The concerts by our members and others that illustrate so beautifully how we all take dots and lines on a page, press a variety of keys on a console, and produce - miracle of miracles - MUSIC!!

Soli deo gloria

~Vicky Wms Sieben, Dean

First Friday Luncheon

Who Everyone is Welcome!

When First Friday of the Month at Noon

Where Fryin' Pan Restaurant (Fargo)

Chapter Officers

Dean: Vicky Wms Sieben

Sub-Dean: Robyn Vinje

Secretary: Ruth Discher

Treasurer: Ruth Strawn

Board Members at Large

2008: Sue Clambey, Sally Harmon

2009: Sonia Carlson, Alpha Roeszler

2010: Gaylord Fagerland, Steve Eneboe



Board Meeting Notes

August 16, 2007. The meeting of the RRV AGO was called to order at the Boulger Funeral Home by Dean Victoria Wms Sieben. Those present were: Susan Clambey, Ruth Discher, Michael Olson, Victoria Sieben, Ruth Strawn, Robyn Vinje.

Program Committee

Details for the Paul Jacobs Master Class and Recital on September 15th and 16th were discussed with Michael Olson, First Lutheran coordinator.

- There will be a Master Class from 10am – 12pm on September 15th. Peter Nygaard from Concordia and Bill Wojnar from Jamestown College will be asked to provide students for the class. There will be no admission charge for the Master Class.

- Ruth Strawn, Treasurer, will be in charge of ticket sales at two entrances. Ruth D., Sue C., and Robyn V. will assist with ticket sales.

- Michael O. will arrange for 4 church members to serve as ushers (with "Usher" tags) (2 at each entrance) to pass out programs and direct guests to seating, restrooms, etc.

- Vicky S. will be available at the RRV-AGO booth with chapter and national organization information, including membership forms.

- Michael O. will provide Vicky with the program and bio information for the recital.

- Michael O. is taking care of making hotel reservations for Paul Jacobs and will pick him up at the airport.

- Michael O. will check about CD sales – at this point we do not expect to have CDs for sale.

- Vicky will confer with Carolyn Hensrud about PR budget and plans, as well as poster distribution.

- Michael O. will introduce Paul Jacobs at the recital.

Vicky distributed an example of a program survey from AGO for Board members to consider in the possible formulation of a survey to be included in the Pipeline. The objective of the survey would be to gather information as to the evaluation of current chapter events and interest in future program topics.

At this point, Michael O. excused himself from the meeting and Program Committee discussion continued:

October 14, 2007 Potluck/Membership Meeting/Music Exchange will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church. Contact will be Bill Tweten.

December 2, 2007 Carol Sing-a-long will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran, Moorhead. Carolyn Hensrud is the chairperson.

February 3 or 10, 2008 Organ/Instrumental Program – no further report-location undecided.

April 5 or 12, 2008 Piano to Organist Workshop conducted by Sue Knorr will be at Dilworth Lutheran. Vicky S. will contact Sue K. to discuss her material and length of sessions.

May 4, 2008 Organ Crawl in Fergus Falls, MN has received response from First Lutheran Church. Lance John son and Sue Clambey will contact Augustana and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches and check into considering the Theater organ in the tour as well.

Robyn V. moved to approve the Minutes from the July 2007 Board meeting as written and distributed in the August Pipeline. Ruth S. seconded the motion and the Minutes were approved.

Ruth S. presented the Treasurer's Report: She deposited \$599.00 in membership dues. The checking balance is \$3,630.77 and the Money Market account balance is \$4591.96. Sue C. moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Robyn V. seconded the motion and it was carried.

Recorded Music Committee

No report at this time.

Old Business

1. List of Churches/Contacts – No additional responses from churches contacted.

2. Membership Drive - Vicky will review the list of area churches and packets will be prepared and sent, prior to the Paul Jacobs Recital, to area churches that have not responded so far to previous contacts. Packets will contain application forms, AGO brochure, 2007-2008 program schedule and a Paul Jacobs Master Class and Recital announcement.

