

**MINUTES OF DTOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
FEBRUARY 16, 2009, 7:00 P.M.**

The Board of Directors of the Dairyland Theatre Organ Society (DTOS) met by telephone conference call on February 16, 2009. The meeting generally followed the agenda distributed by the President in advance of the meeting and was conducted in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Directors Present: Dean Rosko (President); John Cornue (Vice-President); Gary Hanson (Treasurer); Jelani Eddington (Recording Secretary), Ed Mahnke; Michael Garay.

Directors Absent: Pete Tillema (Financial Secretary); Fred Hermes (Bartola Editor); Gary Bieck.

The President declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 7:13 P.M.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer – Gary Hanson has updated his financial records to reflect dues received from members who have renewed. A full report will be emailed and submitted under separate cover.

Financial/Membership Secretary – No report was presented due to the absence of the Financial Secretary. Pete Tillema had previously emailed an updated DTOS membership list to the Board and will send a membership report to the Board under separate cover.

Recording Secretary – Jelani Eddington presented the Recording Secretary's report and read the minutes of the December 15, 2008 teleconference Board meeting.

MOTION (Ed Mahnke; Second by Gary Hanson): To accept and approve the minutes of the December 15, 2008 Board Meeting. (Unanimous).

OLD BUSINESS

Racine Theatre Guild Organ

Dean Rosko brought up the need to make a trip to the Racine Theatre Guild (RTG) in the next week to take measurements of the chamber and have a discussion with RTG staff regarding the ownership of the instrument. We hope to be able to maintain a good ongoing working relationship with the RTG.

Gary Hanson suggested that the Board should be mindful that any potential work at the RTG not interrupt the playability of the instrument. Gary suggested installing the strings purchased

from the Petzke/Stockebrand organ, which could be done quickly and easily. Several Board members discussed the need to remain focused on the Riverside organ project, including a possible recording on the instrument.

Jelani Eddington suggested coming up with a short- and long-term work plan for the RTG organ once the site visit and chamber measurements were completed.

Riverside Organ

It was reported that the organ at the Riverside plays very well, particularly given that it has not been used in roughly four years. Nonetheless, some of the percussion at the Riverside needs to be rebuilt, and the bottom F# of the Post Horn had broken but has now been re-soldered. The Board suggested the creation of a Riverside Organ Committee consisting of Gary Hanson, Dean Rosko, and any others who are interested.

October 2008 Oriental Concert

The accounts have been settled from the October 2008 concert. Dean has clarified with the theatre management that the cash box used the day of the concert belongs to KTOS.

NEW BUSINESS

May 2009 Social

Gary Hanson noted that Eileen Ledebouer, the organist at the Weill Center, has invited DTOS to have a social on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at the Weill Center. Eileen has already gotten approval from theatre management.

Oriental Theatre Concert

May 16th and 24th are possible dates for doing a concert at the Oriental Theatre. The idea was discussed to dispense with using the mailing list, which cost roughly \$800 for the last concert. Instead, DTOS could make better use of targeted community advertising and the Internet. Board members stressed the need to plan and advertise the event immediately as soon as we have confirmation from Donnie and the theatre. Dean will confirm with Donnie and the theatre.

Inasmuch as May 24, 2009 is Memorial Day weekend, the possibility was discussed of pursuing a patriotic theme for the concert.

MOTION (Dean Rosko; Second by John Cornue): To pursue presenting a concert with Donnie Rankin at the Oriental Theatre on Sunday, May 24, 2009. (Carried 5 in favor; Jelani Eddington abstained).

Possible Riverside Concert

Gary Hanson reported that several members had expressed strong interest in holding another concert at the Riverside Theatre.

Dean Rosko played the Riverside organ for a recent event. The management seems favorable to having events using the organ. It was suggested that DTOS should approach the management of the theatre to inquire what terms would be involved for renting the theatre. The management may be somewhat more open to working with DTOS for the terms of a rental. In particular, it may be possible to get an advantageous rate during the summer months when the theatre is less busy. We could also plan a social at the Riverside Theatre.

Dean will speak with the manager at the Riverside to see what the summer schedule looks like with a view towards holding a DTOS event of some sort there.

ATOS Summer Camp

Jelani Eddington raised the issue of DTOS' continuing support of the ATOS Summer Camp. The Board felt that this was a very worthwhile cause and a program that the Board should continue to support.

MOTION (John Cornue; Second Dean Rosko): To donate \$1,500 to the ATOS Summer Camp Scholarship Fund for 2009. (Unanimous).

DTOS Renewals

Fred Wolfram raised by email the issue of sending out letters to people who have not yet renewed. The Board felt that we should send out letters asking those who haven't yet renewed to renew for 2009, as the Board did last year. Dean will check with Pete to see how many non-renewals there are and will send out a "please renew" letter.

Next Meeting Date/Place/Time

March 9, 2009 (second Monday) at the Organ Piper at 7:00 P.M.

The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM