

# American Guild of Organists - Lancaster Chapter



# Herald Trompette

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## **DEAN'S LETTER**

### **Easter Creativity & Spring Housekeeping**

Perhaps by the time this newsletter makes it to you, you will have seen the finished product of a virtual Easter video of organists from our chapter playing portions of the Widor Toccata. Many thanks to the efforts of Member-at-large, Christopher Prestia, in putting together this project. What a fun and creative way to engage so many of our organists in one joint venture! Click [HERE](#) to see the original inspiration of this project – a virtual recording of Bach's Toccata & Fugue in D minor, featuring multiple English cathedral organists.

Perhaps you have seen the A.G.O.'s recent release of "Employing Musicians in Religious Organizations." This document provides helpful information to religious organizations as they create job descriptions, set hours, determine compensation, and hire musicians. This document attempts to fill the void left after the A.G.O. had to rescind its salary guideline which no longer complied with Federal Trade Commission guidelines. Click [HERE](#) to read this new "Employing Musicians in Religious Organizations."

Finally, your executive board has completed a 2-year process of reviewing and updating our Chapter Operating Procedures. The updated operating procedures will be emailed to you later this month for your review and eventual vote to approve this document in early May. Please let me know if you have any questions as we move forward on this review process.

Soli Deo gloria,  
Frank Dodd, *Dean*

## **2020-2021 LANCASTER CHAPTER AGO MEETINGS**

Being a member on the Programming Committee has been a real challenge over the past year. We plan a full year ahead only to have our plans changed or deleted and then having to come up with alternates. Here we present our reworked, upcoming events, hopefully, with no changes. (We will email you if that happens. You will also find the latest plans reflected at our [website](#).)



**Note:** When we have plans that are in-person, we ask that you follow what you feel is right and safe for you. We would love for you to attend as we will follow CDC guidelines, but if you do choose not to attend, we do understand and look forward to seeing you in the future.

### **Looking Back - March Meeting**

THANK-YOU, Frank for a wonderful evening at Westminster. We appreciate the time you took to let us have a look into what you are doing with hymn playing at WPC. The handout was MOST helpful! We had a very nice turn-out (even during the pandemic) with current, young, and seasoned players including some NEW faces. :)



### **Movie Night - Monday, April 19, 7:00 PM**

As our original plans were changed because of Covid, we are now planning a **movie night** for **Monday, April 19, 7:00 PM**. The location is **Ascension Lutheran, 600 East Penn Grant Road, Willow Street** (1/2 mile west of PA Route 222 and Penn Grant Road intersection). We will be showing Dr. Carol Williams' DVD, ***Tour Bus goes to Spreckels (Balboa Park)***. Previously we saw the one on the organ at Ocean Grove which we enjoyed.



### **Annual Banquet and Meeting - Monday, May 10, 6:00 PM**

As of this writing, we are planning on holding our **Annual Banquet and Meeting**. Lancaster Church of the Brethren has given us permission to meet there and our caterer is willing to serve, of course with the necessary modifications. Please plan to join us on **Monday, May 10 at 5:30** when the doors open. Banquet will begin at 6:00, Business meeting and elections at 7:15, and program (scholarship winners) at 7:45. The church is located at **1601 Sunset Avenue, Lancaster**. There are a few more details we need to determine, so watch for an email blast with the full story.

**Lancaster Summer Arts Festival Organ Recital - Thursday, June 10, 7:00 PM** at Grace Lutheran Church, 517 North Queen Street, Lancaster.

~ Greg Gehman, Sub-dean, Program Committee chair

## **MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER SUBSTITUTES LIST**

Please check [www.lancasterago.org](http://www.lancasterago.org) for the current list.

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## **POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

Please check [www.lancasterago.org](http://www.lancasterago.org) for the current list.

If you wish to list available positions here, please email your info to Dr. Terry Heisey ([terryleb@aol.com](mailto:terryleb@aol.com)).

## **OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS**

### **Highlights from February Board Meeting:**

1. Operating Procedures revisions to have final read at April board meeting, send to membership for vote with slate of nominees
2. Chapter will cover member costs of annual banquet, guest fee to be decided when we receive per person price.
3. Repository sales of \$181.50 to be deposited in Beginning Organist Scholarship fund.
4. Only one chapter Facebook page now in addition to website.

-Submitted by Jenny Fritsch

AGO Scholarship applications are due May 15. If you know a young person who is or could be studying organ, our scholarship applications are now available on our [website](#), and can be completed as online documents. To receive a scholarship, applicants must become a student guild member (\$42 a year). The website gives all necessary details about the audition process. Anyone may call Murray Foreman with questions, 717-391-0979.

Here is a slate of nominees, prepared by the nominating committee, for our May 2021 elections:

- Dean: Greg Gehman
- Sub-Dean: Ross Ellison
- Members-at-Large: John Kracker and Christopher Prestia
- Auditors: Roger Kurtz and Elaine Severein

Special thanks to our nominating committee (Pat Bleecker, Eileen Laurence, Bob Kettering) on preparing this slate.

### **Lancaster Chapter IN MEMORIAM:**

In Memoriam: It is with sadness that we announce the death of Carolyn Moyer, a long-time violinist and violin teacher in Lancaster and wife of Lancaster Chapter member, Karl Moyer. Carolyn's obituary can be found [HERE](#).

### ***Treasurer's Report*** **Balances as of 3/18/2021**

<b><u>Bank Accounts</u></b>	
<b>Checking (General)</b>	<b>16,540.21</b>
<b>Beginning Organist</b>	<b>3,266.57</b>
<b>Lunt/McConnell</b>	<b>3,048.09</b>
<b>Concert Savings</b>	<b>12,031.44</b>
<b>Checking/Donations</b>	<b>118.76</b>
<b>Concert CD</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Accounts</b>	<b>\$35,005.07</b>

Submitted by Patricia Bleecker, Treas.

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**2020-2021 CHAPTER LEADERSHIP**

**ELECTED OFFICERS**

<b>Dean</b>	Frank Dodd (`21)	frankdodd1@gmail.com
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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

<b>Program Committee</b>	Greg Gehman, <i>chair</i> (`21); Margaret Marsch (`22), John Huber (`20), Ross Ellison (`21),
<b>Scholarship Committee</b>	Murray Foreman (`21), David Schulz (`22) Peter Brown (`23)
<b>Nominating Committee</b>	Pat Bleecker, <i>chair</i> ; Eileen Laurence, Bob Kettering (positions to fill: Dean, Sub Dean, 2 Members-at-Large, 2 Auditors)