New Business

1. Paul Jacobs budget approval – expenses were presented as follows: Publicity-\$250, Recitalist-\$3750, Printing-donated by Boulger Funeral Home (Thank You!), Photography-donated by Jack Discher. A request for additional monetary donations to cover recital expenses will be placed in the September Pipeline. Grant monies total received so far for the recital is \$2,870. Sue C. moved that the budget be approved as presented thus far. Robyn V. seconded the motion and it was carried.

The next AGO Board meeting will be Thursday, September 20, 2007 at Boulger Funeral Home at 4pm.

Robyn moved to adjourn the meeting. Ruth D. seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Discher, Secretary

Membership Drive

Your help is needed! If you know of someone who would benefit from AGO membership, National AGO brochures and local applications are available from Ruth Discher, Secretary, and Ruth Strawn, Treasurer. If you are unable to make the contact yourself, give us the contact name and address, and we will mail the info out to them. Our Membership Meeting, Potluck, and Music Exchange is scheduled for October 14, 2007, so any applications completed before that time means new members to meet in October!

Join the Sing-A-Long!

If you are interested in playing for the Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long, please contact Carolyn Hensrud (701.280.2189) or Judy Sanders.

Save the Date(s)!

Be sure to mark the following dates on your calendar.

**National AGO Convention*
Minneapolis-St. Paul
June 22-26, 2008

**Regional AGO Convention*
Wichita
June 15-18, 2009

Membership Benefits

Where does your National AGO membership fee go? It pays for more than just a magazine subscription. Sometimes we don't realize all the benefits of our membership dollars at work. Here is an example:

CHAPTER LIABILITY INSURANCE

As liability insurance rates have increased dramatically in recent years, many organizations have cut their costs by not including the use of their facilities by outside groups in their liability insurance coverage. Such facilities, which your chapter may wish to use for program events (churches, school facilities, and concert halls) will require that your chapter carry its own liability policy for such events. Proof of such insurance will be required before use of space is approved.

The Guild has a group Chapter Liability Insurance Plan covering all AGO chapters. The plan is administered by Insurance & Risk Management. The plan covers all chapter activities, including regional conventions.

The policy provides the following comprehensive coverage:

- Claims for bodily injury or property damage
- Claims for personal injury, such as libel, slander, defamation of character, false arrest, etc.

- Claims alleging host liquor liability when alcohol is served
- Claims involving use of automobiles not owned by the chapter, but used for official chapter business on an excess basis.
- Claims alleging failure to render professional health care services by nonprofessional individuals

The Plan pays complete legal defense costs and settlement costs if a coverage charge is brought against your chapter - whether it results in a lawsuit, court judgment, or even out-of-court settlement.

Your chapter, its leaders, and any member acting on behalf of the chapter are covered under this comprehensive Chapter Liability Insurance Plan. The plan provides up to \$1,000,000 per occurrence and a \$2,000,000 annual aggregate to each chapter. There is no deductible.

If your chapter is told by a church or facility that it must provide proof of insurance before

scheduling an event there, copy and fill out the request form (see next page) and send it to Insurance & Risk Management, which will send the chapter a certificate verifying the coverage.

Ours has been described as a litigious age, in which everybody sues for everything. They don't always win, but it is good to know that your chapter is covered in case of accident or injury to anyone attending a chapter event.

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Upcoming Events

September 15, 2007, 10:00 am

Paul Jacobs Master Class
First Lutheran Church, Fargo

September 16, 2007, 4:00 pm

Paul Jacobs Recital
First Lutheran Church, Fargo

October 14, 2007, 4:00 pm

Membership Meeting/Potluck/Music Exchange
Messiah Lutheran Church, Fargo

December 2, 2007, 7:00 pm

Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long
Good Shepard Church, Moorhead

February 2008, 4:00 pm

Organ/Instrumental Concert
TBA

April 2008, 4:00 pm

Beginning Organist Workshop
TBA

May 4, 2008, 4:00 pm

Organ Crawl
Fergus Falls, MN

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