

Meeting of the Executive Committee
Albuquerque Chapter AGO
Monday, February 7, 2011
Minutes

The Dean called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm at Landry's Seafood Restaurant, Albuquerque. Present: Jane Smith, Dean; Fritz Frurip, Marla Riggins-Clark, Craig Smith, Maxine Thevenot, Larry Titman, John Vaughan. Absent and excused: Fred Frahm, Jan Worden-Lackey, Lana Zoltowski.

The agenda was approved. Minutes of the January meeting were distributed, reviewed, and approved, with the proviso that Larry had asked that two hard copies of all reports, minutes, and other chapter information be provided to him for the archives.

Financial Report: Craig reported that our checking account stands at \$14,987.12; savings at \$100.09; Schwab Nelson Fund at \$22,339.68; and Schwab Savings at \$16,636.65. Discussion followed re the need for the chapter to develop a budget for the upcoming year, an outcome long desired but as yet formally unimplemented.

Craig will seek full info from Schwab re the original bequest amounts to the funds, so that discussion on how to use the current monies may take place in line with the donors' wishes. The difficulty is that no hard copies of the wills, bequests, transfers, etc., exist in the archives. We do need to determine how to move these currently quiescent funds into more active, interest-bearing status. Do we need an investment counselor? Maxine reported that a member of her choir, Tony Leonard, an investment banker, would probably be happy to provide his advice gratis. It was agreed that using the funds prudently for well-considered projects was necessary to continue our mission.

John reported that the possibility exists of a gift in honor of the late Joyce Carter Brown, possibly to establish a scholarship. We will await further information with an eye to honoring Joyce in some future concert or event.

Upcoming Events: Kathleen McIntosh lecture-recital, Feb. 19, First Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe (Bach Goldberg Variations; Craig will place an ad in Pasatiempo); March 19, First Presbyterian, Albuquerque, French Classic repertoire (Jane, Marla (?), others (?)); Daniel O'Connor recital, May 15, St. Luke, Albuquerque (honorarium and expenses to be provided); year-end party, June 11, chez Craig, Santa Fe. For advertising events such as Daniel's recital, obtaining Music Mart's list of piano teachers is a possibility.

Membership: National is implementing an online dues collection for the upcoming year; monies will be sent directly to National, which will send each chapter its portion of dues. Fred will be the main point person for our chapter. Craig will be an assistant as needed. Those unable to renew online will be accommodated with hard-copy renewal forms. Reduced rates for new members are in effect from 2-1 to 3-31/11.

Region VII Convention: The “Wind and Fire” convention takes place in Oklahoma City this June 12-15. Jane stated that she would donate the free registration she won at National Convention to a deserving member, and suggested Lana would be a good recipient.

Old-New Business: The need for a Nominating Committee was discussed. Jane will speak to Rick Wild, Edwina Beard, and Maribeth Gunning about serving.

In re 2011-12 programs, Maxine asked if the chapter might be interested in co-sponsoring, with Friends of Cathedral Music at St. John’s Cathedral, recitalists such as Maurice Clerc from Dijon, France, and an Italian organist of repute. The question of attracting audiences to such events was reviewed and it was noted that Dorothy Papadakos’ accompaniment of the silent film *Phantom of the Opera* was very well attended. She is interested in returning for an October 2011 date, possibly to accompany *Nosferatu* or a film such as Chaplin’s *The Kid*. David Briggs is another recitalist under FCM consideration.

Fritz noted that in the past, there had been previous E.C. member dissent about partnering with FCM; but that in fact the Cathedral, through Maxine, is the only church in our chapter area that approaches us for projects, and that that factor, and the excellence of the Cathedral instrument and program, are obvious reasons for our partnering. Craig agreed, noting that FCM, Fred at St. Luke, and Linda Raney in Santa Fe at First Presbyterian, are currently the only members/organizations with any kind of active recital offerings and to work with them is both logical and in keeping with our mission.

Executive Meetings: It was suggested that if dinner meetings continue, finding a less expensive restaurant than Landry’s might be advisable. Craig and Marla do not mind coming down from Santa Fe for meetings; their preference is for a near north-side location for ease of freeway access and time-saving.

Future executive meetings are: Saturday March 5, 10 am, chez Craig, Santa Fe; Monday, May 2, location TBA, Albuquerque; Monday, June 6, location TBA, Albuquerque.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Craig Smith
Acting Secretary