

THE WINDCHEST

OMAHA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS



APRIL 2022

FROM THE DEAN

The Omaha AGO Executive Board has accepted the following slate of officers for the chapter in 2022-2023. Please review the slate and send your acceptance or rejection to oagoelections@gmail.com. Please send your reply by May 1. Officers will be installed Monday, May 23.

Dean - Steve Bartelt
Sub Dean - Laura Rau
Secretary - Laura Scow
Treasurer - David McCain
At Large (3 year term) - Colleen Jeffrey

Finally - spring again. I enjoy the longer days - it seems like they provide more possibilities. We are once again able to attend concerts - that is wonderful to me - live music. Our world is beginning to become more normal, but probably will never be the same. Churches are trying to figure out what normal church will be. Some of our organ positions may have changed because of the Pandemic. Our chapter will need to be cognizant when members are dealing with issues in their congregations. Talking with someone is beneficial just to be able to voice your concerns out loud. The chapter has some seasoned and wise folks who would be happy to listen. Just ask.

Mark Kurtz gave a most enlightening presentation on March 5 about the art of registration. The 3 1/2 hours flew by as his talk included power points, recorded examples, playing on his organ, and discussion as he engaged the 20 folks in attendance as they learned old and new things. I was impressed by the fact that the folks there were representative of a vast knowledge of the organ, music and history, and still they came to learn more. Younger folks - that is how you learn - attend workshops and continuing education all the time. You can always learn something! We enjoyed the lunch break too, when we could just talk and share our lives for a while. Thank you Mark for your many hours of research and for sharing your knowledge with the chapter.

Our May 23 meeting will include installation of officers, presentation of the 2022-2023 program, an update on the June POE, and possibly an update on national AGO. Unfortunately, Elizabeth George from national will not be able to join us, but we are working on securing another national representative. Of course, we will have the opportunity to socialize and visit. Members are asked to contribute \$15 towards the cost of the meal, with any additional expense being covered by the

chapter. Advance reservations will be a must via text or phone call to Jean Johnson at (402) 670-8177 or via email to jean.johnson.8@cox.net.

Does anyone know where the Wayne Leupold books are that the chapter owns?

The Pipe Organ Encounter is scheduled for June 19-25. Chapter members are needed to help with this event. Jeff would like you to volunteer and he will also be calling to schedule.

I look forward to further conversation over dinner on May 23. Please join me.

Blessings,

Jean Johnson, Dean

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

April 30th meeting cancelled!

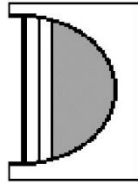
Unfortunately, our plans for the "Pipes and Pizza" event did not work out. The Board has decided to cancel this event. Be sure to spread the word to anyone you know who was planning to attend.

May 23 – Our end of the season dinner meeting takes place at First Presbyterian Church, 1220 Bellevue Boulevard South, Bellevue, beginning at 6 p.m. A catered meal will be served. Program includes a short recital by Dirk Lindner, installation of officers, presentation of the 2022-2023 program, an update on the June POE, and possibly an update on national AGO. Unfortunately, Elizabeth George from national will not be able to join us, but we are working on securing another national representative. Of course, we will have the opportunity to socialize and visit. Members are asked to contribute \$15 towards the cost of the meal, with any additional expense being covered by the chapter. Advance reservations will be a must via text or phone call to Jean Johnson at (402) 670-8177 or via email to jean.johnson.8@cox.net.

RIVER CITY RINGERS IS RECRUITING RINGERS TO AUDITION FOR OUR FALL 2022 SEASON

The River City Ringers, Omaha's community handbell choir, will be holding auditions in May for our Fall 2022 Season. Auditions will be held on May 12 and May 14 at Augustana Lutheran Church. As church musicians I know that many of you wear several hats at your church and one of those hats may be handbell choir director. You or your ringers may have not heard us perform. Please go to the River City Ringers YouTube channel. We have video of many of our past performances available there. If you have anyone in your handbell group (or you, for that matter) that you think would be interested and has the ability to ring with us please give them my contact information so that I can reach out to them with more information. Phone: 402-212-1748 Email: rickrichards5008@yahoo.com Thanks for your help!

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